

**PINE BARRENS CREDIT LETTER OF INTERPRETATION APPLICATION
STAFF REPORT**

Issue Date: 7/1/98

Field Visit:

Item	Tax Map Numbers: 200-408-1-3.6
Applicant Name	John Gaita
Location/Access	South of State Route 25 (Middle Country Road), west of William Floyd Parkway, Ridge. Parcel has road frontage on Millwood Road, an improved road.
Hagstrom Map #	Map 16, K-22
Aerial #	Not available at this time.
Acreage	.63 acres as per tax map database.
Topography/Geologic Features	Generally flat at approximately 60' above mean sea level.
Soils (<i>SC Soil Survey</i>)	Predominantly P1A(Plymouth loamy sand 0-3%), RdB(Riverhead sandy loam, 3-8% slopes) and Mu(Muck) Soil Survey Map Sheet No. 57.
Wetlands, Depth to Seasonal High Water Table, Surface Water, etc.	Yes, number R-5 as per NYS DEC Wetlands map (Middle Island Quad). This area is the headwaters to the Peconic River .
Vegetative Cover Type	Pitch pine -Oak Forest with areas of pine barrens shrub swamp.
Rare and Endangered Species	No, according to Natural Heritage Data dated April 1995.
Land Use	311 Residential Vacant Land as per tax map database.
Zoning	A5 Residence. Minimum lot area 200,000 square feet. Town Zoning Map Sheet No. 8.
School District	Longwood
Public Water	No.
Public Sewer	No
Fire/Police District	Ridge

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COUNTY

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EDWARD P. ROMAINE
CLERK OF
SUFFOLK COUNTY

Number of pages
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Serial #
Certificate #
Prior Cif. #

Deed / Mortgage Instrument Deed / Mortgage Tax Stamp Recording / Filing Stamps

FEEES

Page / Filing Fee _____
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TP-584 _____
Notation _____
EA-5217 (County) _____ Sub Total ex.
EA-5217 (State) _____
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Comm. of Ed. 5.00 _____
Affidavit _____
Certified Copy _____
Reg. Copy _____
Other _____
Sub Total ex.
GRAND TOTAL ex.



Mortgage Amt. _____
1. Basic Tax _____
2. Additional Tax _____
Sub Total _____
Spec./Assit. _____
or
Spec./Add. _____
TOT. MTG. TAX _____
Dual Town _____ Dual County _____
Held for Apportionment _____
Transfer Tax _____
Mansion Tax _____
The property covered by this mortgage is or
will be improved by a one or two family
dwelling only.
YES _____ or NO _____
If NO, see appropriate tax clause on page #
_____ of this instrument.

5 Real Property Tax Service Agency Verification

Dist.	Section	Block	Lot
0200	408.00	01.00	003.006

Date 11-24-98
Initials _____

6 Title Company Information

Company Name _____
Title Number _____

Central Pine Barrens
Joint Planning and Policy Commission
P.O. Box 687
3325 Sunrise Highway, 2nd Floor
Great River, New York 11739-0587

8 FEE PAID BY:
Cash _____ Check _____ Charge _____
Payer same as R & R _____
(or if different)
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

RECORD & RETURN TO (ADDRESS)

9 Suffolk County Recording & Endorsement Page

This page forms part of the attached conservation easement made by:
(SPECIFY TYPE OF INSTRUMENT)
John L. Gaita
Stephen P. Gaita
TO
Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning
and Policy Commission
The premises herein is situated in
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK.
In the Township of Brookhaven
In the VILLAGE
or HAMLET of Ridge

Conservation Easement

THIS INDENTURE, made this 24 day of November, 1998,

Witnesseth:

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WHEREAS, John L. Gaita and Stephen P. Gaita, both residing at 1 Kamio Drive, Mastic, New York 11950 hereinafter called the Grantors, are the owners in fee simple of certain real property, hereinafter called the "Property," which has ecological, scientific, groundwater recharge, scenic, educational, recreational and aesthetic value (the "Natural Values") in its present state as a natural area which property is described as follows:

