

**PINE BARRENS CREDIT LETTER OF INTERPRETATION APPLICATION**

**STAFF REPORT**

Issue Date: 2/27/98

Field Visit: 2/24/98

Item	Tax Map Number
Applicant Name	200-351-3-20 Gary Gerdes
Location/Access	South of NYS Route 25, west side of Old Orchard Lane, an improved road in this vicinity, Ridge, Town of Brookhaven.
Hagstrom Map #	Map 16 K-23
Aerial #	Not available at this time
Acreage	3.0 as per application.
Topography/Geologic Features	Generally flat, approximately 60' above mean sea level.
Soils ( <i>SC Soil Survey</i> )	PIB (Plymouth loamy sand 3-8% slopes)
Wetlands, Depth to Seasonal High Water Table, Surface Water, etc.	Wetland R5 may be partially located on subject parcel as per NYSDEC freshwater wetland map.
Vegetative Cover Type	Parcel appears mostly cleared of native vegetation except possibly at rear of parcel which is pitch pine-oak, but should be verified with survey.
Rare and Endangered Species	Yes associated with wetland as per Natural Heritage map, April 1995.
Cultural Resources	Not available at this time.
Land Use	Single family house, swimming pool and associated infrastructure. (Survey should be requested to mark limits of improvements)
Zoning	A1 Residence
School District	Longwood
Public Water	No
Public Sewer	No
Fire/Police District	Ridge
Other	

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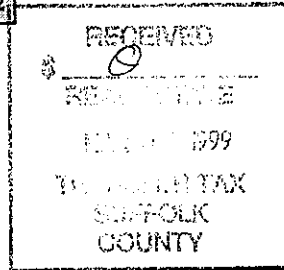
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Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Cif. # \_\_\_\_\_



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99 MAR -5 PM 3:29  
EDWARD P. ROMAINE  
CLERK OF  
SUFFOLK COUNTY

Deed / Mortgage Instrument

Deed / Mortgage Tax Stamp

Recording / Filing Stamps

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FEES

Page / Filing Fee 27.-  
 Handling 5.-  
 TP-584 5.-  
 Notation \_\_\_\_\_  
 EA-5217 (County) \_\_\_\_\_ Sub Total 37.-  
 EA-5217 (State) \_\_\_\_\_  
 R.P.T.S.A. 15.00  
 Comm. of Ed. 5.00  
 Affidavit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certified Copy 9.- *RD*  
 Reg. Copy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sub Total 29.-  
 GRAND TOTAL 66.-



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.



Real Property Tax Service Agency Verification

	Dist.	Section	Block	Lot
Stamp	0200	351.00	03.00	020.000
Date	3-5-99			
Initials	<i>AM</i>			

Title Company Information

Chicago Title  
 Company Name  
9808 02391  
 Title Number

Central Pine Barrens  
 Joint Planning and Policy Commission  
 P.O. Box 587  
 8825 Sunrise Highway, 2nd Floor  
 Great River, New York 11739-0587

RECORD & RETURN TO (ADDRESS)

8 FEE PAID BY: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check  Charge \_\_\_\_\_

Payer same as R & R (or if different)  
 NAME: Chicago Title  
 ADDRESS: 185 Cedar Covey Road  
Rocky Hill, NY 11850

### Suffolk County Recording & Endorsement Page

This page forms part of the attached conservation easement made by: \_\_\_\_\_ (SPECIFY TYPE OF INSTRUMENT)

GARY A. GERDES  
 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 Ridge - Middle Island  
 or HAMLET of \_\_\_\_\_

BOXES 5 THRU 9 MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED IN BLACK INK ONLY PRIOR TO RECORDING OR FILING.

# Conservation Easement

THIS INDENTURE, made this 4 day of February, 1999,

*Witnesseth:*

WHEREAS, Gary A. Gerdes, residing at 14 Old Orchard Lane, Ridge, NY 11961, hereinafter is called the Grantor that owns 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*

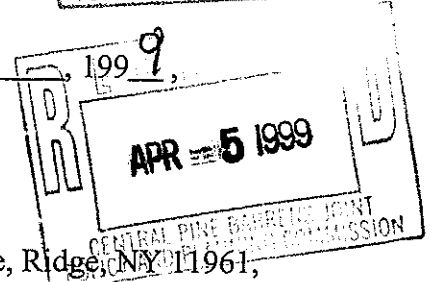
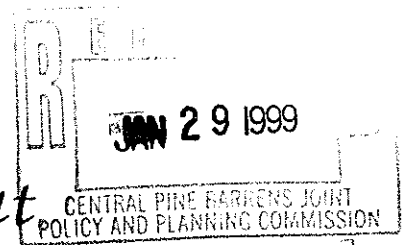
WHEREAS, the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission (the SCTM: "Commission"), with offices at P.O. Box 587, 3525 Sunrise Highway, 2nd Floor, Great River, 200 New York 11739-0587, was created pursuant to the Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act of 351 1993 (the "Act") codified in New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 57 ("Article 3 57"), is hereinafter described as the "Grantee;" and 20

