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City of Stillwater  
723 S. Lewis St.  
Stillwater, Ok 74074

Re: Lake McMurtry pervious parking lot project

Mr. McClenney,

The Oklahoma Conservation Commission (Commission), in partnership with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) is coordinating with Lake McMurtry Friends, Inc. (LMF) to install a pervious parking lot at the lake. We understand people have been parking on a grassy area near the beginning of the disc golf course, or along the road in that same area. A parking lot has been recommended as a way to address the parking issue and the Commission suggests the parking lot to be constructed in a way that would limit additional run off and protect the water quality of the lake. We have discussed with the staff at the Lake about building a pervious parking lot at the selected site that will serve to address any additional water quality concerns, and as a secondary benefit, provide education to those parking there in the form of signage explaining why pervious is preferred to traditional concrete or gravel.

The OWRB has financing available for installation of green infrastructure projects, which a pervious lot is, and the Commission is working to secure that funding. The Commission would work with LMF on design, bid solicitation and construction of the project, and would provide 75% of the funding required. LMF would potentially be responsible for 25% of the cost of the project, but that match can be provided through labor costs and does not have to be hard dollars.

We are looking forward to working with LMF and the City on this project. Please let us know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shanon Phillips".

Shanon Phillips  
Director, Water Quality Division  
Oklahoma Conservation Commission