

NOTICE OF MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS

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BOARD/COMMITTEE: Conservation Commission

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2021

тіме: 6:00 р.т.

LOCATION: Conducted by Remote Participation

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Winchendon Conservation Commission and Public Hearings will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

Agenda:

Call to Order Minutes 1/14/2021

Announcements

Lionel Cloutier has been appointed by the Select Board to serve on the Conservation Commission

Public Hearings

6:05pm Amendment of Order of Conditions Hearing

DEP 345-0649

- Applicant: West Street 1 Solar, LLC
- Project Address: West Street; Assessor's Map 2, Parcels 109
- Description: Request to permanently leave boulders covering sections of buffer.
- 6:10pm Notice of Intent Hearing
 - Applicant: Diane Coulter
 - Project Address: 55 Island Road; Assessor's Map 2, Parcels 8

• Description: Construction of a new retaining wall with steps in wetland buffer adjacent to garage.

DEP 345-0712



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6:15pm	Notice of Intent Hearing • Applicant: Barkley Enterprises – Jamison VanDyk • Project Address: Gardner Road;	DEP # pending e Assessor's Map 12, Parcels 8
	Description: Construction of an access driveway	within wetland buffer for forestry.
6:20pm	Notice of Intent Hearing • Applicant: Barkley Enterprises – Jamison VanDyk	DEP # pending
	 Project Address: 16 North Ashburnham Road Description: construction of a single family home and well between 50' and 100' from the wetland. 	Assessor's Map 9, Parcels 50
6:25pm	Notice of Intent Hearing • Applicant: Jonah Ketola – Alotek Contractors	DEP # pending
	 Project Address: 30 Madison Ave. Description: construction of a single family home cistern and well between 50' and 100' from the week and the second se	
6:30pm	Notice of Intent Hearing • Applicant: Jonah Ketola – Alotek Contractors	DEP # pending
	 Applicant: Johan Retola – Alotek Contractors Project Address: 35 Madison Ave. Description: construction of a single family home septic system between 50' and 100' from the wetl 	
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6:40pm	Notice of Intent Hearing	DEP # pending
	 Project Address: Gardner Road Description: work includes grading, stormwa paved parking lot between 50' and 100' from commercial building. 	Assessor's Map 9, Parcels 17 ater management, paved driveway and
6:45pm	Notice of Intent Hearing	DEP # 345-0715
	Project Address: 34 West Shore Dr	Assessor's Map 6, Parcels 43
	Description: construction of a stone retainin	g wall within 50' of the lake
6:46pm	Notice of Intent Hearing	DEP # Pending
	Applicant: Matthew Olson of Ashoryn, LLC	Accesser's Mar 10 Deveals C7
	 Project Address: Mill Glen – Lot 1 Description: construction of a single family h septic system between 150' and 200' from the 	
Enforcement	Order Followup –	
6 Islaı	nd Road – Cindy Fitch – EO req'd NOI by 12/21 –	discussion of fines
16 M	onomonac E – Philip White – discussion of fines	and restoration
•	on National Grid Herbicide rules and process –	
of pri	ictions exist based on proximity to wetlands, pul vate wells is maintained by the MA Dept of Agri is can be used. Between 50' – 100' only low pre	culture. Within 50' of a well no chemical
more	frequently than every 24 months. I can forward ages of specific labels and chemicals. All are con	the Yearly Operating Plan (YOP) with the

Approved

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TOWN OF WINCHENDON



Conservation Commission Regular Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes

January 14, 2021 remotely at www.zoom.com Meeting ID: 975 8689 0956 Passcode: 9562443

Members Present: Dave Whitaker, Ken Wante, Kyle Bradley, Melissa Blanchard

Others Present: Alison Manugian (Conservation Agent), Kelley Fike, Rick Ward, Rodney Galton, Barbara Anderson, Marc Dorwart, Jim Bigfoot, Sarah Montfreda, Nancy Martin, Nick Santangelo, Mary Kate Schneeweis, Kevin Clark, Scott Crichton, Paul Grasewicz, other members of the public.

Meeting called to order by Chair Kyle Bradley at 6:01pm Announcements

- A Manugian announced that Lionel Cloutier, a former Conservation Commission member, has requested reappointment to the Commission. Following brief discussion D. Whitaker made a motion to recommend that the Select Board appoint Mr. Cloutier. M. Blanchard seconded this motion and all voted aye via roll call.
- A Manugian notified the Commission of the annual notice from National Grid to the Select Board, of their annual vegetation management planned activities. M. Blanchard asked about the herbicides used and potential impact on nearby wells. A. Manugian will look into this and provide information at the next meeting.

Minutes

- D. Whitaker made a motion to approve the draft minutes of December 10, 2020. DK. Wante seconded the motion and all approved via roll call.
- D. Whitaker made a motion to approve the draft minutes of December 17, 2020. DK. Wante seconded the motion and all approved via roll call.

Notice of Intent Hearing Scott Crichton 206 Lakeview Dr. (Map 10, Parcels 24) Removal of 5 healthy trees 65' to 90' from wetland.

D. Whitaker read the public hearing notice and the hearing was opened by the Chairman.

S. Crichton, Applicant, explained that the five healthy pine trees are 65 to 90' off of the wetland. Branches fall on vehicles parked in driveway and pitch is damaging vehicles.

All four members present indicated general comfort as trees are beyond 50' from the wetland S. Crichton added that he would also like to do minor trimming of limbs closer to the lake damaged in last year's storms – one broken limb and one large dead branch. Consensus of members is to add this verbal request to the NOI.

S. Crichton indicated preference to pull stumps nearest to driveway and to grind the stump closest to the lake (65' away).

K. Wante made a motion to close the hearing and issue the Order of Conditions with standard conditions. M. Blanchard seconded this motion and all approved via roll call.

Amendment of Order of Conditions Hearing ECOS Solar – Rodney Galton DEP 345-0692 Spring Street; (Map 9, Parcels 97 & 98) *Request to expand permitted fenced in area for safety reasons.*

D. Whitaker read the public hearing notice and the Chair opened the public hearing.

A Manugian offered a summary of this request, as preliminarily discussed at the December meeting. The initial plan was to fence in the array areas only, recent ATV traffic and incidents prompted a request from the Environmental Police and Town Police to expand the fencing to property lines.

R. Galton updated the Commission that the crash gate at the entry has been installed and they have requests out for fencing bids.

No Commission members had questions.

D. Whitaker made a motion to close the hearing and amend the fencing locations in the original Order of Conditions. DK. Wante seconded the motion and all approved via roll call

DEP 345-0714

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Amendment of Order of Conditions HearingWest Street 1 Solar, LLCDEP 345-0649West Street;(Map 2, Parcel 109)Request to permanently leave boulders covering sections of buffer.

D. Whitaker read the public hearing notice and the Chair opened the public hearing.

A Manugian offered a summary of the project – a large ground mount solar array install that is largely completed. During construction more rocks were found than had been anticipated. These were placed onsite, many within the 100' wetland buffer. The current Order of Conditions stipulates four inches of loam with seeding. A request is in to Tighe and Bond to review the current site.

K. Bradley expressed concerns about the boulders.

N. Santangelo, Engineer with Beals and Thomas, outlined that the granting of the request to amend the Order would bring the project into compliance. The boulders have been placed only one rock deep and there are no piles – the underlying topography is steep and variable. At this point the removal of the boulders would create additional disturbance for the site and species.

K. Bradley admonished that the applicant and team can't change a project mid-stream to do whatever works for them without permissions.

K. Fike present, Engineer for NEXAMP stated that they had conversations with the previous Agent and Inspector (Matt Marro) during construction and that verbal permissions were given. The boulders and stumps placed on the abutting property were removed back to the project site in 2019.

K. Bradley indicated that without written permission from the Commission that there is no evidence this process change was accepted.

D. Whitaker indicated he walked the site today and that there is a tremendous amount of rock. He would like a 3rd party review and encouraged a site walk for anyone who hasn't seen the property. They may be able to leave the rock and cover with wood chips and loam. Any encroachment remaining onto the abutting property would need to be resolved.

K. Bradley asked if the rocks have value to other contractors – D. Whitaker indicated they do.

K. Wante indicated concerns about small wildlife being unable or unwilling to traverse the boulders. He too wondered if they could be buried and vegetation established.

K. Bradley indicated that he has significant concerns about setting a precedent allowing changes to be made without permission.

D. Whitaker clarified that he doesn't think the site is ok as it is, but that perhaps something can be done with the boulders in place.

K. Wante indicated concern about further damage possible by removing the boulders.

M. Blanchard indicated that the boulders are evident in google maps and she was upset to review.

S. Monfreda, an abutter, indicated her previous email to members and the photos she shared. The first two photos show the reuse onsite of the boulders that were removed from her property. She is unhappy that there was no attempt to get permission by the applicant, forgiveness was expected. The project currently has created a situation that is effectively an island surrounded by wetlands. (A. Manugian clarified that per the previous emails boulders/rocks such as this are considered to be construction debris.) S. Monfreda clarified that construction debris disposal was prohibited in the original Order of Conditions and that such can not be buried.

M. Dorwart wondered if the site is open to the public for review and expressed strong concerns that allowing this change in permission will open the door to future projects to ignore permissions then argue that remedy will impact the newly created 'habitat'. This is an opportunity for the Commission to set priorities and direct future growth of the Town; which is also key to the master plan.

K. Bradley reminded viewers to attend Town Meetings as this is where the bylaws and rules get set.

D. Whitaker motioned to continue the hearing to 6:05pm on February 11th for review as there is currently a violation of the Order in place. M. Blanchard seconded the motion and all voted aye via roll call.

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Notice of Intent Hearing Diane Coulter DEP 345-0712
 55 Island Road; (Map 2, Parcel 8) Construction of a new retaining wall with steps adjacent to garage.
 D. Whitaker reread the public hearing notice although this is a continuation. The applicant is unable to attend today and has requested a further continuance to 6:10pm on February 11, 2021.
 K. Wanted motioned to so continue the hearing. M. Blanchard seconded the motion and all voted aye via roll call.

Notice of Intent HearingBarkley Enterprises & Paul GrasewiczDEP # pendingGardner Road;(Map 12, Parcel 8)Construction of an access driveway within wetland buffer for forestry.

D. Whitaker and K. Bradley read the public hearing notice and the Chair opened the public hearing. P. Grasewicz provided an introduction of the new plan (as altered by the stormwater report requested by DEP). The owner intends to log part of the site then pull the stumps and retain or sell the parcel for development. Coming in off of Route 140 some fill and a filtration bed with rock will be required. A swale is proposed to guide runoff back to the treatment area within the site. He noted that an additional Notice of Intent application will be required for further development.

K. Bradley inquired if it's viable to request that the Commission be notified of sale of the parcel. A Manugian clarified that this is a current standard condition that can be highlighted to the applicant in any Order issued. K. Bradley asked for Board and Public Comments.

M. Blanchard indicated a desire to walk the site, which looks pretty good on paper.

Nancy Martin, an abutter at 101 Gardner Road, indicated that she has lived in her home for 38 years and is very opposed to an access road near her property. The wetland is a river in her estimation and the culvert capacity is annually exceeded. She first learned of the project when she found strangers on her property who asserted their intent to create a road between the site and nearby Raymond Road. She has been in contact with the Town and the State about this project. N. Martin continued that the water will run downhill and that it will flood her land. She doesn't like the applicant's attempt to intimidate her. She has numerous questions about traffic and parking during construction among other items.

K. Bradley reminded everyone that the Commission can only consider the facts and application, which doesn't include personal offence or applicant behavior.

N. Martin requested a site walk to review the project and the many wildlife impacts.

K. Bradley clarified that all projects must control stormwater on-site and that no additional runoff or storm impact on her property is allowed.

N. Martin stated that there is confusion over the property lines and she would like time to review and retain a surveyor.

P. Grasewicz stated that they research clearly tied in the shown property lines with those of her parcel and Route 140. The property is over nine acres and actual pins were found at the front and back points of her property lines. The second team out there, as seen by N. Martin, was flagging the property line to ensure that there are no incursions onto her property.

P. Grasewicz confirmed A Manugian's assumption that a state curb cut permit will be needed.

A. Manugian reminded all present that without a DEP file number the hearing can not be closed.

D. Whitaker indicated no significant concerns.

M. Blanchard would like to continue so a site walk can take place.

D. Whitaker motioned to continue the hearing to 6:15pm on February 11, 2021. K. Wante seconded the motion and all present voted aye via roll call.

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Certificate of Compliance Requests

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566 Lakeview – Kameel Nasr (DEP #345-0710)

 A Manugian stated that this was a straightforward replacement of residential D-box and septic tank, which was done in accordance with the plans and approved by the Board of Health.
 K. Wante motioned to grant the certificate of compliance. D. Whitaker seconded the motion and all present voted aye via roll call.
 K. Bradley requested that A Manugian review their ability to have the agent issue these approvals in the

- West Street West Solar 2, LLC (DEP #345-0650)
 A Manugian outlined that that the project is completed with As-Builts. The work was done in conformance with the Order and additional plantings were placed at the request of the residential abutter.

 D. Whitaker motioned to grant the certificate of compliance. K. Wante seconded the motion and all present voted aye via roll call.
- 606 School St Warren Field (DEP #345-0644)
 A Manugian summarized the site review at this newly constructed single family home. The site looks good and she will monitor vegetation growth into the spring. The applicant knows that he will be responsible to re-seed if there are issues.

K. Wante motioned to grant the certificate of compliance. D. Whitaker seconded the motion and all present voted aye via roll call.

Enforcement Order - 16 Monomonac Road East - Philip White

A Manugian summarized that the owner had approached her regarding emergency tree removals for septic replacement. At that site visit two additional trees, one dead and one a 30' tall 'stump' were discussed for removal while the tree service was on-site. Both were more than 50' from the wetland and verbal permission was granted. A call came in late last week that tree(s) were being removed near the brook on-site. An Enforcement Order was issued to halt work following discussion with DEP. Request here is for the Commission to affirm that Enforcement Order.

D. Whitaker asked and received confirmation that this Order will not halt the septic work.

D. Whitaker motioned to affirm the Enforcement Order. K. Wante seconded the motion and all present voted aye via roll call.

16 Island Road – Ryan McCauley

An agenda item for preliminary discussion of possible project(s) at 16 Island Road was requested. No one is present to discuss.

Chair opened up for final public comments and other items from members. None were forthcoming.

K. Wante motioned to adjourn the meeting. D. Whitaker seconded the motion and all present voted aye via roll call.

The meeting was ended at 7:14pm by the Chair K Bradley.

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

Off West Street (east side); Assessor's Map 2, Lot 109

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:10 pm to consider the request filed by West Street 1 Solar, LLC on behalf of property owner Winchendon Ventures, LLC to Amend the Existing Order of Conditions (DEP 345-0649) to allow large boulders to be placed within the 100' wetland buffers at West Street; Assessor's Map 2, Lot 109 in conjunction with the 1.3MW DC Solar Array project. The meeting will be held via zoom unless it is safe to meet in the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

For additional information or to arrange accommodations please email amanugian@townofwinchendon.com.

REQUEST FOR AMENDED ORDER OF CONDITIONS

WEST STREET 1 SOLAR

West Street (East Side) Winchendon, Massachusetts

Prepared for:

West Street 1 Solar, LLC 101 Summer Street, 2nd Floor Boston MA 02110



BEALS + THOMAS BEALS AND THOMAS, INC. 32 Court Street Plymouth, MA 02360

Submitted in Compliance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw

December 14, 2020

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December 14, 2020

Alison Manugian, Conservation Agent Winchendon Conservation Commission 109 Front Street Winchendon, Massachusetts

Via: FedEx and Email to <u>amanugian@townofwinchendon.com</u>

Reference: Request for Amended Order of Conditions MassDEP File No. 345-0649 West Street 1 Solar West Street (East Side) <u>Winchendon, Massachusetts</u> B+T Project No. 2896.00

Dear Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Applicant, West Street 1 Solar, LLC, Beals and Thomas, Inc. respectfully submits this Request for Amended Order of Conditions for the West Street 1 Solar Project previously approved under the Order of Conditions dated October 26, 2017 (MassDEP File No. 345-0649).

This filing is submitted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL, Chapter 131, Section 40, and associated Regulations at 310 CMR 10.00 (collectively referred to as the Act) and the Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw (the Bylaw).