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, Grantor 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, Grantor, 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 Grantor's Letter of Interpretation issued on March 30, 1998 in the amount of 1.40 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 Grantor's forbearance from taking any of those actions constituting development pursuant to ECL Section 57-0107(13), and the Grantor's 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 Grantor, 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 Grantor 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, Grantor shall provide any third party with enforcement rights, or its agents, representatives or employees, access to cross other lands retained by Grantor, 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 Grantor makes the following covenants, on behalf of himself, his 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 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 Grantor reserves for himself, his 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, iii, iv, vi and viii), or environmental restoration projects commenced by the Grantor or his 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 Grantor, 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. Grantor 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 Grantor herein or his 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 Grantor's 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 Grantor. 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 Grantor. The parties intend that this Conservation Easement, which is by nature and character primarily negative in that Grantor has restricted and limited Grantor's 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 Grantor and Grantee, or their successors, heirs, representatives or assigns. Grantor and Grantee recognize that circumstances could arise which would justify the modification of certain of the restrictions contained herein. To this end, Grantee and Grantor 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 Grantor agrees 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 Grantor divests himself 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 Grantor shall be addressed to Grantor's address as recited herein or to any such other address as the Grantor 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 Grantor, its 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 Grantor and Grantor's 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 to the "Schedule A" premises.
10. The Grantor does further covenant and represent that the Grantor is 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, Grantor has executed and delivered and Grantee has accepted and received this Grant of Conservation Easement on the day and year set forth above.

Mary A Gerdes  
Gary A. Gerdes

STATE OF New York )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF NASSAU )

On the 5 day of January in the year 1999 before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared Gary Gerdes, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s) or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK  
No. 20177  
Qualified in Nassau County  
Commission Expires March 1, 2000

Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission  
GRANTEE

BY: George Prior, Acting Chair

STATE OF New York )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF Suffolk )

On the 4th day of February in the year 1999 before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared George Prior, Acting Chairman, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s) or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Roseann Hansen  
Notary Public

ROSEANN HANSEN  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 4917002  
Qualified in Suffolk County  
Commission Expires December 28, 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-Middle Island, in the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, State of New York, being described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Old Orchard Lane Distant 522.23 feet northerly from a monument set at the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Old Orchard Lane with the southerly side of Ruth Lane, from said point or place of beginning South 79 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds West along land formerly of Penderson 388.26 feet to lands now or formerly of Pine Woods, Inc.;

RUNNING THENCE along said last mentioned land South 10 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East 336.59 feet to land now or formerly of Frank Grant;

THENCE along said last mentioned land North 79 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East 388.26 feet to the westerly side of Old Orchard Lane;

THENCE North 10 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West along the westerly side of Old Orchard Lane 336.59 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Said parcel being and intended to be the same as described in a deed dated December 19, 1983 and recorded January 16, 1984 between Estate of Hugh Grant by Francis Richard Grant, as Executor of Hugh Grant, as grantor and Gary A. Gerdes, as grantee and recorded at Liber 9495 Page 407 in the offices of the Suffolk County Clerk corrected by Liber 10395 Page 40 and corrected by Liber 10586 Page 268. Grantor herein, Gary A. Gerdes is the same party as the party of the second part, Gary A. Gerdes, in the deed recorded at Liber 9495 Page 407 in the offices of the Suffolk County Clerk.

SCTM: 200-351-3-20

# CONVEYED

Pine Barrens Credit Clearinghouse

Number: 0200-00186

Date Issued: March 10, 1999

MAR 22 1999

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PINE BARRENS CREDIT CLEARINGHOUSE  
MAR 10 1999  
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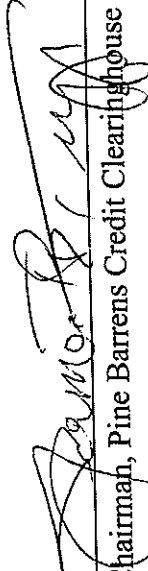
## *Pine Barrens Credit Certificate*

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

This certifies that Gary A. Gerdes hereby owns:

### *1.40 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.*

  
Chairmah, 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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Grantors (Seller)  
Name: Shelley A. Gerdes

Address: 1400 OAKWOOD LANE  
City/State/Zip Code: ELIZABETH NJ 07201  
Signature: Shelley A. Gerdes

Grantee (Buyer)

Name: RECEIVABLES FINANCY FOR GIBBY LLC  
Address: 2245 BROOKHOLLOW RD  
City/State/Zip Code: ELIZABETH NJ 07201  
Signature: Chris Calvey VP

Number of Credits Sold, Conveyed or Transferred: 1,54  
Date of Transaction: 3/17/99  
Interest Secured: 121,000  
Consideration: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attach written evidence of the transaction (e.g., Contract of Sale, Bill of Sale)