See Schedule A annexed hereto

SCTM: WHEREAS, the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission (the
0200 "Commission"), with offices at P.O. 587, 3525 Sunrise Highway, 2nd Floor, Great River New
408 York 11739-0587, was created pursuant to the Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act of 1993
1 (the "Act") codified in New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 57 ("Article 57"), is
3.006 hereinafter described as the "Grantee;" and

WHEREAS, the Central Pine Barrens is a 100,000 acre area within the central and eastern portions of New York's Suffolk County which includes parts of the towns of Brookhaven, Riverhead and Southampton, and which is divided into two areas, the Core Preservation Area (the "Core") and the Compatible Growth Area (the "CGA"), as delineated in Article 57; and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan (the "Plan") which is designed to protect, preserve and enhance the functional integrity of the Pine Barrens ecosystem and its significant natural resources, including plant and animal populations and communities, to protect the quality of surface water and groundwater, discourage piecemeal and scattered development, promote recreational and environmental educational uses that are consistent with the Plan, to accommodate development in a manner consistent with the long term integrity of the Pine Barrens ecosystem, and to ensure that the pattern of development is compact, orderly and efficient; and

WHEREAS, the Plan's goals for the Core include protecting and preserving the ecologic and hydrologic functions of the Central Pine Barrens by preserving the Central Pine Barrens area in its natural state, promoting compatible agricultural, horticultural and open space and certain recreational uses within the framework of maintaining a Pine Barrens environment and minimizing the impact of such activities thereon, prohibiting or redirecting new construction or

development, accommodating specific Pine Barrens management practices, and protecting and preserving the quality of surface and groundwaters; and

WHEREAS, this grant of Conservation Easement is made pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL"), Title 3, Article 49 or its similar successor statute, and this Conservation Easement is intended to comply with said statute; and

WHEREAS, Grantors and Grantee recognize the ecological, scientific, groundwater recharge, scenic, educational, recreational and aesthetic value of the Property and have the common purpose of conserving the Natural Values of the Property by the conveyance to the Grantee of a Conservation Easement on, over and across the Property which shall conserve the Natural Values of the Property and advance the goals of the Commission pursuant to the Act and the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, Grantors, for and in consideration of the facts above and hereinafter recited including, but not limited to, entitlement to receipt of the Pine Barrens Credits pursuant to Grantors' one (1) Letter of Interpretation issued on July 10, 1998, totaling 1.00 Pine Barrens Credits and of the mutual covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions herein contained, does hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns forever a Conservation Easement in perpetuity over the Property consisting of the following:

1. The right of visual access to and view of the Property in its natural, scenic and open condition.
2. The Grantors' forbearance from taking any of those actions constituting development pursuant to ECL Section 57-0107(13), and the Grantors' forbearance from operations or uses pursuant to ECL Section 57-0107(13)(i-xiv) unless such operations or uses are otherwise expressly reserved herein.
3.
 - a. The right of the Grantee, its respective agents, employees or other representatives, to enforce this Conservation Easement in an action at law or in equity or both.
 - b. The right of the State of New York, the County of Suffolk, the Township in which the Property is situated or their respective agents, employees or other representatives, exercising a third party enforcement right, to enforce this Conservation Easement in an action at law or in equity or both.

Enforcement pursuant to (a) and (b) hereinabove shall not be defeated because of any subsequent adverse possession, laches, estoppel or waiver. Grantee or any party with a third party enforcement right or their respective agents, employees or other representatives shall be permitted access, if necessary, to cross other lands retained by the Grantors, and to enter upon the Property at all reasonable times but

solely for the purpose of inspection in order to enforce and assure compliance with the terms and conditions herein contained. Grantee, its agents, employees or other representatives, agree to give Grantors reasonable advance notice of its intention to enter and inspect the Property, and further such entrance and inspection shall be in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times. Furthermore, Grantors shall provide any third party with enforcement rights, or its agents, representatives or employees, access to cross other lands retained by Grantors, and permission to enter upon the Property, upon receipt of advance notice of such third party's intention to enter and inspect. Such entrance and inspection shall be in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times.

