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Dear Portsmouth Environmental Planning Board,

It's our pleasure to report on the ongoing restoration work at 224 Cate St in accordance with the provisions laid out in the Wetland Conditional Use Permit LU-25-26. This report constitutes the first of two reports following the completion of the restoration work (2-month report).

We're happy to report that all three (3) red maples are surviving and thriving, with good evidence of healthy growth, no tip or branch dieback, and new leafing on all limbs. Further, the recently planted red osier dogwoods are also adapting well, with heavy watering keeping these healthy and robust through the recent hot/dry spells. The disturbed soil has fully revegetated with a mix of grasses, wildflowers and garden perennials (e.g. lily and iris species). Please see the photos below for evidence of plant health and progress in restoration.

We will remove the erosion barrier in the next several weeks given the progress and will also plan to submit additional workplans for future plantings around the property. In the meantime, we will continue to water plants as needed and monitor/remove invasive species by hand.

Sincerely,
Mark and Rezma



View of grass, wildflower and other species that have revegetated disturbed soil



Head-on view of red maple and dogwood species



Profile view of disturbed area