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Via electronic mail only (spambianchi@vomny.org)

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Dear Mr. Pambianchi:

It has been brought to our attention that the Village of Mamaroneck website contains a misleading statement related to your conversation with an Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) attorney regarding mosquito concerns near the Otter Lake Preserve. Specifically, the website contains inaccurate assertions that the Village was awaiting "written guidance" from our office and that we provided verbal guidance that using public funds for work on private property for these purposes is not permissible.

These statements do not accurately reflect our conversation or applicable law. Rather, in response to your inquiry on behalf of the Village, OSC staff provided guidance by delineating the various factors that must be legally considered under Public Health Law Article 15, Title 1 (Municipal Insect Control) when a municipality must determine whether to direct public funds to the problem of municipal insect control. The Public Health law unambiguously vests this decision with the municipality, who must make a determination based upon the specific facts presented locally and provides no approval or other role for this Office. Accordingly, we informed you that we would not be providing further written guidance. To allay any further public confusion, we request that the Village correct the statement on its website to accurately reflect our conversation and applicable law.

Please note that this Office received correspondence from a Village resident concerning her mosquito concerns that appear to be spurred in part by the Village's misstatements. Attached please find the response this office provided to the resident to clarify that misunderstanding.

If you have further concerns or questions about the interpretation or applicability of general state law, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-5586.

Sincerely,

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Associate Counsel

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