As you are aware, the approved work includes construction of a new 1.3-MW DC solar photovoltaic array on property located on the east side of West Street in Winchendon Massachusetts. The Applicant herein proposes to amend the approved plans to allow large boulders encountered during the construction of the array to be placed outside of the approved fence line but within the previously-approved limit of work along the northern and western sides of the array. This work is located within the 100-foot wetland buffer zone to the previously-delineated BVW-1 and B-series bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW). The boulders have already been placed within the buffer zone, and the adjacent area is stable. The acceptance of this amendment will not result in new or additional work proposed within the buffer zone. Please refer to the enclosed red-line exhibit that further depicts the proposed amendment.

As required, enclosed are two (2) copies of the completed Request as well as supporting plans. The following information is included for your review:

Alison Manugian, Conservation Agent Winchendon Conservation Commission December 14, 2020 Page 2

> Section 1.0: Abutter Information; Section 2.0: Exhibit

As required, a copy of this filing has been provided to the Central Regional Office of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$60.00 for the required filing fee. Pursuant to requirements of the Bylaw and Regulations, a list of abutters within 100 feet of the subject property is enclosed in Section 2.0. We understand that the Town of Winchendon is responsible for notifying abutters and placing the legal advertisement in the Gardner News, and that the Gardner News will bill the Applicant directly.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or require additional information, please contact us at (508) 366-0560. We thank you for your consideration of this Request and look forward to meeting with the Commission at the next available public hearing.

Very truly yours,

BEALS AND THOMAS, INC.

Eric J. Las, PE, LEED AP Principal

Enclosures

 cc: Winchendon Town Clerk (1 copy via email) MassDEP Central Regional Office (1 copy via Certified Mail and email) West Street 1 Solar, LLC (1 copy via email)

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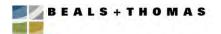


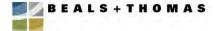
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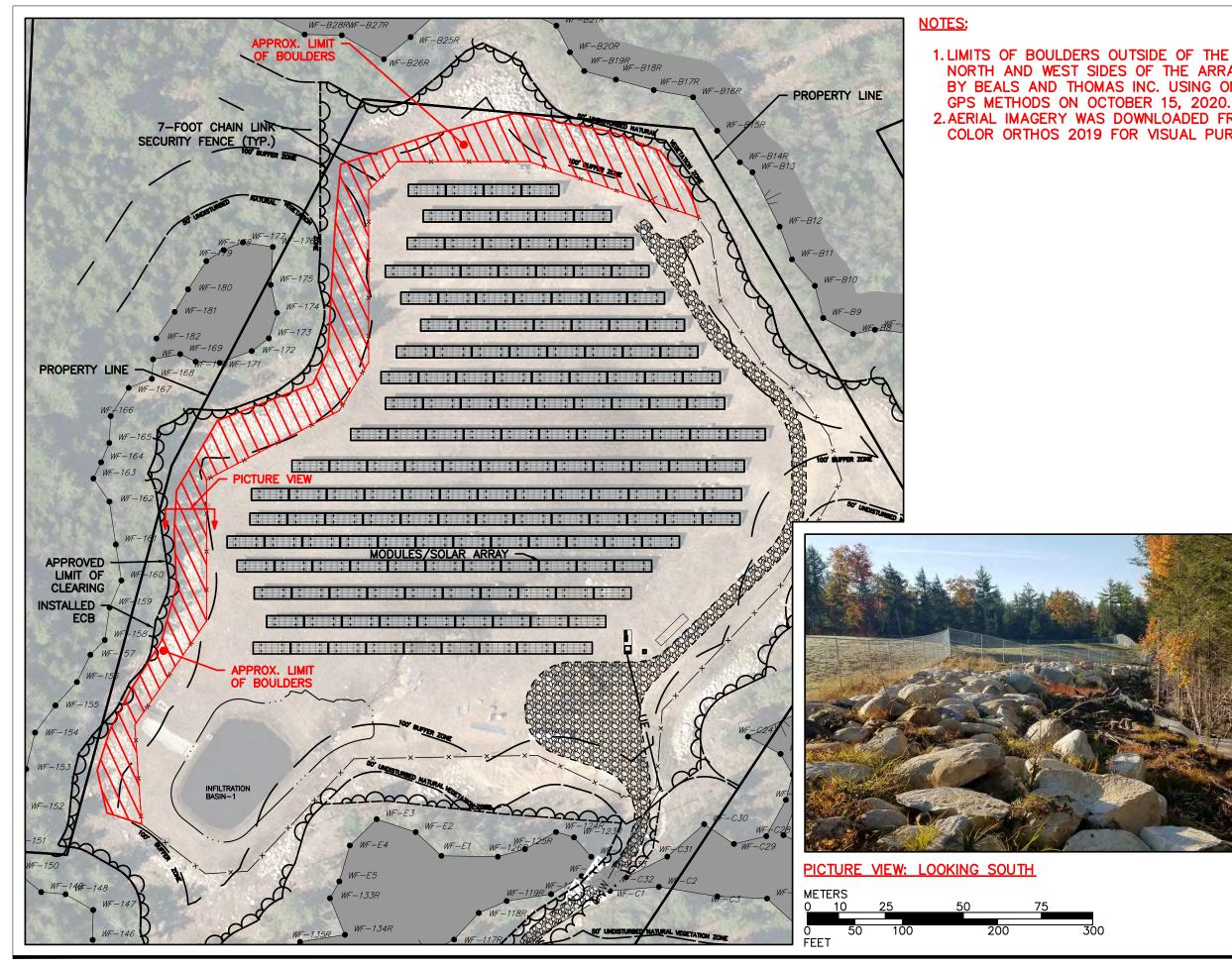
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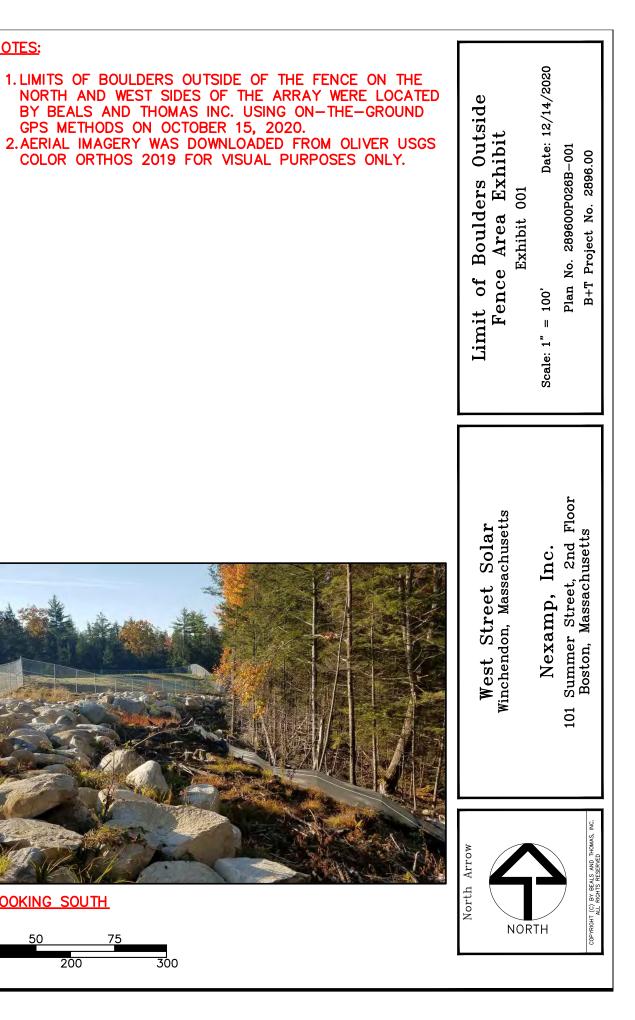
Section 2.0 Exhibit

Limit of Boulders Outside Fence Area Exhibit Prepared by Beals and Thomas, Inc. In 1 Page Dated December 14, 2020





BEALS AND THOMAS, INC.



Alison Manugian

From:	Nick Santangelo <nsantangelo@bealsandthomas.com></nsantangelo@bealsandthomas.com>
Sent:	Monday, December 21, 2020 2:20 PM
То:	Alison Manugian
Cc:	dmcewen@nexamp.com; kfike@nexamp.com; Mary Kate Schneeweis; Eric Las
Subject:	RE: Winchendon- Request for Amended Order of Conditions - West Street 1 Solar - DEP
	File No. 345-0649

Good afternoon Alison,

The Request for Amended Order of Conditions should have a minimal impact on the originally permitted and approved drainage patterns, habitat, and wildlife corridors. In B+T's opinion as the Engineer of Record, the Project was built in substantial compliance with the existing Order of Conditions. During the original design of the Project in 2017, the area outside of the fence was modeled as a Meadow cover type (CN 71) and under constructed conditions B+T would describe the cover type as Brush Fair (CN 70); which would yield no increase in stormwater runoff from the original approval to the constructed conditions.

The Project was designed and built with an 8" critter gap in the fence so as to maintain the existing wildlife corridor to the extent practicable. The current conditions of rocks and mixed woody/herbaceous vegetation around the fence are anticipated to provide specific wildlife habitat values and should not function as a significant or stressor to the travel corridor for species utilizing the site. Such habitat values include nesting and escape cover for small animals (within the crevasses between the rocks), basking areas for reptiles, and potential hunting and feeding areas for larger wildlife.

Removal of these rocks and existing vegetation would not only disturb the soils but would also be disruptive to wildlife currently utilizing this corridor. Soil disturbances resulting from the stone removal may result in downgradient erosion and sedimentation into wetland resource areas and would subsequently disturb the current habitat conditions. As such, leaving the stones in place through amending the Order of Conditions is not anticipated to adversely impact the statutory interests of the Wetlands Protection Act or Bylaw in relation to wildlife habitat.

Sincerely,

Nick Santangelo, EIT Civil Engineer-In-Training Beals + Thomas O: 508.366.0560

From: Alison Manugian <AManugian@townofwinchendon.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Mary Kate Schneeweis <mschneeweis@bealsandthomas.com>
Cc: dmcewen@nexamp.com; kfike@nexamp.com; Nick Santangelo <NSantangelo@bealsandthomas.com>
Subject: RE: Winchendon- Request for Amended Order of Conditions - West Street 1 Solar - DEP File No. 345-0649

I have received the email submission and will move forward with scheduling and notices.

I think it will be helpful for the Commission to have an explanation of the impacts this requested change will have on drainage patterns and wildlife. Can that be submitted for their review in advance of the meeting on 1/14?

Thank you, Alison

Alison Manugian

From: Sent: To: Subject: Sarah Monfreda <samonfreda@gmail.com> Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:55 AM Alison Manugian West Solar 1

Alison,

Could you please forward the below email to the other members of the conservation board? Also, I would like to drop off an envelope of photographs for each board member and for you. Would it be possible to do that today and for you to facilitate getting them to the other board members? I know we are getting down to the wire because the meeting is Thursday. Thank you for your help!

Sarah

To the Members of the Town of Winchendon Conservation Commission,

My name is Sarah Monfreda and I am reaching out to you regarding the West Street Solar 1 Project, and their request to amend their original order of conditions. I apologize in advance for the length of this email but, I feel the issue is important and I wanted to reach out to you to express my opinion on what is going on with this project.

As you may or may not know, I own conservation land (75.5 acres) that surrounds the West Street Solar 1 project. Back in approximately March of 2019 I became aware that there was a tremendous amount of construction debris dumped within the 100-foot buffer zone on my property, and many areas surrounding the NEXAMP project. At that time I reached out directly to the property owner, Winchendon Ventures (David Jensen), and also to Nexamp (Alan Clapp) to discuss and attempt to resolve the issue. After meeting in person with Mr Jensen and Mr Clapp at the solar site, Mr. Clapp informed me that he could dump and leave the construction debris, consisting primarily of boulders, in the buffer zone and my property. He suggested I contact the town who would inform me of the same. I spent a significant amount of time researching the issue. One of the documents I reviewed was the original Order of Conditions, dated 10/26/2017 agreed to by Nexamp and the Winchendon Conservation office. Reading it, it seemed pretty clear to me that it expressly prohibits leaving construction debris in the wetland buffer zone. In July 2019 there was a conservation meeting discussing the issue but nothing was resolved during that meeting. Since that time I have been in contact with the conservation agents, both David Koonce and now Alison Manugian to express my concerns about the extensive filling in of the wetland buffer zone around the solar project.

I have serious concerns about a new request to amend/modify the present Order of Conditions. NEXAMP, on behalf of Winchendon Ventures, is asking for an amendment, after they have nearly completely filled in the buffer zone with a tremendous amount of construction debris. Construction debris that the order of condition strictly prohibited, and no effort has been made to remove it in over almost 2 years. This solar field was essentially built on an "island" of land surrounded by wetlands. During public hearings we were assured that they would use care when it came to the wetlands. These piles of boulders have been placed in the buffer zone inside the ECB on more than 50% of the perimeter of the solar field itself.

It should be noted that the map included with NEXAMP's request for modification is inaccurate as it does reflect all of the areas where they have placed these large piles of boulders in the buffer zone. There is at least one additional area on my property where they have placed them that is not shown on their plan.

The amendment they are requesting is not for a small area of change, or for a few boulders here and there. There is a massive area in the wetland buffer zone that has been filled in. Many of the piles of boulders in the wetland area buffer zone are stacked 10 to 30 feet high. To me, this appears to be in significant violation of the original Order of Conditions. Specifically:

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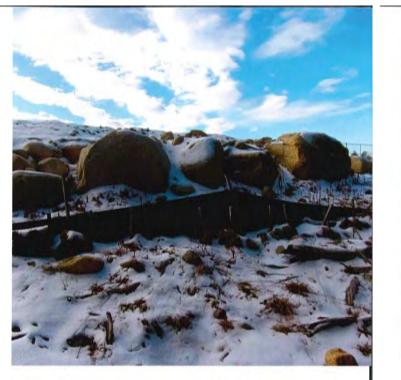


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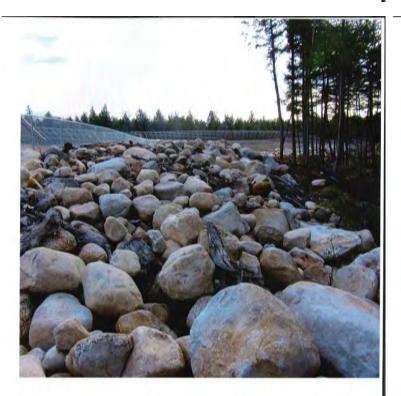


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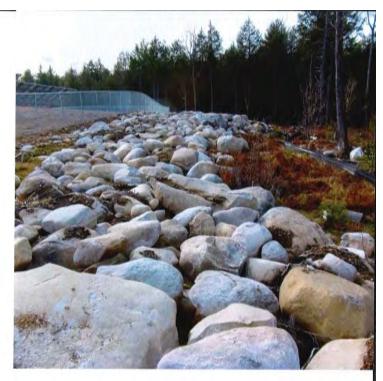


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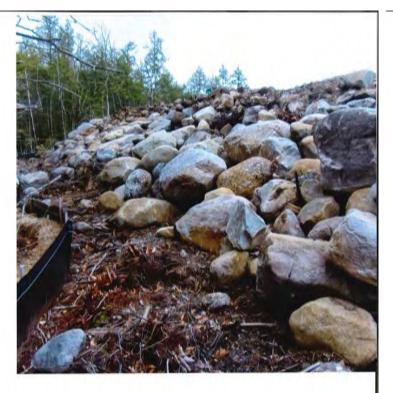


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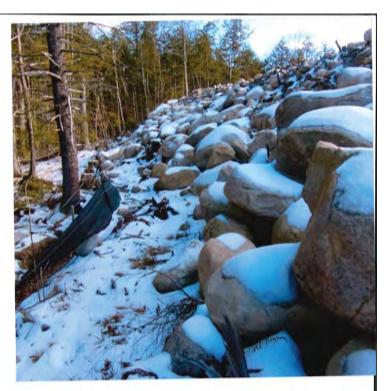


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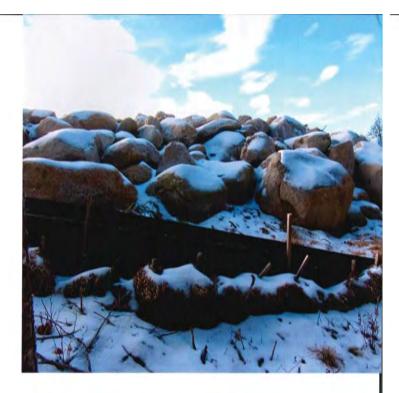




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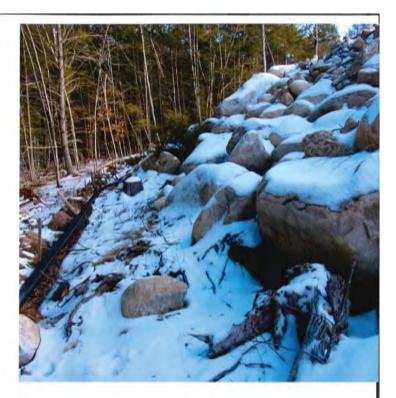
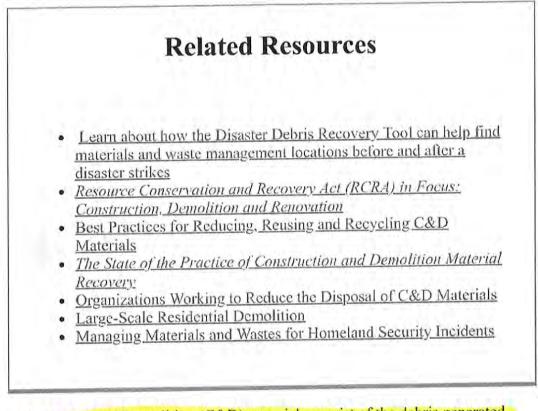


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On this page:

- What Are C&D Materials?
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Sustainable Management of Construction and Demolition Materials | Sustainable Materials Management | US EPA

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C&D materials often contain bulky, heavy materials such as:

- Concrete
- Wood (from buildings)
- · Asphalt (from roads and roofing shingles)
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- Metals
- Bricks
- Glass
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C&D Materials in America

C&D materials constitute a significant waste stream in the United States. These various C&D materials can be diverted from disposal and managed into new productive uses.

