

Nebraska State Office

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Subject: LNU-Farmland Protection
Whitetail Villas Project
NEPA/FPPA Evaluation
Colfax County, Nebraska

Date: September 18, 2024

To: Mesner Development Co
Attn: Christopher Lenz (lenz@mesnerlaw.com)

We have reviewed the information provided in your correspondence dated September 4, 2024, concerning the residential development project located in Colfax County, Nebraska. This review is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We have evaluated the proposed site as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The proposed site may contain areas of Prime Farmland; however, we consider the project to be "land committed to urban development" due to its location within the city limits of Schuyler, NE. Due to this reason, this project is exempt from provisions of FPPA and no further consideration from protection is necessary. We strongly encourage the use of acceptable erosion control methods during the construction of this project.

If you have further questions, please contact Elizabeth Gray at 402-437-4068 or by email at Elizabeth.gray@usda.gov (preferred).

Sincerely,

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Attachment: N/A