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To whom it may concern,

The Concord River watershed contains some of the highest-quality, in terms of wild trout abundance, of the relatively few remaining coldwater fisheries that still exist within the densely-populated I-495 corridor adjacent to the Boston Metropolitan Area. Of the coldwater streams in the watershed, Pine Brook arguably represents the very finest of the remaining wild trout streams in the entire northeastern portion of Massachusetts. Pine Brook supports a very abundant population of naturally-reproducing wild native Eastern Brook Trout. Brown Trout tend to be more common than Brook Trout in many of the coldwater streams in Metro Boston because of issues with water temperature and water quality that favor the more tolerant Brown Trout. However, this is not the case for Pine Brook and some reaches support nearly 1200 Brook Trout/kilometer, enough to put Pine Brook into the 90th percentile for wild trout abundance statewide. Pine Brook is considered a coldwater resource of critical importance based on its abundant trout population and its sensitivity to further disturbance in a rapidly developing landscape.

Please feel free to contact me for any other information you might have regarding the coldwater fishery in Pine Brook. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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