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- State Specific Information on C&D Materials
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Alison Manugian

From: Sent: To: Subject: Sarah Monfreda <samonfreda@gmail.com> Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:55 AM Alison Manugian West Solar 1

Alison,

Could you please forward the below email to the other members of the conservation board? Also, I would like to drop off an envelope of photographs for each board member and for you. Would it be possible to do that today and for you to facilitate getting them to the other board members? I know we are getting down to the wire because the meeting is Thursday. Thank you for your help!

Sarah

To the Members of the Town of Winchendon Conservation Commission,

My name is Sarah Monfreda and I am reaching out to you regarding the West Street Solar 1 Project, and their request to amend their original order of conditions. I apologize in advance for the length of this email but, I feel the issue is important and I wanted to reach out to you to express my opinion on what is going on with this project.

As you may or may not know, I own conservation land (75.5 acres) that surrounds the West Street Solar 1 project. Back in approximately March of 2019 I became aware that there was a tremendous amount of construction debris dumped within the 100-foot buffer zone on my property, and many areas surrounding the NEXAMP project. At that time I reached out directly to the property owner, Winchendon Ventures (David Jensen), and also to Nexamp (Alan Clapp) to discuss and attempt to resolve the issue. After meeting in person with Mr Jensen and Mr Clapp at the solar site, Mr. Clapp informed me that he could dump and leave the construction debris, consisting primarily of boulders, in the buffer zone and my property. He suggested I contact the town who would inform me of the same. I spent a significant amount of time researching the issue. One of the documents I reviewed was the original Order of Conditions, dated 10/26/2017 agreed to by Nexamp and the Winchendon Conservation office. Reading it, it seemed pretty clear to me that it expressly prohibits leaving construction debris in the wetland buffer zone. In July 2019 there was a conservation meeting discussing the issue but nothing was resolved during that meeting. Since that time I have been in contact with the conservation agents, both David Koonce and now Alison Manugian to express my concerns about the extensive filling in of the wetland buffer zone around the solar project.

I have serious concerns about a new request to amend/modify the present Order of Conditions. NEXAMP, on behalf of Winchendon Ventures, is asking for an amendment, after they have nearly completely filled in the buffer zone with a tremendous amount of construction debris. Construction debris that the order of condition strictly prohibited, and no effort has been made to remove it in over almost 2 years. This solar field was essentially built on an "island" of land surrounded by wetlands. During public hearings we were assured that they would use care when it came to the wetlands. These piles of boulders have been placed in the buffer zone inside the ECB on more than 50% of the perimeter of the solar field itself.

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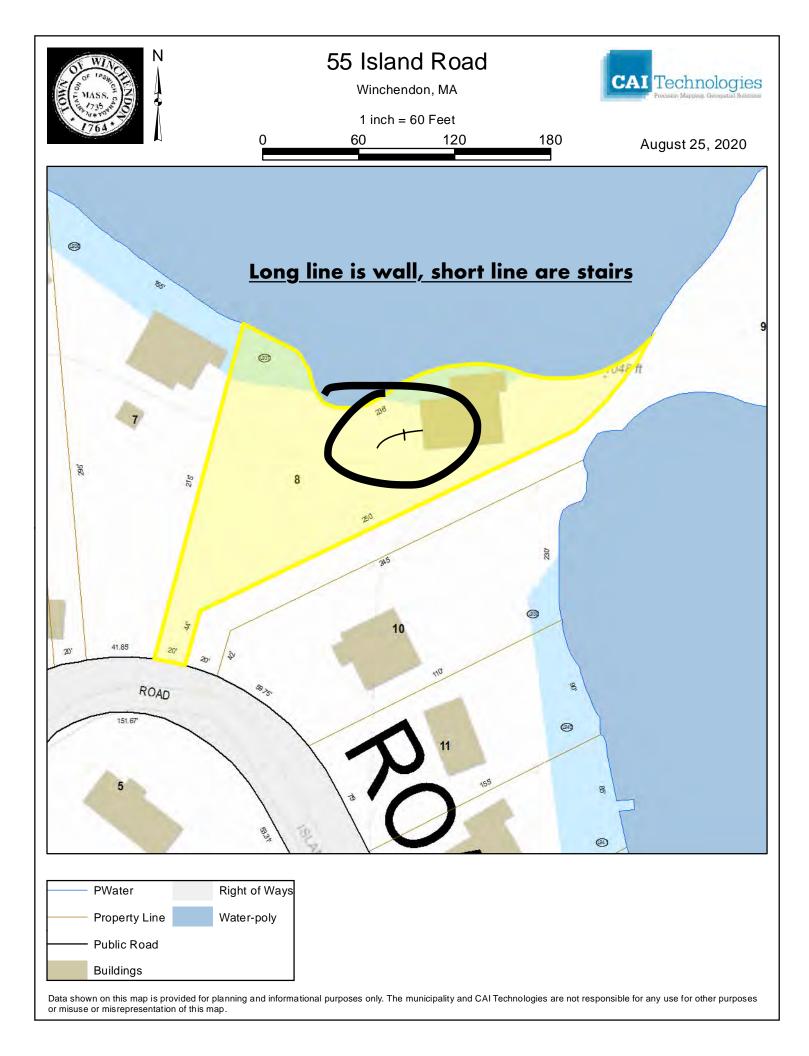
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If this is a notice of public hearing or project application you have the right to attend the hearing and participate.

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January 7, 2021



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

Provided by MassDEP:

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Important: When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



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A. General Information (continued)

6. General Project Description:

We are proposing the construction of an access drive for forestry purposes through the buffer of a wetland.

7a. Project Type Checklist: (Limited Project Types see Section A. 7b.)

1.	Single Family Home	2.	Residential Subdivision
3.	Commercial/Industrial	4.	Dock/Pier
5.	Utilities	6.	Coastal engineering Structure

- 7. Agriculture (e.g., cranberries, forestry)
- 9. 🗌 Other
- 7b. Is any portion of the proposed activity eligible to be treated as a limited project (including Ecological Restoration Limited Project) subject to 310 CMR 10.24 (coastal) or 310 CMR 10.53 (inland)?

1. 🗌 Yes	If yes, describe which limited project applies to this project. (See 310 CMR
	10.24 and 10.53 for a complete list and description of limited project types)

8. Transportation

2. Limited Project Type

If the proposed activity is eligible to be treated as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project (310 CMR10.24(8), 310 CMR 10.53(4)), complete and attach Appendix A: Ecological Restoration Limited Project Checklist and Signed Certification.

8. Property recorded at the Registry of Deeds for:

Worcester	
a. County	b. Certificate # (if registered land)
23081	127
c. Book	d. Page Number

B. Buffer Zone & Resource Area Impacts (temporary & permanent)

- 1. Buffer Zone Only Check if the project is located only in the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Inland Bank, or Coastal Resource Area.
- 2. Inland Resource Areas (see 310 CMR 10.54-10.58; if not applicable, go to Section B.3, Coastal Resource Areas).

Check all that apply below. Attach narrative and any supporting documentation describing how the project will meet all performance standards for each of the resource areas altered, including standards requiring consideration of alternative project design or location.

GRAZ Engineering, LLC

 323 West Lake Road • Fitzwilliam, NH
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Stormwater Report for Forestry Access Plan Notice of Intent Filing Map-12 Lot-8; Gardner Road; Winchendon, MA

- Applicant: Barkley Enterprises, LLC 1032 NH Route-119; Rindge, NH 03461 978-888-8407
- Engineer: GRAZ Engineering, LLC 323 West Lake Road; Fitzwilliam, NH 03447

The proposed work shown on the attached plan is an interim site plan to provide site access to the lot for cutting/logging. The final use and detailed site plans related to said use have not been determined. Therefore, the proposed low impact stormwater facilities shown on the plan are interim measures to collect the stormwater runoff, treat it and release it at a reduced rate, should the site remain in the post-logging/ pre-development stage for any length of time. Long-term pollution is not applicable as this application relates only to the logging operation. There are no proposed structures or impervious surfaces. Several of the stormwater standards and measures are not applicable (as noted on the forms) as these will need to be addressed upon the filing of a new Notice of Intent once a new site plan is developed for a proposed use.

The Forester/Logger shall be responsible for prevention of any illicit discharges during the logging operation as required by state forestry & BMP practices.

The current land-owner (applicant) shall be responsible for site preparation, construction, inspection and maintenance of the stormwater facilities. The stormwater elements require inspection and maintenance as noted in the enclosed Stormwater Inspection & Maintenance Manual.

Gardner Road Forestry Access Plan

Map-12, Parcel-8 Gardner Road Winchendon, Massachusetts

Stormwater Inspection & Maintenance Manual

January 6, 2021

Responsible Parties

The stormwater management system shall be operated and maintained by the Owner, Jamison VanDyke, during construction (logging) and until such time as the property is sold or a new Order of Conditions and stormwater site plan is in plan. Any subsequent owner shall be responsible for the requirements described herein.

Short Term Maintenance

During construction, all site runoff shall be routed through permanent drainage facilities where available. Temporary sediment basins shall be constructed to control disturbed area runoff where the permanent system is not in place. The controls shall be constructed and maintained to minimize erosion and sediment transport.

Inspection and Long Term Maintenance

See the following sections for the stormwater elements:

- Filter Bed
- Grassed Treatment Swale
- Sediment Forebay
- Detention Basin

In addition to the individual sheets, a "Stormwater Construction Site Inspection Report" is enclosed which should also be filled out for each periodic site inspection.

Erosion Control

As defined on the plans and the Town of Winchendon Regulation, sedimentation and erosion controls must be installed prior to commencement of construction. Maintenance of the sedimentation and erosion controls during construction shall be by the owner. All sedimentation and erosion controls must be monitored regularly and shall be replaced /repaired as necessary. Fill out Inspection sheet 'E' for general erosion control inspections

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In BMP Column, click on Blue Cell to Activate Drop Down Menu

2. Select BMP from Drop Down Menu

3. After BMP is selected, TSS Removal and other Columns are automatically completed.

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	BMP ¹	Rate ¹	Load*	Removed (C*D)	Load (D-E)
leet	Grass Channel	0.50	1.00	0.50	0.50
moval Worksheet	Sediment Forebay	0.25	0.50	0.13	0.38
TSS Removal Calculation Works	Extended Dry Detention Basin	0.50	0.38	0.19	0.19
		0.00	0.19	0.00	0.19
Cal		0.00	0.19	0.00	0.19
Total TSS Removal =			81%	Separate Form Needs to be Completed for Each Outlet or BMP Train	
Project: Gardner Road Forestry Access				_	
	Prepared By: Paul Grasewicz			*Equals remaining load from	n previous BMP (E)
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Non-automated TSS Calculation Sheet must be used if Proprietary BMP Proposed 1. From MassDEP Stormwater Handbook Vol. 1 V

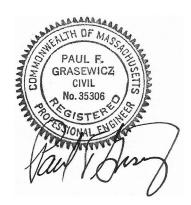
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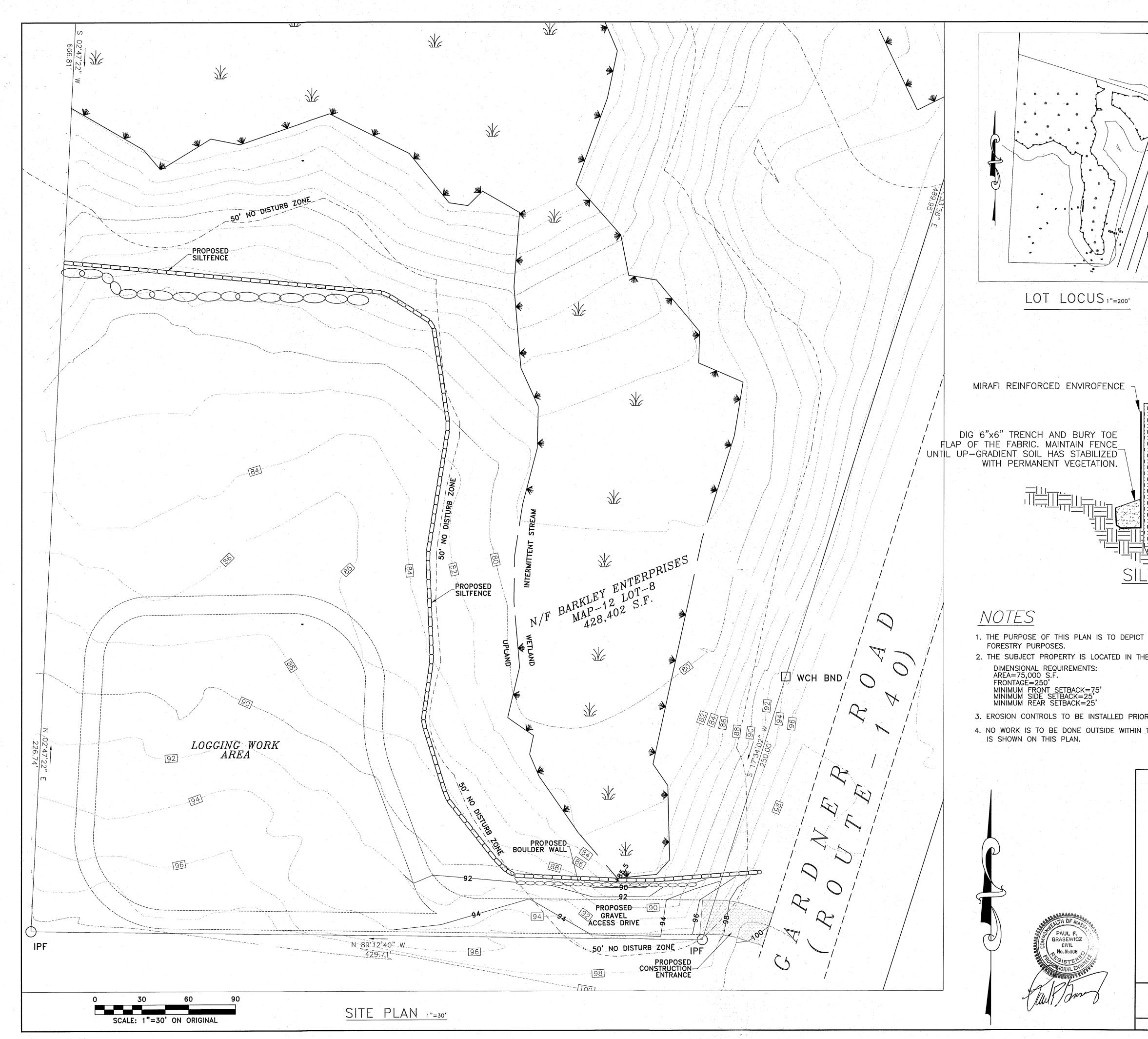
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Barkley Enterprises Forestry Access Site Plan Stormwater Hydrology Summary

