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**To:** Chairman Dr. Wayne Stobo and Members,  
Halifax/Halifax County Watershed Advisory Board (WAB), HRM  
**From:** S. M. Mandaville (Professional Lake Manage.), Chairman & Exec. Director  
**Date:** October 09, 00  
**Subject:** **Comments on the Prince's Lodge/Bedford South Master Plan for the Board meeting of October 18, 00 (Section# 3.5 of the September, 00 agenda carried over for consideration during the October, 00 Board meeting)**

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We are quite disappointed that ecological/environmental aspects have once again been relegated to the back door in this significant master plan.

Ecological/environmental issues MUST and SHOULD be addressed even at the preliminary master planning stages, if not, it will be too late, and we have seen that in numerous urbanizing watersheds of our beloved HRM over several decades. Section 5.3 (page 35) of the Background Report dated June 2000 is very sketchy at the best.

◆ **We herewith respectfully beg that HRM require its professional consultants to include the three (3) page recommendations of this Board in their entirety within any and all HRM documents, inclusive of background reports relating to this significant development area!**

- ◆ **We ask that HRM and/or its consultants not modify in any way even a single word in the recommendations of this Board.**
- ◆ **The Board spent considerable amount of time debating this issue inclusive of background research by some of us during the months of January to May, 2000 inclusive (January was when the first 2 phases were considered, and March was when the presentation was made on the overall master plan, and the Board approved the recess in May).**

**Cc: Dr. Wayne Stobo, Chairman, WAB-HRM (advance copy as a courtesy)**