Covenants

In furtherance of the foregoing affirmative rights, the Grantors make the following covenants, on behalf of themselves, their successors, heirs and assigns, lessees, personal representatives and other successors in interest, which covenants shall run with and bind the Property in perpetuity:

1. There shall be no construction activity, alteration of vegetation or change in topography, no development as defined by ECL Section 57-0107(13) and no operations or uses not constituting development pursuant to ECL Section 57-0107(13)(i-xiv), unless otherwise expressly reserved herein.
2. There shall be no storing, dumping, discharging or placing of any substance in or on the Property in contravention of any applicable federal, state or local law or ordinance.

Reserved Rights

NEVERTHELESS, and notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions to the contrary and as expressly limited herein, the Grantors reserve for themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns the following reserved rights in addition to all those rights previously retained, reserved and defined herein, which may be exercised without written notice to the Grantee.

1. The right of exclusive possession of the Property.
2. The right to use the Property for passive recreational activities such as, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and activities associated therewith so long as such activities conform to local zoning regulations and do not constitute development as defined in ECL Section 57-0107(13).

3. The right to use the Property for any existing, expanded, or new activity involving agriculture or horticulture if such use does not involve the material alteration of native vegetation; the right to use the Property for the erection of agricultural buildings, including but not limited to barns, greenhouses and farm stands, required for the production of plants or animals as reflected under ECL Section 57-0107(14), if such activity does not involve material alteration of native vegetation.
4. The right to use the Property for operations or uses described in ECL Section 57-0107(13) (i, ii and vi), or environmental restoration projects commenced by the Grantors or their heirs, successors or assigns upon approval of any applicable Federal, State or local agency, or any activity authorized under the federal natural gas act (15 U.S.C. Sections 717- 717w), as same may be amended from time to time.
5. The right to sell, give or otherwise convey the Property or, consistent with the Covenants herein, any portion or portions of the Property, subject to the terms of this Conservation Easement. The Grantors, upon the sale, gift or other conveyance of his fee interest in the Property, shall have no further obligations or liabilities under this Conservation Easement. Grantors shall promptly notify Grantee of any conveyance of any interest in the Property, including the full names and mailing addresses of all Grantees, and the individual principals thereof, under any such conveyance. The instrument of any such conveyance shall specifically set forth that the interest thereby conveyed is subject to this Conservation Easement, without modification or amendment of the terms of this Conservation Easement, and shall incorporate this Conservation Easement by reference, specifically setting forth the date, office, liber and page of the recording thereof. The failure of any such instrument to comply with the provisions hereof shall not affect Grantee's rights hereunder.

Rights of the Public

Nothing contained in this Conservation Easement shall give or grant to the public a right to enter upon or to use the Property or any portion thereof where no such right existed in the public immediately prior to the execution of this Conservation Easement except as may be granted by the Grantors herein or their successors.

Miscellaneous

1. The parties hereto understand and agree that all the terms and provisions of ECL, Title 3, Article 49, as the same may be hereafter amended, entitled Conservation Easements, shall

apply to this Conservation Easement.

2. This Conservation Easement contains the entire understanding between its parties concerning its subject matter. Any prior agreement between the parties concerning its subject matter shall be merged into this Conservation Easement and superseded by it.
3. Any provision of this Conservation Easement restricting Grantors' activities, which is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court, shall not be rendered a nullity. Instead, that provision shall be reduced or limited to whatever extent that the court determines will make it enforceable and effective. Any other provision of this Conservation Easement which is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court shall be severed from the other provisions, which shall remain enforceable and effective.
4. Regardless of any contrary rule of construction, no provision or alleged ambiguity of this Conservation Easement shall be construed in favor of one of the parties because it was drafted by the other party's attorney. If any provision of this Conservation Easement is ambiguous or shall be subject to two or more interpretations, one of which would render that provision invalid, then that provision shall be given such interpretation as would render it valid and consistent with the purposes of this Conservation Easement as intended by Grantors. Any rule of strict construction designed to limit the breadth of the restrictions on use of the Property shall not apply in the construction or interpretation of this Conservation Easement, and, this Conservation Easement shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purposes of this Conservation Easement as intended by Grantors. The parties intend that this Conservation Easement, which is by nature and character primarily negative in that the Grantors have restricted and limited the Grantors' right to use the Property, except as otherwise recited herein, be construed at all times and by all parties to effectuate its purposes.
5. This Conservation Easement can be terminated only in accordance with the law of the State of New York applicable to the termination of easements and covenants running with the land. This Conservation Easement may be modified only upon the written consent of both the Grantors and Grantee, or their successors, heirs, representatives or assigns. Grantors and Grantee recognize that circumstances could arise which would justify the modification of certain of the restrictions contained herein. To this end, Grantee and the Grantors shall mutually have the right, in their sole discretion, to agree to amendments to this Conservation Easement which are not inconsistent with the basic purpose of this Conservation Easement, provided, however, that the Grantee shall have no right or power to agree to any amendments hereto that would result in this Conservation Easement failing to qualify as a valid conservation easement under ECL, Title 3, Article 49 as the same may be hereafter amended.
6. The Grantors agree that the terms, conditions, restrictions and purposes of this Conservation Easement shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the