Stormwater management facilities were designed to mitigate stormwater runoff in the proposed interim site development conditions (logging) to attenuate the 2 year and 10 years storms in accordance with the Mass Stormwater Regulations. The NRCS soil report data indicates that the site soils are hydrological group-C. The 100 year storm was slightly higher than pre-development, however, the increase in volume is a mere 0.041 acre-feet. Not only would the peak increase be unnoticeable, but the small volume would be undetectable in the large swamp on the north side of this property. The peak rates of runoff (in 'cfs') are compared as follows:

	<u>2 year</u>	10 year	<u>100 year</u>
Pre (Reach-1R):	1.88	4.76	12.94
Post (Reach-1R):	1.08	4.48	13.99



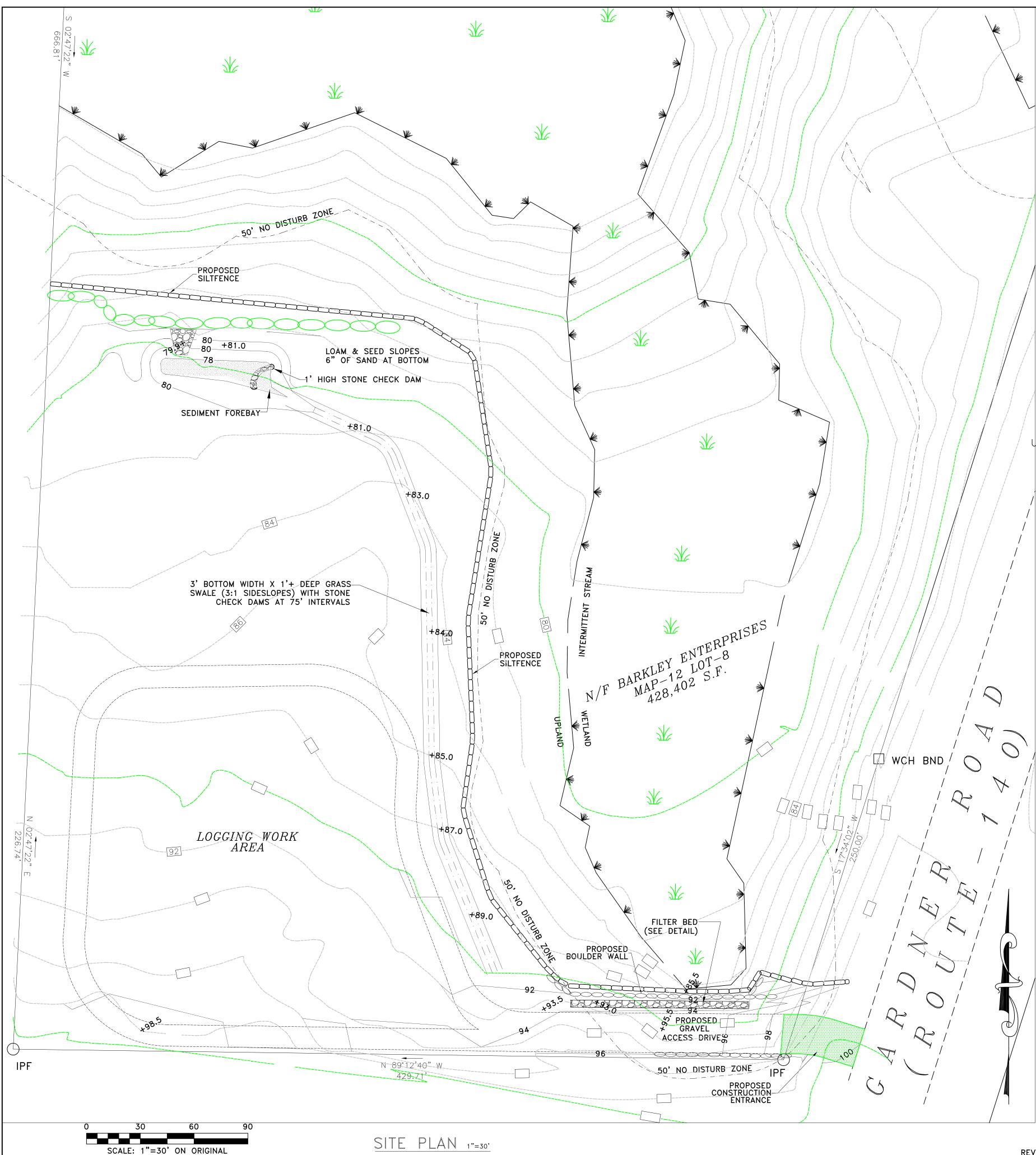


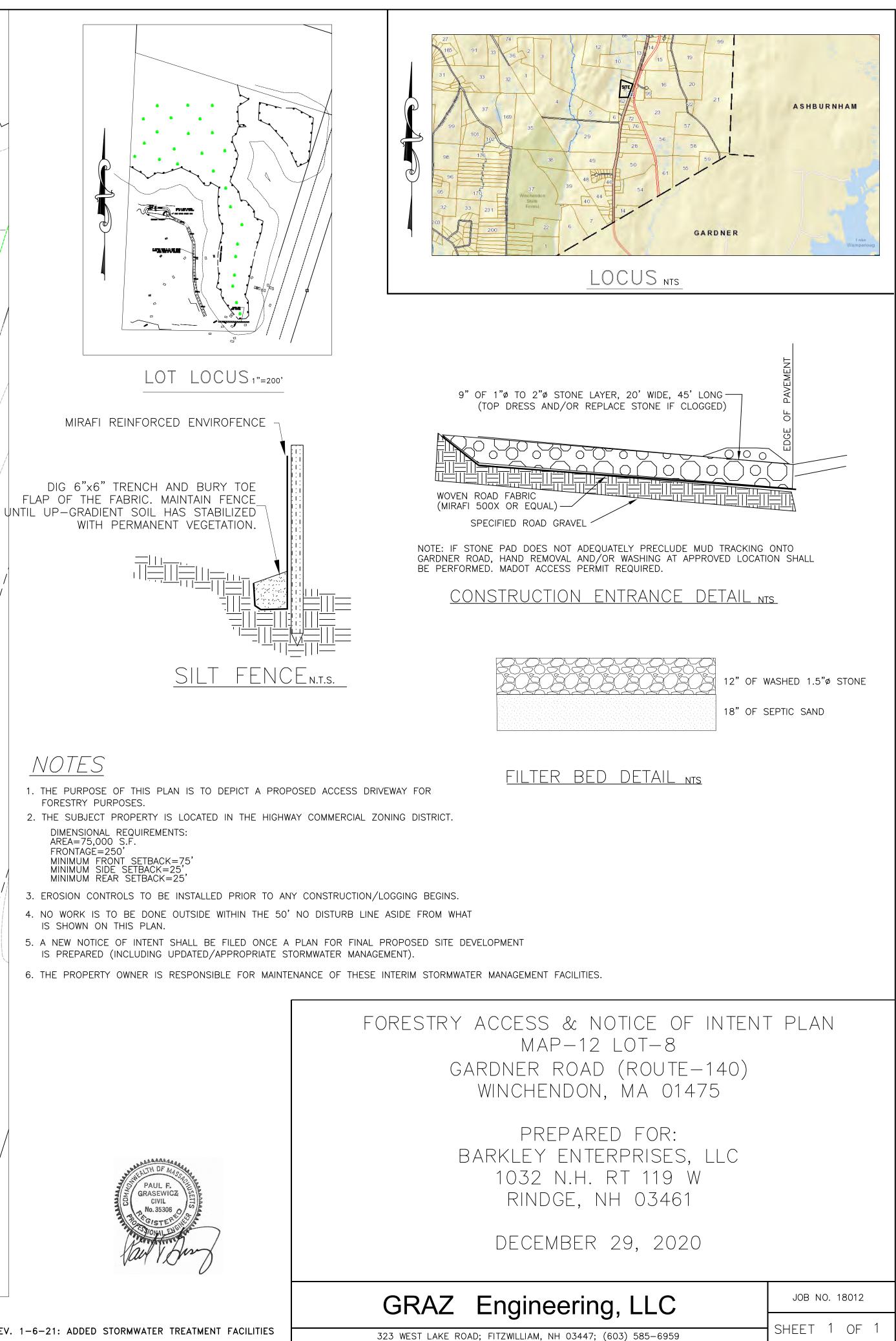
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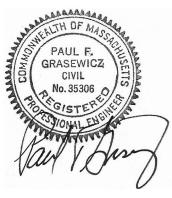




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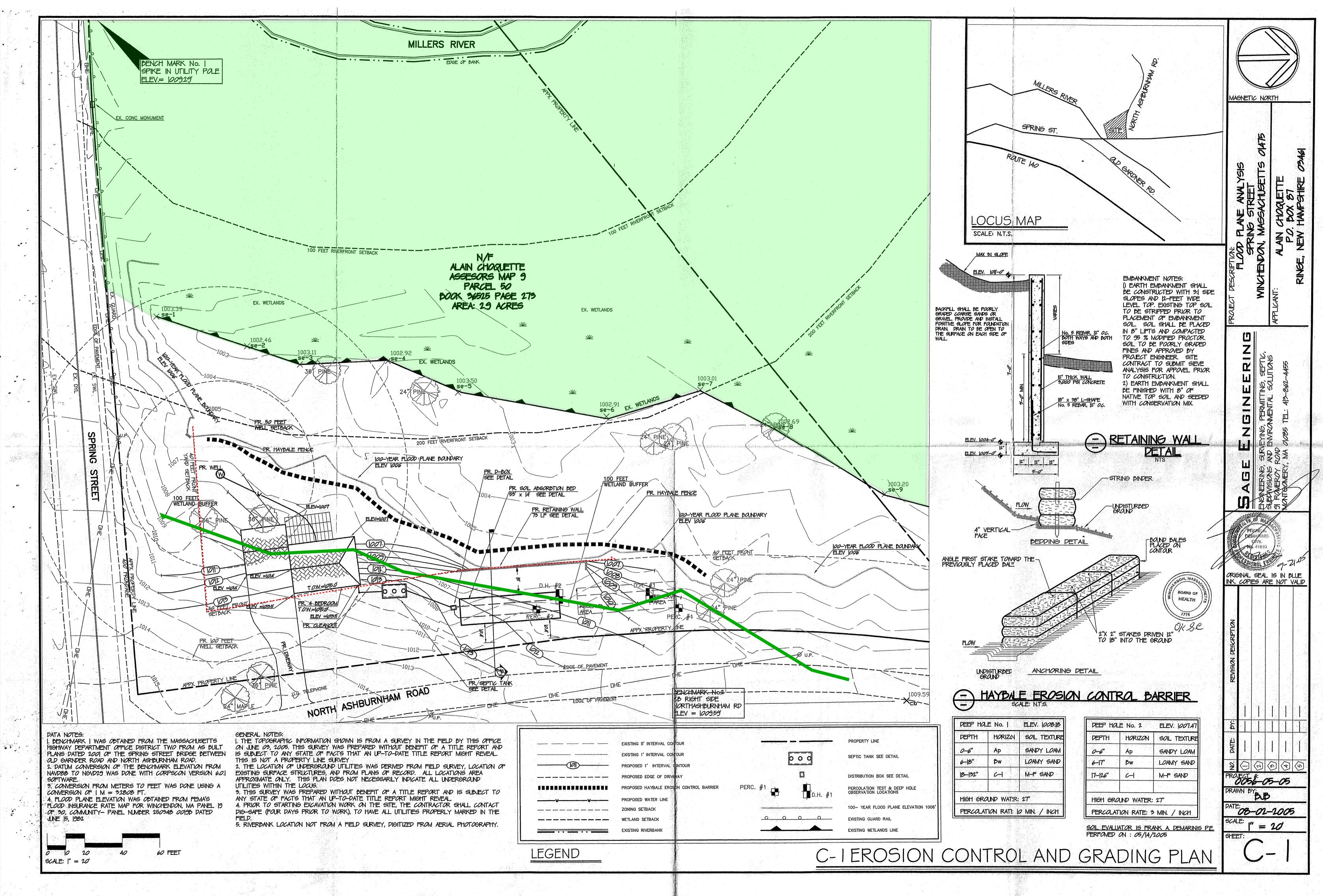
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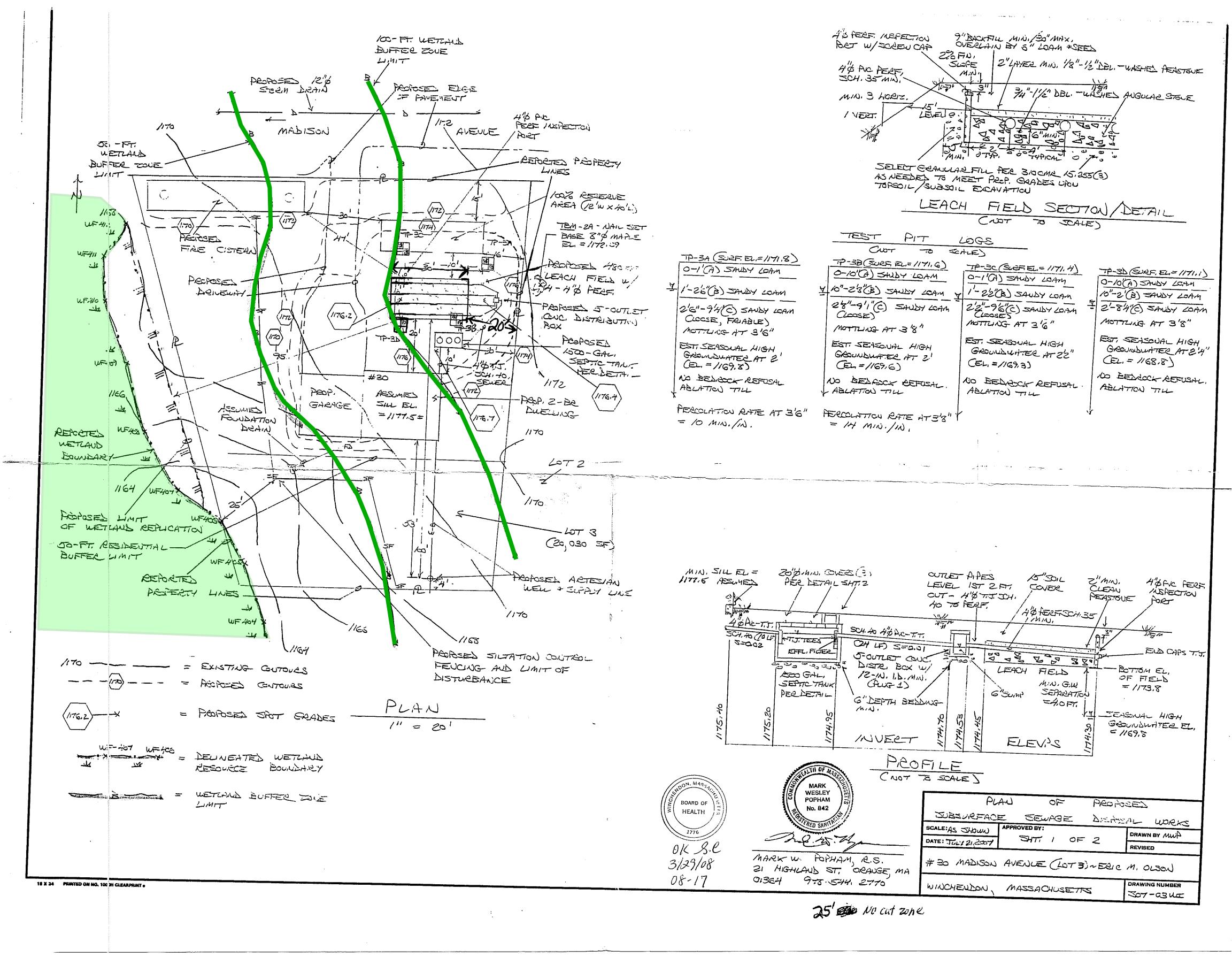
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 11 at 6:20 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by Jamison VanDyke of Barkley Enterprises for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 16 North Ashburnham Road, Assessor's Map 9, Lot 50. The proposed work includes construction of a single family home with related grading, septic system and well between 50' and 100' from the wetland. The hearing will be held remotely via www.zoom.com with meeting information posted on the agenda at least 48 hours in advance. Alternative translation and accommodation for disabled persons is available by advance request.

For additional information email <u>amanugian@townofwinchendon.com</u>.



