

Exhibit 12 – Request to Alderman

April 22, 1999

Dear Aldermen,
Nashua City Hall
Main Street
Nashua, NH

603 594-3381

Dear Aldermen,

Today is Earth Day 1999. The residents of Nashua dodged an environmental disaster Tuesday when a truck went off the road at the Tinker Road bridge and into Bowers Pond. Bowers Pond is a major pond in the Pennichuck watershed. We were lucky that the truck used diesel fuel and did not dump reformulated gasoline with MBTE into the watershed. A number of us have been requesting that we protect our water supply from the encroachment of development.

There is no better time than now to slow the traffic flow that crosses the watershed daily. It was only a matter of time before such an accident would happen. It is only a matter of time before a worst accident will happen. What would have happened if a gasoline truck had gone into the pond? If that had happened, it is possible that our water supply could have been destroyed for maybe years. There are reasons why there are buffer zones around watersheds.

I formally request that the Aldermen study and pass a resolution to close Tinker Road 300 feet on each side of the bridge over the watershed and 500 feet on each side of Manchester Street where it passes over the watershed. It would be wise to close the Everett Turnpike if that were possible. That may not be possible, but it is a goal we should think about. The 1983 PUC Order requires that Pennichuck Water Works not allow roads to cross the "Buffer Zone" or "Critical Area" except for utility crossings and maintenance of the watershed. Only passive use should take place in these areas.

Thank you for considering the request. I think the PUC Order requires it. Besides, common sense requires that it should be done to protect the water supply not only for today's residents, but also for future generations.

Best regards,

Allan Fuller