Property and will be incorporated by reference in any subsequent deed or other legal instrument by which the Grantors divests themselves of either the fee simple title to or its possessory interest in the Property or any portion thereof specifically setting forth the date, and the liber and page of the Suffolk County Clerk's records of the recording hereof.

7. Any notices required in this Conservation Easement shall be written. Notices shall be given either by manual delivery or by mailing in a mail receptacle maintained by the United States Postal Service. Mailed notices must be contained in an accurately addressed, sealed envelope, marked for delivery by first class registered or certified mail, with sufficient prepaid postage affixed and with return receipt requested. Mailed notice to the Grantors shall be addressed to Grantors' address as recited herein or to any such other address as the Grantors may designate by notice in accordance with this section. Mailed notice to the Grantee shall be addressed to Grantee's address as recited herein or to any such other address as the Grantee may designate by notice in accordance with this section.
8. It is understood and agreed by the Parties hereto that the Grantors, their successors, heirs and assigns, shall not be liable for any changes to the Property caused by any natural disaster or Act of God.
9. The Grantors and Grantors' lessees, representatives, successors, heirs and assigns, shall not apply to the Commission for a hardship or other permit under the Plan or under ECL Article 57 pertaining the "Schedule A" premises.
10. The Grantors do further covenant and represent that the Grantors are seized of the Property in fee simple and has good right to grant and convey the aforesaid Conservation Easement, that the Property is free and clear of any and all encumbrances, other than those of record, and that the Grantee shall have the use of, and enjoy all of the benefits derived from and arising out of, the aforesaid Conservation Easement.
11. The parties hereto recognize and agree that the benefits of this Conservation Easement are in gross and assignable, and the Grantee hereby covenants and agrees that any transferee or assignee will be an organization or public body qualified to hold a Conservation Easement pursuant to ECL, Title 3, Article 49, as the same may be hereafter amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
12. All references to statutory provisions of Article 57 shall be as such provisions were in effect on the date of execution of this Conservation Easement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantors have executed and delivered and Grantee has accepted and received this Grant of Conservation Easement on the day and year set forth above.

John L. Gaita
John L. Gaita

Stephen P. Gaita
Stephen P. Gaita

STATE OF New York)
COUNTY OF Suffolk) SS:

STATE OF New York)
COUNTY OF Suffolk) SS:

On the 22 day of October in the year 1998 before me, the undersigned, a notary

On the 22 day of October in the year 98 before me, the undersigned, a notary

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK) SS:

I, EDWARD P. ROMAINE, CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY (SAID COURT BEING A COURT OF RECORD) DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPARED THE ANNEXED COPY OF DEED LIBER 11930 AT PAGE 370 RECORDED 11-24-98 AND THAT IT IS A JUST AND TRUE COPY OF SUCH ORIGINAL EASEMENT AND OF THE WHOLE THEREOF.

TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF SAID COUNTY AND COURT THIS 24 DAY OF Nov 1998

Edward P. Romaine

CLERK

12-0168.8/95cs

JODY J. YETTI
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01YE4328358
Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires March 30, 1999

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Schedule A

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being at Ridge, Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the Easterly side of Giant Oak Road and the Northeasterly side of Wildwood Road;

RUNNING THENCE North 85 degrees, 05 minutes, 43 seconds East 42.99 feet to a point;

THENCE South 86 degrees, 26 minutes, 13 seconds East 318.19 feet to a point;

THENCE South 16 degrees, 35 minutes, 00 seconds West, 88.76 feet to a point;

THENCE South 82 degrees, 06 minutes, 50 seconds West, 269.06 feet to a monument set on the Northeasterly side of Wildwood Road;

THENCE North 26 degrees, 24 minutes, 30 seconds West along the Northeasterly side of Wildwood Road, 154.15 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

Said parcel being and intended to be the same as described in a deed dated June 3, 1985 between Santiago Ferriera as grantor and John L. Gaita and Stephen P. Gaita as grantees recorded at Liber 9829 and Page 106 in the offices of the Suffolk County Clerk. Grantors herein, John L. Gaita and Stephen P. Gaita are the same parties as the parties of the second part, John L. Gaita and Stephen P. Gaita, in the deed recorded at Liber 9829 and Page 106 in the offices of the Suffolk County Clerk.

SCTM # 200-408-1-3.006

CONVEYED

Pine Barrens Credit Clearinghouse

RECEIVED
DEC 3 1998

Number: 0200-0016
Date Issued: November 25, 1998

Pine Barrens Credit Certificate

Issued Pursuant to the Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act
and the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan

This certifies that John L. Gaita and Stephen P. Gaita hereby own:

1.00 Pine Barrens Credits

This certificate entitles the owner to a land use density or intensity increase as provided in the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan and pursuant to local ordinances.



Vice-Chairman, Pine Barrens Credit Clearinghouse

SALE, CONVEYANCE OR TRANSFER
OF
PINE BARRENS CREDITS

Within ten (10) business days the person selling, conveying, transferring or pledging a Pine Barrens Credit, or any interest therein, shall deliver to the Pine Barrens Credit Clearinghouse this Certificate representing the Credits sold, conveyed, transferred, or pledged.

Upon Clearinghouse receipt, a Certificate will be issued in the name of the person(s) who have secured an interest in the Credits. A new Certificate will be issued to the grantor if he has retained any interest in the Credits represented by this Certificate.

Grantors (Sellers)

Name: JOHN STEPHEN CHITTY
Address: 1 KAWIIO DRIVE
City/State/Zip Code: MATHTIC NY 14500
Signature: [Signature]
Signature: [Signature]

Grantee (Buyer)

Name: DORVILLE McCOLLISTER
Address: 61 PINEVILLE AVE.
City/State/Zip Code: FARMINGTONVILLE NY 17754
Signature: [Signature]

Number of Credits Sold, Conveyed or Transferred: 1.00
Date of Transaction: 11/27/98
Interest Secured: _____
Consideration: 15000
Attach written evidence of the transaction (e.g., Contract of Sale, Bill of Sale)

PINE BARRENS CREDITS
PLEGGED AS SECURITY

When Pine Barrens Credits are pledged as security for loans, the lending institution shall return this certificate to the Pine Barrens Credit Clearinghouse properly completed, within ten (10) business days.

Upon Clearinghouse receipt, a revised Pine Barrens Certificate reflecting the encumbrance will be re-issued

Owner (Borrower)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State Zip Code: _____
Signature: _____

Lending Institution

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State Zip Code: _____
Signature: _____
Title: _____

Amount of loan: _____
Term of Loan: _____
Number of Pine Barrens Credits pledged as collateral: _____

Attach written evidence of the transaction (Note: When Pine Barrens Credits are released as security, the Clearinghouse will again reissue a Pine Barrens Certificate upon notification by the owner and the lender.)

REDEMPTION
OF
PINE BARRENS CREDITS

When Pine Barrens Credits are redeemed in association with a development project approved by a municipal approving agency, the person redeeming the Pine Barrens Credit shall return this Certificate to the Pine Barrens Credit Clearinghouse within ten (10) business days of their redemption.

Owner (Person Redeeming)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State Zip Code: _____
Signature: _____

Town in which Pine Barrens Credits are redeemed:
Town: _____

School District in which Redeemed: _____

Suffolk County Tax Map of parcel where Pine Barrens Credits redeemed: _____

Number of Pine Barrens Credits Redeemed: _____

Municipal development approval was issued: _____

date _____
Municipal Official issuing development approval: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____
Signature: _____