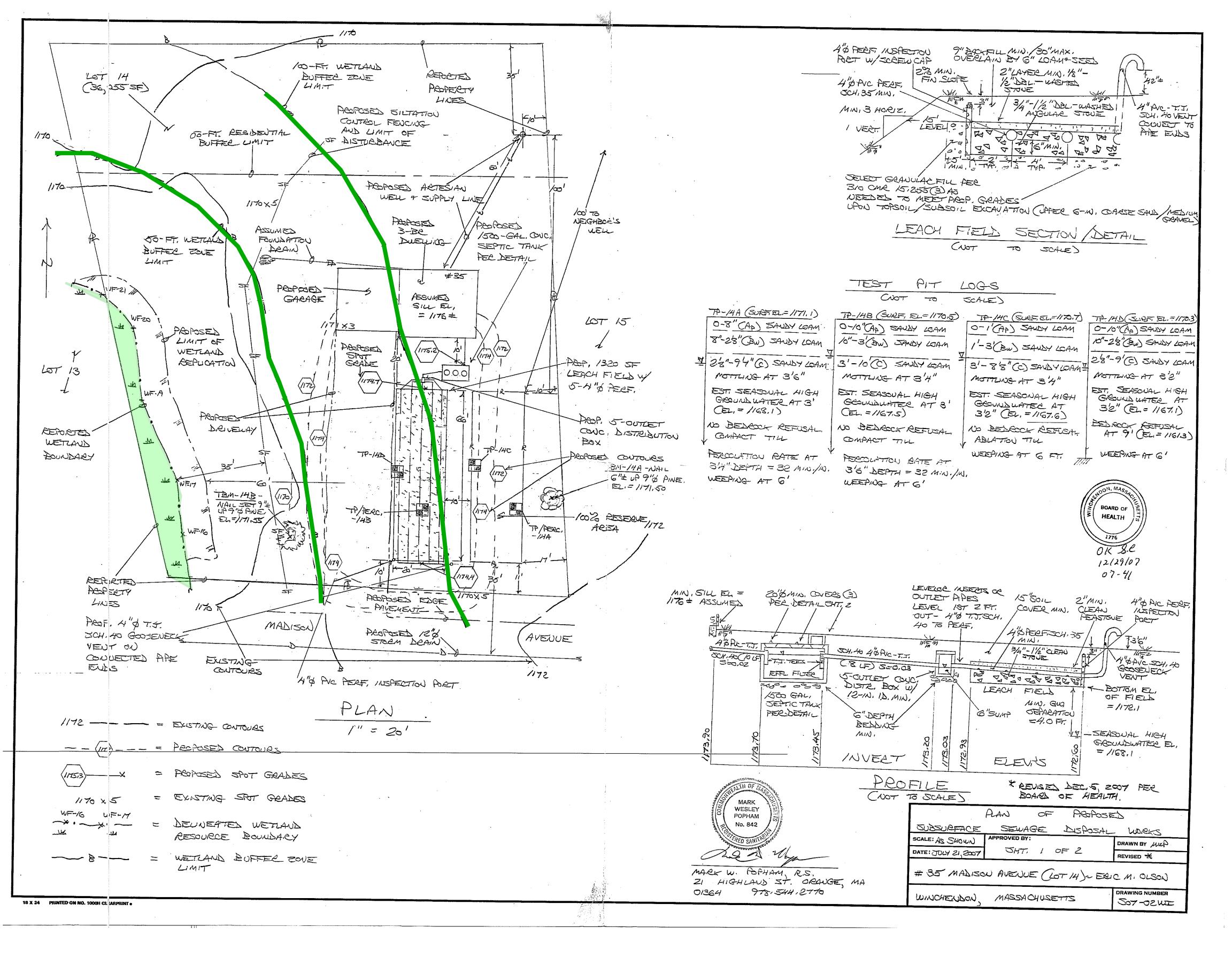
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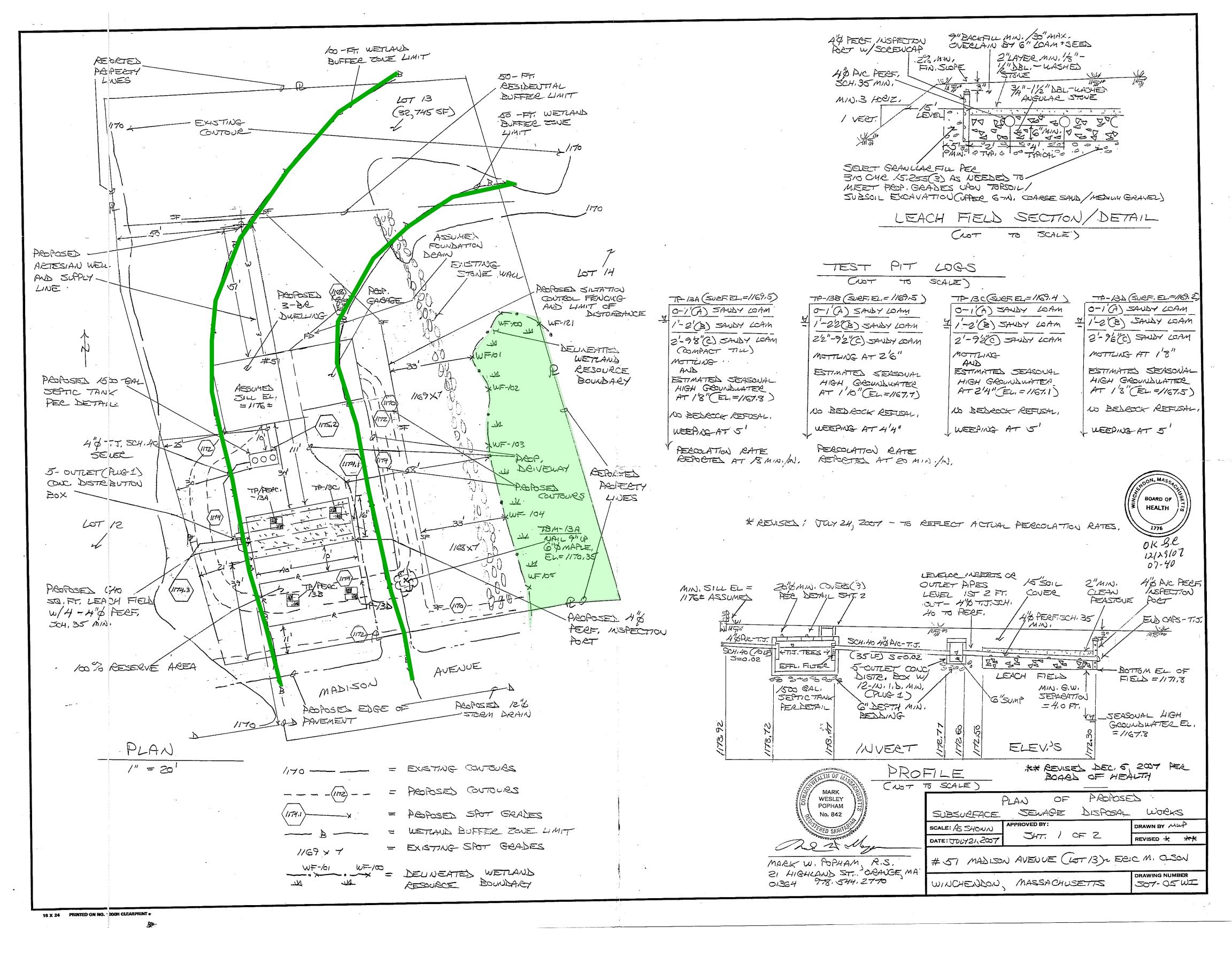
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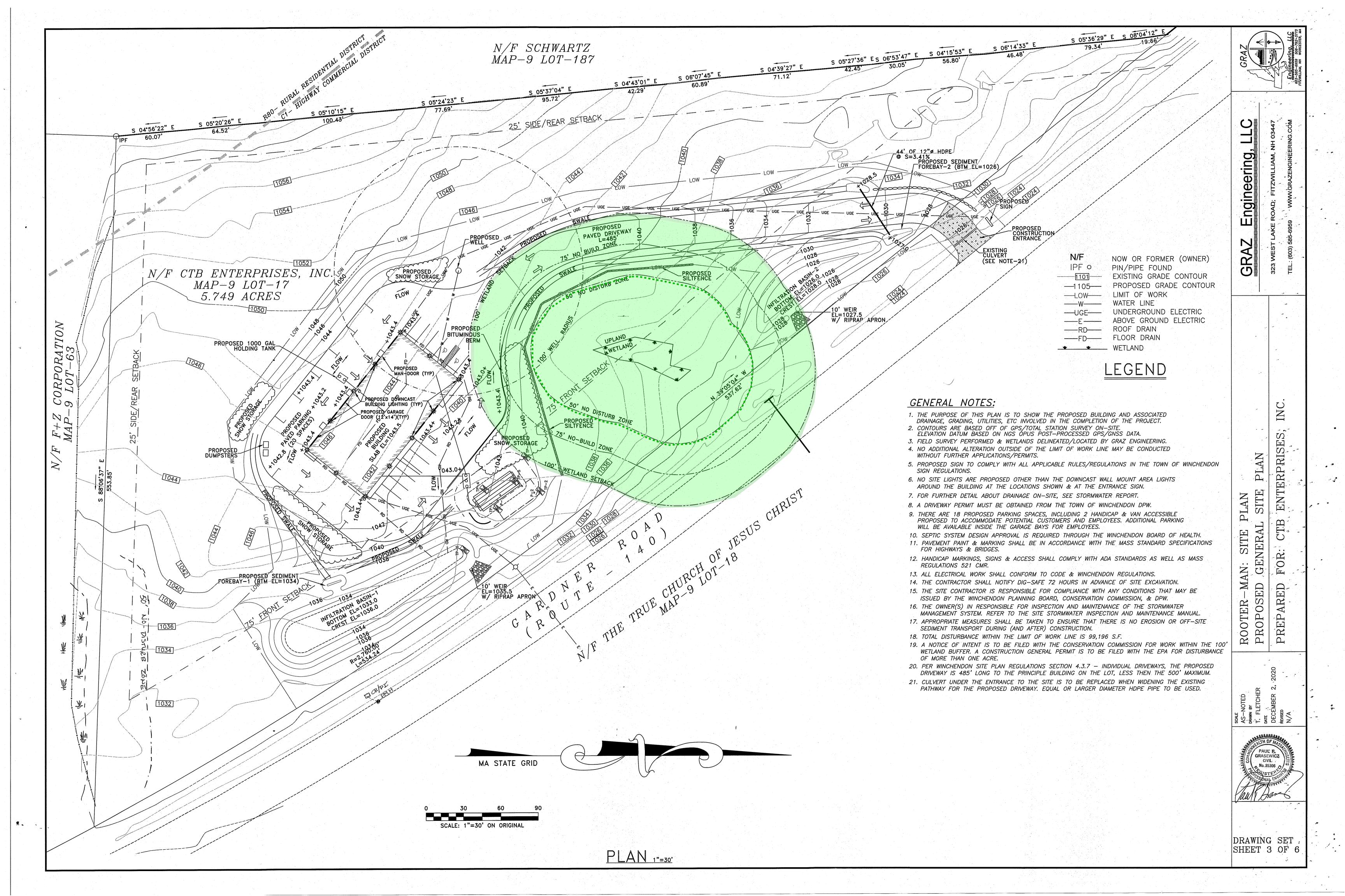
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STORMWATER REPORT

Map-9 Lot-17 Gardner Road Winchendon, Massachusetts

January 26, 2021



PREPARED FOR:

CTB Enterprises, Inc.

236 Stowell Rd. Ashburnham, MA 01430



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands Program Checklist for Stormwater Report

A. Introduction

Important: When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



A Stormwater Report must be submitted with the Notice of Intent permit application to document compliance with the Stormwater Management Standards. The following checklist is NOT a substitute for the Stormwater Report (which should provide more substantive and detailed information) but is offered here as a tool to help the applicant organize their Stormwater Management documentation for their Report and for the reviewer to assess this information in a consistent format. As noted in the Checklist, the Stormwater Report must contain the engineering computations and supporting information set forth in Volume 3 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook. The Stormwater Report must be prepared and certified by a Registered Professional Engineer (RPE) licensed in the Commonwealth.

The Stormwater Report must include:

- The Stormwater Checklist completed and stamped by a Registered Professional Engineer (see page 2) that certifies that the Stormwater Report contains all required submittals.¹ This Checklist is to be used as the cover for the completed Stormwater Report.
- Applicant/Project Name
- Project Address
- Name of Firm and Registered Professional Engineer that prepared the Report
- Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan required by Standards 4-6
- Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan required by Standard 8²
- Operation and Maintenance Plan required by Standard 9

In addition to all plans and supporting information, the Stormwater Report must include a brief narrative describing stormwater management practices, including environmentally sensitive site design and LID techniques, along with a diagram depicting runoff through the proposed BMP treatment train. Plans are required to show existing and proposed conditions, identify all wetland resource areas, NRCS soil types, critical areas, Land Uses with Higher Potential Pollutant Loads (LUHPPL), and any areas on the site where infiltration rate is greater than 2.4 inches per hour. The Plans shall identify the drainage areas for both existing and proposed conditions at a scale that enables verification of supporting calculations.

As noted in the Checklist, the Stormwater Management Report shall document compliance with each of the Stormwater Management Standards as provided in the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook. The soils evaluation and calculations shall be done using the methodologies set forth in Volume 3 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook.

To ensure that the Stormwater Report is complete, applicants are required to fill in the Stormwater Report Checklist by checking the box to indicate that the specified information has been included in the Stormwater Report. If any of the information specified in the checklist has not been submitted, the applicant must provide an explanation. The completed Stormwater Report Checklist and Certification must be submitted with the Stormwater Report.

¹ The Stormwater Report may also include the Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement required by Standard 10. If not included in the Stormwater Report, the Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement must be submitted prior to the discharge of stormwater runoff to the post-construction best management practices.

² For some complex projects, it may not be possible to include the Construction Period Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan in the Stormwater Report. In that event, the issuing authority has the discretion to issue an Order of Conditions that approves the project and includes a condition requiring the proponent to submit the Construction Period Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan before commencing any land disturbance activity on the site.



B. Stormwater Checklist and Certification

The following checklist is intended to serve as a guide for applicants as to the elements that ordinarily need to be addressed in a complete Stormwater Report. The checklist is also intended to provide conservation commissions and other reviewing authorities with a summary of the components necessary for a comprehensive Stormwater Report that addresses the ten Stormwater Standards.

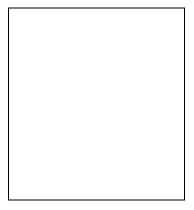
Note: Because stormwater requirements vary from project to project, it is possible that a complete Stormwater Report may not include information on some of the subjects specified in the Checklist. If it is determined that a specific item does not apply to the project under review, please note that the item is not applicable (N.A.) and provide the reasons for that determination.

A complete checklist must include the Certification set forth below signed by the Registered Professional Engineer who prepared the Stormwater Report.

Registered Professional Engineer's Certification

I have reviewed the Stormwater Report, including the soil evaluation, computations, Long-term Pollution Prevention Plan, the Construction Period Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan (if included), the Long-term Post-Construction Operation and Maintenance Plan, the Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement (if included) and the plans showing the stormwater management system, and have determined that they have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Stormwater Management Standards as further elaborated by the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook. I have also determined that the information presented in the Stormwater Checklist is accurate and that the information presented in the Stormwater Report accurately reflects conditions at the site as of the date of this permit application.

Registered Professional Engineer Block and Signature

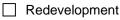


Signature and Date

Checklist

Project Type: Is the application for new development, redevelopment, or a mix of new and redevelopment?

New development



Mix of New Development and Redevelopment



LID Measures: Stormwater Standards require LID measures to be considered. Document what environmentally sensitive design and LID Techniques were considered during the planning and design of the project:

\boxtimes	No disturbance to any Wetland Resource Areas
	Site Design Practices (e.g. clustered development, reduced frontage setbacks)
	Reduced Impervious Area (Redevelopment Only)
	Minimizing disturbance to existing trees and shrubs
	LID Site Design Credit Requested:
	Credit 1
	Credit 2
	Credit 3
	Use of "country drainage" versus curb and gutter conveyance and pipe
	Bioretention Cells (includes Rain Gardens)
	Constructed Stormwater Wetlands (includes Gravel Wetlands designs)
	Treebox Filter
	Water Quality Swale
	Grass Channel
	Green Roof
	Other (describe):

Standard 1: No New Untreated Discharges

- No new untreated discharges
- Outlets have been designed so there is no erosion or scour to wetlands and waters of the Commonwealth
- Supporting calculations specified in Volume 3 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook included.



Standard 2: Peak Rate Attenuation

- Standard 2 waiver requested because the project is located in land subject to coastal storm flowage and stormwater discharge is to a wetland subject to coastal flooding.
- Evaluation provided to determine whether off-site flooding increases during the 100-year 24-hour storm.

Calculations provided to show that post-development peak discharge rates do not exceed predevelopment rates for the 2-year and 10-year 24-hour storms. If evaluation shows that off-site flooding increases during the 100-year 24-hour storm, calculations are also provided to show that post-development peak discharge rates do not exceed pre-development rates for the 100-year 24hour storm.

Standard 3: Recharge

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- Required Recharge Volume calculation provided.
- Required Recharge volume reduced through use of the LID site Design Credits.
- Sizing the infiltration, BMPs is based on the following method: Check the method used.

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Dynamic Field¹

- Runoff from all impervious areas at the site discharging to the infiltration BMP.
- Runoff from all impervious areas at the site is *not* discharging to the infiltration BMP and calculations are provided showing that the drainage area contributing runoff to the infiltration BMPs is sufficient to generate the required recharge volume.

\mathbf{X}	Recharge BM	Ps have been :	sized to infiltrate	the Required Re	echarge Volume.
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- Recharge BMPs have been sized to infiltrate the Required Recharge Volume *only* to the maximum extent practicable for the following reason:
 - Site is comprised solely of C and D soils and/or bedrock at the land surface
 - M.G.L. c. 21E sites pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0000
 - Solid Waste Landfill pursuant to 310 CMR 19.000
 - Project is otherwise subject to Stormwater Management Standards only to the maximum extent practicable.
- Calculations showing that the infiltration BMPs will drain in 72 hours are provided.
- Property includes a M.G.L. c. 21E site or a solid waste landfill and a mounding analysis is included.

¹ 80% TSS removal is required prior to discharge to infiltration BMP if Dynamic Field method is used.



Standard 3: Recharge (continued)

The infiltration BMP is used to attenuate peak flows during storms greater than or equal to the 10year 24-hour storm and separation to seasonal high groundwater is less than 4 feet and a mounding analysis is provided.

Documentation is provided showing that infiltration BMPs do not adversely impact nearby wetland resource areas.

Standard 4: Water Quality

The Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan typically includes the following:

- Good housekeeping practices;
- Provisions for storing materials and waste products inside or under cover;
- Vehicle washing controls;
- Requirements for routine inspections and maintenance of stormwater BMPs;
- Spill prevention and response plans;
- Provisions for maintenance of lawns, gardens, and other landscaped areas;
- Requirements for storage and use of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides;
- Pet waste management provisions;
- Provisions for operation and management of septic systems;
- Provisions for solid waste management;
- Snow disposal and plowing plans relative to Wetland Resource Areas;
- Winter Road Salt and/or Sand Use and Storage restrictions;
- Street sweeping schedules;
- Provisions for prevention of illicit discharges to the stormwater management system;
- Documentation that Stormwater BMPs are designed to provide for shutdown and containment in the event of a spill or discharges to or near critical areas or from LUHPPL;
- Training for staff or personnel involved with implementing Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan;
- List of Emergency contacts for implementing Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan.
- A Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan is attached to Stormwater Report and is included as an attachment to the Wetlands Notice of Intent.
- Treatment BMPs subject to the 44% TSS removal pretreatment requirement and the one inch rule for calculating the water quality volume are included, and discharge:
 - is within the Zone II or Interim Wellhead Protection Area
 - is near or to other critical areas
 - is within soils with a rapid infiltration rate (greater than 2.4 inches per hour)
 - involves runoff from land uses with higher potential pollutant loads.
- The Required Water Quality Volume is reduced through use of the LID site Design Credits.
- Calculations documenting that the treatment train meets the 80% TSS removal requirement and, if applicable, the 44% TSS removal pretreatment requirement, are provided.



Standard 4: Water Quality (continued)

- The BMP is sized (and calculations provided) based on:
 - The ½" or 1" Water Quality Volume or
 - The equivalent flow rate associated with the Water Quality Volume and documentation is provided showing that the BMP treats the required water quality volume.
- ☐ The applicant proposes to use proprietary BMPs, and documentation supporting use of proprietary BMP and proposed TSS removal rate is provided. This documentation may be in the form of the propriety BMP checklist found in Volume 2, Chapter 4 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook and submitting copies of the TARP Report, STEP Report, and/or other third party studies verifying performance of the proprietary BMPs.
- A TMDL exists that indicates a need to reduce pollutants other than TSS and documentation showing that the BMPs selected are consistent with the TMDL is provided.

Standard 5: Land Uses With Higher Potential Pollutant Loads (LUHPPLs)

- The NPDES Multi-Sector General Permit covers the land use and the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) has been included with the Stormwater Report.
- The NPDES Multi-Sector General Permit covers the land use and the SWPPP will be submitted **prior to** the discharge of stormwater to the post-construction stormwater BMPs.
- The NPDES Multi-Sector General Permit does *not* cover the land use.
- LUHPPLs are located at the site and industry specific source control and pollution prevention measures have been proposed to reduce or eliminate the exposure of LUHPPLs to rain, snow, snow melt and runoff, and been included in the long term Pollution Prevention Plan.
- All exposure has been eliminated.
- All exposure has *not* been eliminated and all BMPs selected are on MassDEP LUHPPL list.
- The LUHPPL has the potential to generate runoff with moderate to higher concentrations of oil and grease (e.g. all parking lots with >1000 vehicle trips per day) and the treatment train includes an oil grit separator, a filtering bioretention area, a sand filter or equivalent.

Standard 6: Critical Areas

- The discharge is near or to a critical area and the treatment train includes only BMPs that MassDEP has approved for stormwater discharges to or near that particular class of critical area.
- Critical areas and BMPs are identified in the Stormwater Report.



Standard 7: Redevelopments and Other Projects Subject to the Standards only to the maximum extent practicable

The project is subject to the Stormwater Management Standards only to the maximum Extent Practicable as a:

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- Small Residential Projects: 5-9 single family houses or 5-9 units in a multi-family development provided there is no discharge that may potentially affect a critical area.
- Small Residential Projects: 2-4 single family houses or 2-4 units in a multi-family development with a discharge to a critical area
- Marina and/or boatyard provided the hull painting, service and maintenance areas are protected from exposure to rain, snow, snow melt and runoff
- Bike Path and/or Foot Path
- Redevelopment Project
- Redevelopment portion of mix of new and redevelopment.
- Certain standards are not fully met (Standard No. 1, 8, 9, and 10 must always be fully met) and an explanation of why these standards are not met is contained in the Stormwater Report.

☐ The project involves redevelopment and a description of all measures that have been taken to improve existing conditions is provided in the Stormwater Report. The redevelopment checklist found in Volume 2 Chapter 3 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook may be used to document that the proposed stormwater management system (a) complies with Standards 2, 3 and the pretreatment and structural BMP requirements of Standards 4-6 to the maximum extent practicable and (b) improves existing conditions.

Standard 8: Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control

A Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan must include the following information:

- Narrative;
- Construction Period Operation and Maintenance Plan;
- Names of Persons or Entity Responsible for Plan Compliance;
- Construction Period Pollution Prevention Measures;
- Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan Drawings;
- Detail drawings and specifications for erosion control BMPs, including sizing calculations;
- Vegetation Planning;
- Site Development Plan;
- Construction Sequencing Plan;
- Sequencing of Erosion and Sedimentation Controls;
- Operation and Maintenance of Erosion and Sedimentation Controls;
- Inspection Schedule;
- Maintenance Schedule;
- Inspection and Maintenance Log Form.
- A Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan containing the information set forth above has been included in the Stormwater Report.



Standard 8: Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control (continued)

- ☐ The project is highly complex and information is included in the Stormwater Report that explains why it is not possible to submit the Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan with the application. A Construction Period Pollution Prevention and Erosion and Sedimentation Control has *not* been included in the Stormwater Report but will be submitted *before* land disturbance begins.
- The project is *not* covered by a NPDES Construction General Permit.
- The project is covered by a NPDES Construction General Permit and a copy of the SWPPP is in the Stormwater Report.
- The project is covered by a NPDES Construction General Permit but no SWPPP been submitted. The SWPPP will be submitted BEFORE land disturbance begins.

Standard 9: Operation and Maintenance Plan

- The Post Construction Operation and Maintenance Plan is included in the Stormwater Report and includes the following information:
 - Name of the stormwater management system owners;
 - Party responsible for operation and maintenance;
 - Schedule for implementation of routine and non-routine maintenance tasks;
 - Plan showing the location of all stormwater BMPs maintenance access areas;
 - Description and delineation of public safety features;
 - Estimated operation and maintenance budget; and
 - Operation and Maintenance Log Form.
- The responsible party is **not** the owner of the parcel where the BMP is located and the Stormwater Report includes the following submissions:
 - A copy of the legal instrument (deed, homeowner's association, utility trust or other legal entity) that establishes the terms of and legal responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the project site stormwater BMPs;
 - A plan and easement deed that allows site access for the legal entity to operate and maintain BMP functions.

Standard 10: Prohibition of Illicit Discharges

- The Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan includes measures to prevent illicit discharges;
- An Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement is attached;
- NO Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement is attached but will be submitted *prior to* the discharge of any stormwater to post-construction BMPs.

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Rooter-Man Site Plan Stormwater Hydrology Impact Analysis

The enclosed analyses document the 'pre' and 'post' development stormwater runoff for the 2, 10 and 100-year storms from the entire site. The pre-development and postdevelopment hydrology summaries are attached to show the decrease in peak flow in each storm scenario with the proposed stormwater system.

In addition to the flow calculations, TSS removal calculations are also provided showing the provided removal of 85% of total suspended solids through the use of sediment forebays and infiltration basins (as well as conveyance swales to assure the capture of all stormwater flowing off of impervious areas). Further calculations show sizing methodologies for each type of stormwater treatment practice and how the required recharge volume has been achieved.

Furthermore, per Standard 10 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook, there shall be no illicit discharges to the stormwater management system.

The following table summarizes the data in the hydrology, showing the decrease in peak flow in each storm scenario.

	<u>Peak Flow (cfs)</u>		
	2YR	10YR	100YR
Pre (140 Culvert)	1.81	5.61	13.08
Post (140 Culvert)	1.06	5.48	11.95

STORMWATER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE MANUAL CTB Enterprises- Rooterman Site Map-9 Lot-17; Gardner Road; Winchendon, MA 01475 Owner: CTB Enterprises, Inc. Owner Address: 236 Stowell Road; Ashburnham, MA 01430 Phone: 978-827-6060

This following manual outlines the inspection and maintenance requirements associated with stormwater management elements at the site. The owner, Chris Brennan, shall provide the required construction controls as well as the inspections, operations and long-term maintenance for the term of his ownership. Any successor in title to the property shall also be bound by the requirements as described herein and/or as specified by the Town of Winchendon Planning Board and/or the Conservation Commission.

The Owner/operator shall review and be responsible for any requirements contained in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and compliant with NPDES General Permit Conditions.

The site stormwater practices are enumerated below. Inspection and maintenance sheets are provided for each location. Refer to the BMP ID Plan for the location of the site Stormwater Management System.

- A- Conveyance Swales
- **B-** Sediment Forebay
- **C-** Infiltration Basins
- **D- Outlet Protection**
- E- Culverts
- F- Silt-Fencing
- G- De-Icing Log
- **H- Invasive Species**

A- Conveyance Swales

This site contains four conveyance swales. These swales surround impervious areas of the site and must be maintained.

Maintenance requirements are on the following page.

Inspect all conveyance swales in one visit to the site, if work is required, refer to the BMP ID to identify which swale needs maintenance.

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low velocities can act as sediment traps, add extra capacity to address sediment accumulation without reducing design capacity. Add an extra 0.3 to 0.5 feet of freeboard depth, if sediment accumulation is expected. Use side slopes of 3:1 or flatter to prevent side slope erosion. Make the longitudinal slope of the channel as flat as possible and not greater than 5%.

Install check dams in drainage channels when necessary to achieve velocities of 5 feet per second or less. See check dam section of this Handbook <<LINK>>. Do not use earthen check dams because they tend to erode on the downstream side, and it is difficult to establish and maintain grass on the dams. The maximum ponding time behind the check dam should not exceed 24 hours. Use outlet protection at discharge points from a drainage channel to prevent scour at the outlet.

The design for the drainage channel must include access for maintenance. When located along a highway, provide a breakdown lane with a width of 15 feet. When located along a street, off-street parking can be doubled up as the access, provided signs are posted indicating no parking is allowed during maintenance periods. When locating drainage channels adjacent to pervious surfaces, include a 15-foot wide grass strip to provide access for maintenance trucks.

Construction

Use temporary erosion and sediment controls during construction. Soil amendments, such as using aged compost that contains no biosolids, may be needed to encourage vegetation growth. Select a vegetation mix that suits the characteristics of the site. Seeding will require mulching with appropriate materials. such as mulch matting, straw, wood chips, other natural blankets, or synthetic blankets. Anchor blanket immediately after seeding. Provide new seedlings with adequate water until they are well established. Refer to the "Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Urban and Suburban Areas: A Guide for Planners, Designers, and Municipal Officials" <<LINK>> on sediment/erosion control for information regarding seeding, mulching, and use of blankets.

Maintenance

The maintenance and inspection schedule should take into consideration the effectiveness of the drainage channel. Inspect drainage channels the first few months after construction to make sure that there is no rilling or gullying, and that vegetation in the channels is adequate. Thereafter, inspect the channel twice a year for slope integrity, soil moisture, vegetative health, soil stability, soil compaction, soil erosion, ponding, and sediment accumulation.

Regular maintenance tasks include mowing, fertilizing, liming, watering, pruning, weeding, and pest control. Mow channels at least once per year. Do not cut the grass shorter than three to four inches. Keep grass height under 6 inches to maintain the design depth necessary to serve as a conveyance. Do not mow excessively, because it may increase the design flow velocity.

Remove sediment and debris manually at least once per year. Re-seed periodically to maintain the dense growth of grass vegetation. Take care to protect drainage channels from snow removal procedures and off-street parking. When drainage channels are located on private residential property, the operation and maintenance plan must clearly specify the private property owner who is responsible for carrying out the required maintenance. If the operation and maintenance plan calls for maintenance of drainage channels on private properties to be performed by a public entity or an association (e.g. homeowners association), maintenance easements must be obtained.

B- Sediment Forebay

This site contains two sediment forebays. These forebays pretreat stormwater prior to entry into the infiltration basins and must be maintained.

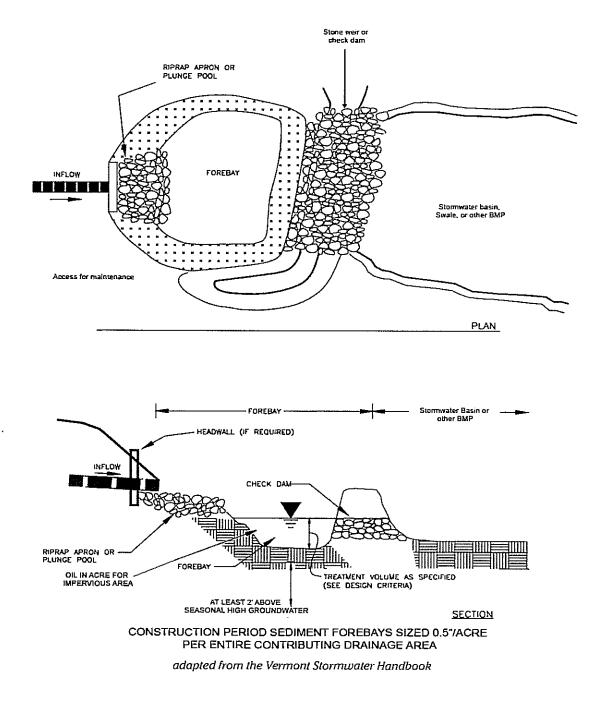
Maintenance requirements are on the following page.

Sediment Forebays shown on BMP ID Plan labeled FB1-FB2

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Maintenance

Sediments and associated pollutants are removed only when sediment forebays are actually cleaned out, so regular maintenance is essential. Frequently removing accumulated sediments will make it less likely that sediments will be resuspended. At a minimum, inspect sediment forebays monthly and clean them out at least four times per year. Stabilize the floor and sidewalls of the sediment forebay before making it operational, otherwise the practice will discharge excess amounts of suspended sediments. When mowing grasses, keep the grass height no greater than 6 inches. Set mower blades no lower than 3 to 4 inches. Check for signs of rilling and gullying and repair as needed. After removing the sediment, replace any vegetation damaged during the clean-out by either reseeding or resodding. When reseeding, incorporate practices such as hydroseeding with a tackifier, blanket, or similar practice to ensure that no scour occurs in the forebay, while the seeds germinate and develop roots.



C – Infiltration Basin

This site contains two infiltration basins which should be regularly maintained.

Maintenance requirements are on the following page.

The infiltration basins are shown on the BMP ID Plan labelled B1-B2

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the soils beneath the basin floor and side slopes and reduces infiltration capacity. Because some compaction of soils is inevitable during construction, add the required soil amendments and deeply till the basin floor with a rotary tiller or a disc harrow to a depth of 12 inches to restore infiltration rates after final grading.

Use proper erosion/sediment control during construction. Immediately following basin construction, stabilize the floor and side slopes of the basin with a dense turf of water-tolerant grass. Use low maintenance, rapidly germinating grasses, such as fescues. Do not sod the basin floor or side slopes. After the basin is completed, keep the basin roped or fenced off while construction proceeds on other parts of the site. Never direct construction period drainage to the infiltration basin. After construction is completed, do not direct runoff into the basin until the bottom and side slopes are fully stabilized.

Maintenance

Infiltration basins are prone to clogging and failure, so it is imperative to develop and implement aggressive maintenance plans and schedules. Installing the required pretreatment BMPs will significantly reduce maintenance requirements for the basin.

The Operation and Maintenance Plan required by Standard 9 must include inspections and preventive maintenance at least twice a year, and after every time drainage discharges through the high outlet orifice. The Plan must require inspecting the pretreatment BMPs in accordance with the minimal requirements specified for those practices and after every major storm event. A major storm event is defined as a storm that is equal to or greater than the 2-year, 24-hour storm (generally 2.9 to 3.6 inches in a 24-hour period, depending in geographic location in Massachusetts).

Once the basin is in use, inspect it after every major storm for the first few months to ensure it is stabilized and functioning properly and if necessary take corrective action. Note how long water remains standing in the basin after a storm; standing water within the basin 48 to 72 hours after a storm indicates that the infiltration capacity may have been overestimated. If the ponding is due to clogging, immediately address the reasons for the clogging (such as upland sediment erosion, excessive compaction of soils, or low spots). Thereafter, inspect the infiltration basin at least twice per year. Important items to check during the inspection include:

- · Signs of differential settlement,
- Cracking,
- Erosion,
- · Leakage in the embankments
- Tree growth on the embankments
- Condition of riprap,
- Sediment accumulation and
- The health of the turf.

At least twice a year, mow the buffer area, side slopes, and basin bottom. Remove grass clippings and accumulated organic matter to prevent an impervious organic mat from forming. Remove trash and debris at the same time. Use deep tilling to break up clogged surfaces, and revegetate immediately.

Remove sediment from the basin as necessary, but wait until the floor of the basin is thoroughly dry. Use light equipment to remove the top layer so as to not compact the underlying soil. Deeply till the remaining soil, and revegetate as soon as possible. Inspect and clean pretreatment devices associated with basins at least twice a year, and ideally every other month.

References:

Center for Watershed Protection, http://www. stormwatercenter.net/Manual_Builder/Construction%20 Specifications/Infiltration%20Trench%20Specifications. htm

Center for Watershed Protection, http://www. stormwatercenter.net/Manual_Builder/Performance%20 Criteria/Infiltration.htm

Center for Watershed Protection, Stormwater Management Fact Sheet, Infiltration Basin, http://www.stormwatercenter.net/Assorted%20Fact%20 Sheets/Tool6_Stormwater_Practices/Infiltration%20 Practice/Infiltration%20Basin.htm

Ferguson, B.K., 1994. Stormwater Infiltration. CRC Press, Ann Arbor, MI. or below the level of the adjacent grassed areas to ensure thorough drainage of these areas. When designing the channels, consider settlement of the lining and the adjacent areas, the potential for frost impacts on the lining and the potential for erosion or scour along the edges of the lining caused by bank-full velocities. Provide impervious linings with broken stone foundations and weep holes. Design the channel to maintain a low outflow discharge rate at the downstream end of the channel.

Use low-flow underdrains, connected to the principal outlet structure or other downstream discharge point, to promote thorough drying of the channel and the basin bottom. Consider the depth of the low flow channel when preparing the final bottom-grading plan.

Design dry detention basin side slopes to be no steeper than 3:1. Flatter slopes help to prevent erosion of the banks during larger storms, make routine bank maintenance tasks (such as mowing) easier, and allow access to the basin. Include a multi-stage outlet structure to provide an adequate level of water quality and flood control. To meet the water quantity control standards, use the required design storm runoff rates as outlet release rates.

Design the outlet to control the outflow rate without clogging. Locate the outlet structure in the embankment for maintenance, access, safety and aesthetics. Design the outlet to facilitate maintenance; the vital parts of the structures should be accessible during normal maintenance and emergency situations. Include a draw-down valve to allow the dry detention basin to completely drain within 24 hours. To prevent scour at the outlet, include a flow transition structure, such as a lined apron or plunge pad, to absorb the initial impact of the flow and reduce the velocity to a level that will not erode the receiving channel or area.

Design embankments and spillways in conformance with the state regulations for Dam Safety (302 CMR 10.00). All dry detention basins must have an emergency spillway capable of bypassing runoff from large storms without damaging the impounding structure. Provide an access for maintenance by public or private right-of-way, using a minimum width of 15 feet and a maximum slope of 5:1. This access should extend to the forebay, safety bench and outflow structure, and should never cross the emergency spillway, unless the spillway has been designed for that purpose. Use vegetative buffers around the perimeter of the basin for erosion control and additional sediment and nutrient removal.

Maintenance

It is critical to provide access for maintenance, especially to the interior of the basin. Inspect dry detention basins at least once per year to ensure that they are operating as intended. Inspect basins during and after storms to determine if the basin is meeting the expected detention times. Inspect the outlet structure for evidence of clogging or outflow release velocities that are greater than design flow. Potential problems that should be checked include: subsidence, erosion, cracking or tree growth on the embankment; damage to the emergency spillway; sediment accumulation around the outlet; inadequacy of the inlet/outlet channel erosion control measures; changes in the condition of the pilot channel; and erosion within the basin and banks. Make any necessary repairs immediately. During inspections, note changes to the detention basin or the contributing watershed because these changes could affect basin performance. Mow the side slopes, embankment, and emergency spillway at least twice per year. Remove trash and debris at this time. Remove sediment from the basin as necessary, and at least once every 10 years or when the basin is 50% full. Provide for an on-site sediment disposal area to reduce the overall sediment removal costs.

Resources:

MassHighway. Stormwater handbook for Highways and Bridges. May 2004.

T.R. Schueler. Center for Watershed Protection. Design of Stormwater Pond Systems. 1996. This site contains two outlet protection areas, one on each of the basins. Each are crucial to the function of the basins, and must be maintained regularly.

Maintenance consists of inspection outlet protection areas annually & repairing any damages immediately.

The outlet protection locations are shown on the BMP ID plan and are labelled O1-O2. All outlet protection locations should be inspected in one visit and if work is required, refer to the ID Plan to identify which outlet needs maintenance.

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This site contains two culverts which must be regularly inspected and maintained. Culverts must be inspected after every major rain event, and all debris must be cleared from the inlet/outlet of each culvert to ensure maximum flow through each culvert. Each culvert should be visually inspected for any structural damage, and should be repaired/replaced accordingly.

The culvert locations are shown on the BMP ID plan and are labelled as C1-C2. All culverts should be inspected during one visit, any maintenance done or needed on the culverts should be logged below with the correct BMP ID.

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F - Silt Fencing

The plan shows the proposed locations of all silt fencing. Inspect erosion controls after all $\frac{1}{4}$ " rainfalls or more. Water should not be short-circuiting under/around or over the fencing.

Additional fencing should be added and documented where an erosion problem exists. Concentrated flow areas may require multiple rows of fencing and/or used in combination with staked straw bales.

Silt fence and/or other erosion controls shall remain in place until the area is stabilized with permanent growth & controls (then removed)

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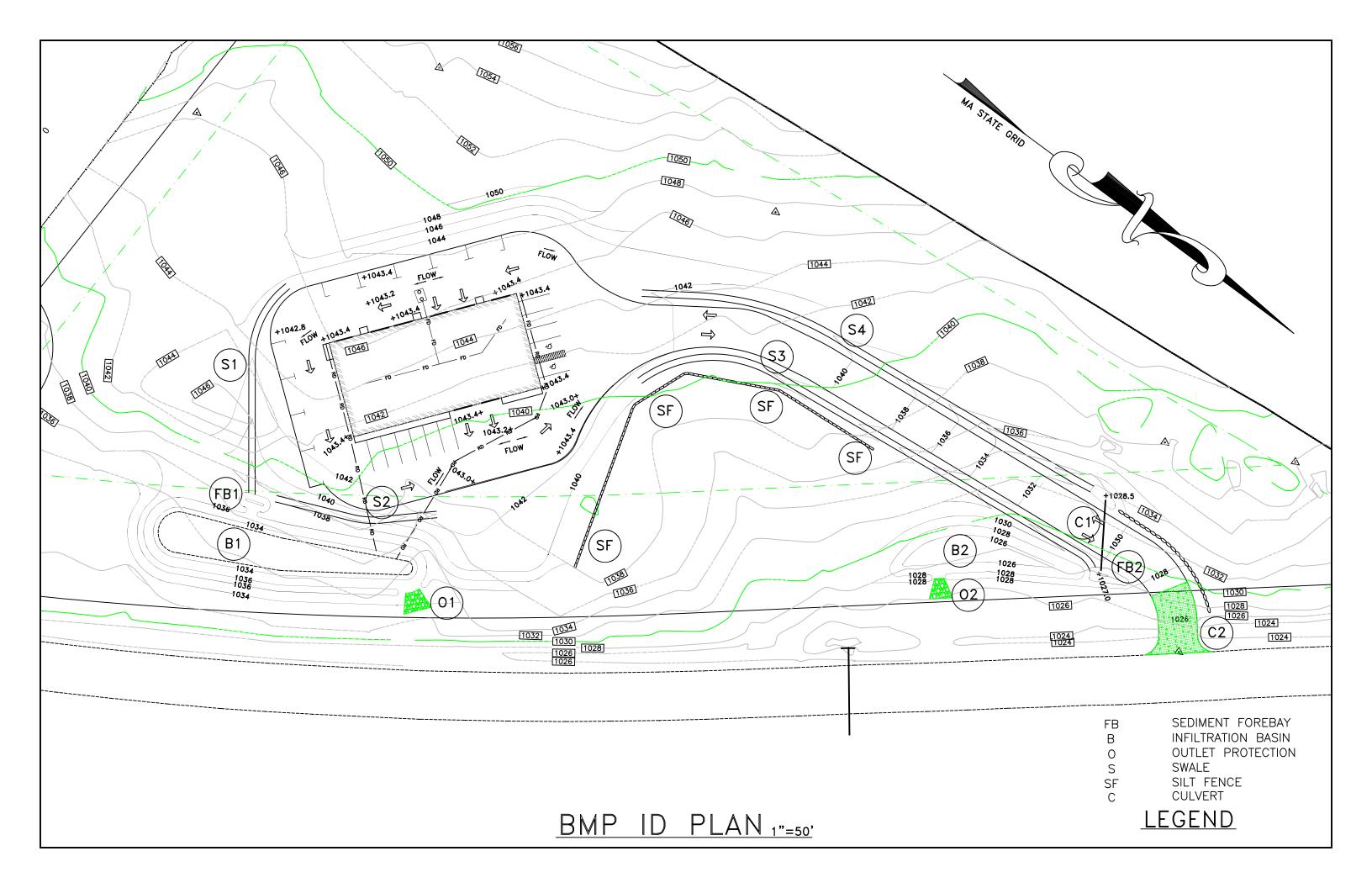
G - De-Icing Log

Below, log the amount and type of de-icing materials applied to the site during the winter months.

Date	Amount	Туре

H – Invasive Species

If any invasive species begin to grow in the stormwater management practices, immediately call GRAZ Engineering (603)-585-6959 to be advised on actions to be taken regarding the specific invasive species.



Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:45 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by Vahe Bedian for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 34 West Shore Drive, Assessor's Map 6, Lot 43. The proposed work is to construct a stone retaining wall near the lakeshore. The hearing will be held remotely via <u>www.zoom.com</u>, with login information on the agenda on the Town website. Alternative translation and accommodation for disabled persons is available by advance request.

For additional information email <u>amanugian@townofwinchendon.com</u>.

February 3

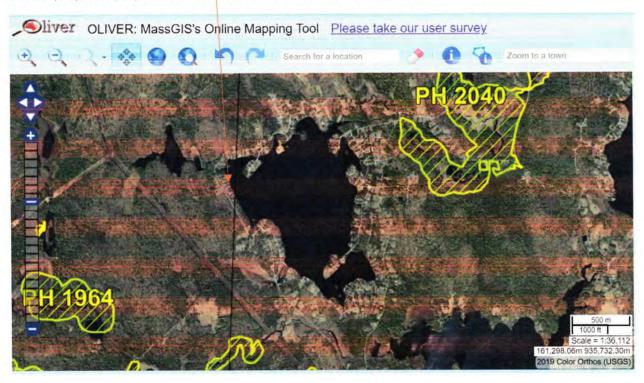
Why am I getting this notice?

We send this notice to comply with Massachusetts law and/or local regulations that require notice to applicants, abutters and other parties in interest of a pending land issue, which may impact your property or neighborhood.

If this is a notice of public hearing or project application you have the right to attend the hearing and participate.

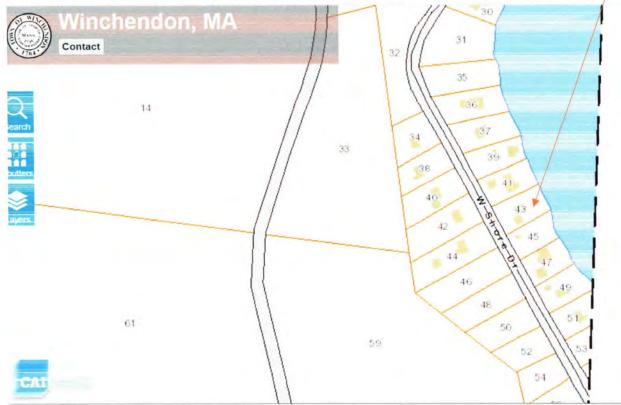
If this is a notice of decision you may have the right to appeal the decision within a limited time period.

If you have questions please email Alison Manugian at the address above.



Bedian proposed project location, not within Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife

Subject property on Winchendon Assessor's map



Views of current deteriorating rock wall from the lake



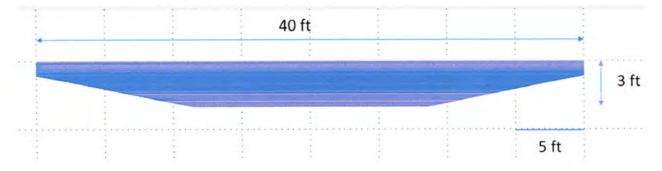
Yellow highlight on assessor map indicates approximate region were stone wall will be built, ~40 ft

Wall will be built on gravel footing

Wall height at center will be ~3ft, tapering towards the two sides, matching current contour of the shoreline, to minimize changes but provide better erosion control.



Front view of proposed wall (approx.)

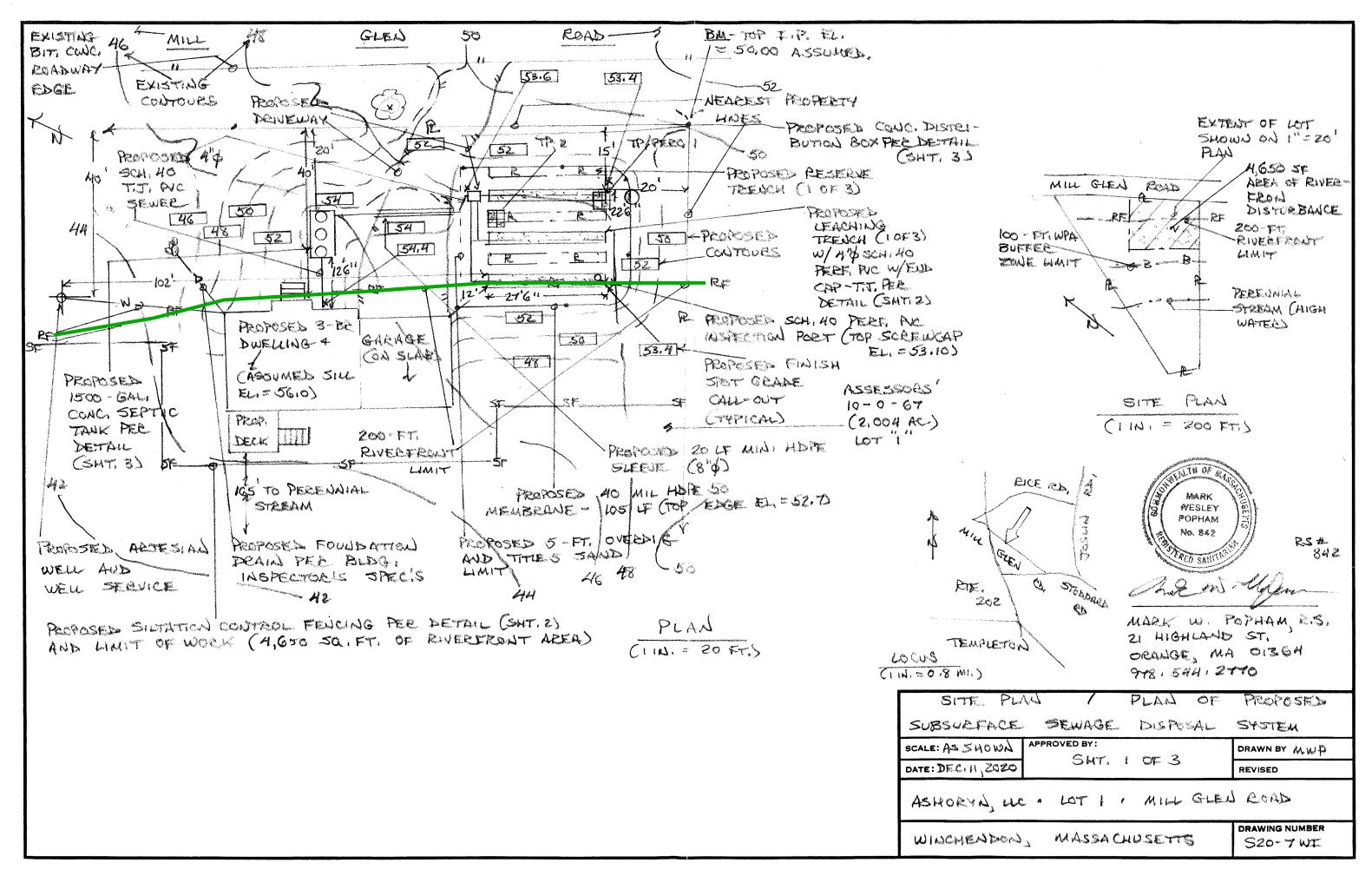


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For additional information email <u>amanugian@townofwinchendon.com</u>.

February 4



WPA Form 3 Narrative / Resource Delineation / Alternatives Analysis: Ashoryn, LLC – Lot 1 Mill Glen Rd., Winchendon, MA

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The site is a 2.004 acre residentially-zoned lot recorded at the Registry of Deeds June 9, 1988, following ANR plan approval by the Winchendon Planning Board April 19, 1987. The parcel is bisected by an unnamed brook appearing on USGS quadrangle maps as a perennial stream. The 100-ft. buffer zone limit and 200-ft. Riverfront limits have been delineated on the accompanying Site Plan based upon the apparent high water mark / inland bank of the brook. No other DEP-mapped wetland resources have been identified on or within the vicinity of the proposed work. The project involves the construction of a 3-bedroom single family home / garage, with deck, driveway, Title 5 subsurface sewage disposal system, foundation drain, artesian well and utility connections on the parcel. Only an estimated 12,800 sf of the parcel falls outside of the 200-ft. Riverfront area, so no-build is the only alternative to the project. The Site Plan has been developed to minimize the extent of facilities placement within the Riverfront portion of the lot, including maintaining the minimum building setback of the residence from the public way allowed under local zoning (40 ft.) and limiting essentially all clearing / construction to 165 ft. from the stream. Only the dwelling / garage / deck and a small portion of the driveway comprising a total of 1,600 sf will be the only impervious areas within the Riverfront. The total proposed disruption of the Riverfront of 4,650 sq. ft. on the largely forested parcel comprises less than 6% of the overall lot size.



Important:

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DEP File Number:

A. Violation Information

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		Property Owner (if different) Street Address						
		City/Town	Zip Code					
		Assessors Map/Plat Number	Parcel/Lot Number					
	2.	Extent and Type of Activity (if more space is required, please attach a separate sheet):						
		Fill & grading within	100' buffer					
		to Lake Monomonac						
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B. Findings

The Issuing Authority has determined that the activity described above is in a resource area and/or buffer zone and is in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) and its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00), because:

the activity has been/is being conducted in an area subject to protection under c. 131, § 40 or the buffer zone without approval from the issuing authority (i.e., a valid Order of Conditions or Negative Determination).



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B. Findings (cont.)

the activity has been/is being conducted in an area subject to protection under c. 131, § 40 or the buffer zone in violation of an issuing authority approval (i.e., valid Order of Conditions or Negative Determination of Applicability) issued to:

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C. Order (cont.)

Complete the attached Notice of Intent (NOI). The NOI shall be filed with the Issuing Authority on or before:

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No further work shall be performed until a public hearing has been held and an Order of Conditions has been issued to regulate said work.

The property owner shall take the following action (e.g., erosion/sedimentation controls) to prevent further violations of the Act:

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Failure to comply with this Order may constitute grounds for additional legal action. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40 provides: "Whoever violates any provision of this section (a) shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both, such fine and imprisonment; or (b) shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for each violation". Each day or portion thereof of continuing violation shall constitute a separate offense.

D. Appeals/Signatures

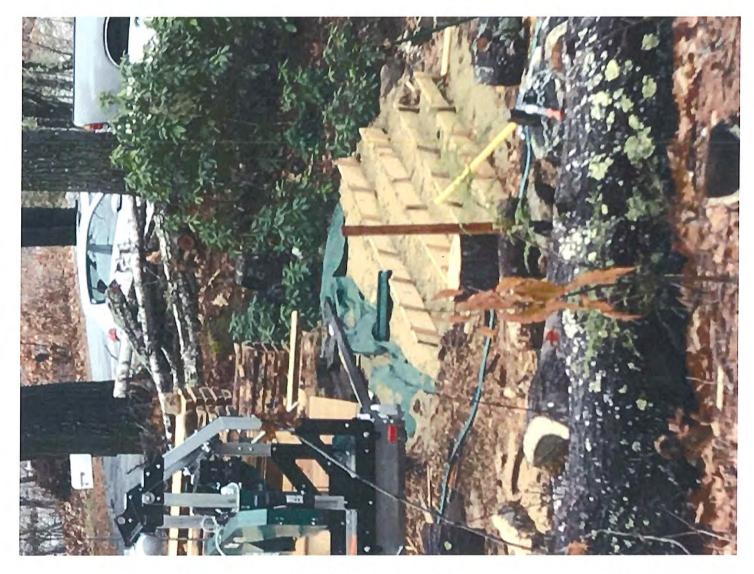
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Questions regarding this Enforcement Order should be directed to:

Name 7 Phone Number 830. M Hours/Days Available Issued by: 5 **Conservation Commission**

Conservation Commission signatures required on following page.







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A. Violation Information

Important: When filling out This

This Enforcement Order is issued by:

Town of Winchendo	n Conservation Commission	1/14/2021	
Conservation Commission	n (Issuing Authority)	Date	
То:			
Philip White			
Name of Violator			
16 Monomonac Roa	d East		
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Property Owner (if differe	nt)		
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2. Extent and Type of Activity (if more space is required, please attach a separate sheet):

Clearing of mature vegetation within Riverfront Area and within the 100' buffer of Lake Monomonac. Verbal permission was given to remove a 30' tall 'stump' from a previous tree in coordination with work done to clear for emergency septic repair. The work, and area of work has exceeded that permission.

B. Findings

The Issuing Authority has determined that the activity described above is in a resource area and/or buffer zone and is in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) and its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00), because:

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for the following:

No further work shall be performed until a public hearing has been held and an Order of Conditions has been issued to regulate said work.

The property owner shall take the following action (e.g., erosion/sedimentation controls) to prevent further violations of the Act:

Immediate halt of all work. Discussions with DEP and the Conservation Agent will determine the appropriate next steps, restoration and/or filing of a Notice of Intent or other steps as warranted.

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Questions regarding this Enforcement Order should be directed to:

Alison Manugian	
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Town of Winchendon Conservation Commission

Conservation Commission signatures required on following page.

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December 16, 2020

Winchendon Board of Selectman Chairperson 109 Front Street Winchendon, MA 01475

Dear Board of Selectman Chairperson:

In compliance with 333 CMR 11.06, 45 Day Yearly Operational Plan Public Notice, Review and Comment, please review National Grid's Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) at the following website (hard copy available upon request): <u>https://www9.nationalgridus.com/non_html/National%20Grid_2021%20YOP.pdf</u>

Please review the enclosed YOP map(s) that locate the right-of-way corridors and the plotted location of known sensitive areas including public and private drinking water supplies. If there are any additional sensitive areas located on or near the rights-of-way, please advise us as soon as possible so we may establish permanent records and implement appropriate field protective actions. <u>We particularly rely on this process to collect corrections to the public wells and to record the location of private wells.</u>

A copy of the Environmental Monitor Notice is enclosed and published under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA): <u>http://web1.env.state.ma.us/EEA/emepa/emonitor.aspx</u>

National Grid's YOP details specific information pertaining to the intended 2021 program. Please note that the YOP also lists the rights-of-way from the 2020 treatment program in case National Grid needs to request a "touch-up" retreatment of scattered locations from our contractor(s). If upon review of the previous year's treatments, National Grid finds a site(s) within your municipality that need follow-up treatments, this letter serves as notification of that follow-up treatment. The individual landowner(s) will be also be notified about this work. *Please note that scheduled rights-of-way are subject to change based on workplan constraints.*

This notification also serves as a 21 day herbicide application notification. As detailed in National Grid's Five Year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and Yearly Operational Plan (YOP), this treatment is conducted as a component of an integrated vegetation management (IVM) program that also utilizes mechanical and natural control techniques. National Grid's current Five Year Vegetation Management Plan (2019-2023) is posted at the following website (hard copy available upon request): https://www9.nationalgridus.com/non_html/National%20Grid%20VMP%202019-2023.pdf

As described in the VMP and YOP, the program will consist of a late winter-spring mechanical control, cut surface (CST), basal treatment, or dormant stem; a summer selective foliage or cut stubble, and, as necessary, fall CST, basal, or dormant stem treatments.

In compliance with 333 CMR 11.06-11.07, no herbicide applications will occur before the conclusion of the 45-day YOP review period, the 21 day treatment notice and the 48 hour newspaper notice. At the end of these review periods, which can run concurrently, no application shall commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the treatment periods listed above.

Municipality: Winchendon

February 1, 2021 – May 30, 2021	May 30, 2021 - Oct 16, 2021	Oct 16, 2021 - Dec 31, 2021	
CST	Foliar	CST	
Basal	CST	Basal	
Dormant stem	Basal	Dormant Stem	
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Potential Treatment Periods*

* The exact treatment dates are dependent upon weather conditions and field crew progress.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts recommended herbicides for use in sensitive areas listed in Section 7 (pages 13-15) of the YOP will be selectively applied to target vegetation by experienced, Massachusetts' licensed/certified applicators that walk along the rights-of-way using backpack equipment. Copies of the manufacturers' herbicide labels and fact sheets are also included in the YOP, Appendices 8 and 9.

The work will be performed by one of the following vegetation management vendors:

Lewis Tree Service, Inc.	Stanley Tree
300 Lucius Gordon Drive	662 Great Road
West Henrielta, NY 14586	North Smithfield, RI
(585) 436-3208	(401) 765-4677

Vegetation Control Service, Inc. 2342 Main Street Athol, MA 01331 (978) 249-5348

Lucas Tree Experts 12 Northbrook Drive Falmouth, ME 04105 (800) 339-8873 BluRoc 15 Atwood Dr, Suite 301 Northampton, MA 01060 (413) 887-3653

This informational 21-day notification follows Chapter 132B, section 6B of the Massachusetts General Laws, 333 CMR 11.05-11.07 Rights of Way Management and Chapter 85, Section 10 of the Acts of 2000. National Grid's vegetation management program is subject to federal and state regulations only. By statute, local permits or rulings are not applicable.

For inquiries concerning safety of the herbicides, please contact: MDAR-Pesticide Division-ROW Coordinator 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02114-2151 Telephone: (617) 626-1782

Please contact me if you have any questions about the application and monitoring of the vegetation management program. Email: mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com Office: 508-860-6282

Sincerely,

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Mariclaire Rigby Lead Vegetation Strategy Specialist

Enclosures: Environmental Monitor Notice and Municipal Map(s)

CC: Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Private and Public Water Suppliers Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Assigned vegetation management vendor

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rights-of-Way Management Regulations, 333 CMR 11.00, to apply herbicides to control vegetation along rights-of-way, a five year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) must be approved by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR). National Grid has submitted and holds a current VMP, therefore, notice of receipt of a YOP and procedures for public review is hereby given as required by Section 11.06 (3).

National Grid has submitted a YOP to MDAR for 2021 and National Grid's YOP identifies the following municipalities as locations where they intend to use herbicides to treat their electric Rights-of-Way in 2021:

Abington	Clinton	Lancaster	Norwell	Southborough
Andover	Cohasset	Lawrence	Oxford	Sterling
Ashburnham	Danvers	Leominster	Palmer	Stoughton
Attleboro	Dracut	Lowell	Peabody	Sturbridge
Auburn	Fitchburg	Mansfield	Pembroke	Sutton
Avon	Foxborough	Middleton	Pepperell	Swansea
Ayer	Georgetown	Milford	Plainville	Tewksbury
Belchertown	Gloucester	Millbury	Rehoboth	Tyngsboro
Beverly	Grafton	Monson	Rockland	Warren
Boxford	Groton	Newbury	Rockport	West Boylston
Boylston	Groveland	Newburyport	Rutland	Westminster
Brimfield	Hanover	North Adams	Salem	Winchendon
Brockton	Haverhill	North Andover	Scituate	Wrentham
Brookfield	Hingham	North Attleboro	Seekonk	
Charlton	Holden	North Reading	Shirley	
Chelmsford	Hull	Norton	Shrewsbury	

In 2021 National Grid will conduct a selective herbicide treatment program on their rights-of-way as part of an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program on transmission and distribution lines.

The intended vegetation control program will be consistent with the guidelines set forth in National Grid's VMP and YOP. Herbicides will be selectively applied to target vegetation by licensed/certified applicators carrying backpack or hand held application equipment.

National Grid will only use herbicides recommended by MDAR for use in sensitive areas for their IVM program. Pursuant to 333 CMR 11.04, no herbicides will be sprayed within any designated "no spray sensitive sites." Instead, mechanical only methods will be used to control vegetation in these areas.

Public notification will be provided to each "affected" municipality at least twenty-one days prior to any herbicide application and in a newspaper notification at least 48 hours before the beginning of the spray season.

In accordance with 333 CMR 11.06 (2), National Grid's YOP includes the identification of target vegetation; methods of identifying, marking and protecting sensitive areas; application techniques; the herbicides, application rates, carriers and adjuvants proposed for use; alternative control measures, a list of the application companies and YOP supervisor; procedures for handling, mixing and loading herbicides; emergency resources including local, state and federal emergency telephone numbers; maps of the rights-of-way that include mapped sensitive areas, and herbicide fact sheets and labels.

PUBLIC REVIEW

MDAR seeks to verify the location of sensitive areas defined in Section 11.02 and reported in the YOP. MDAR itself has a limited ability to survey the geography, land use and water supplies in all the communities through which rights-of-way pass. Municipalities have most of this information readily available, and the particular knowledge with which to better certify the sensitive areas in their communities. MDAR, therefore, requests, and urges the assistance of the "affected" municipalities in reviewing the completeness and accuracy of the maps contained in the submitted YOP.

The YOP can be viewed on MDAR's website: <u>http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/pesticides/vegetation-management-and-yearly-operation-plans.html</u> or National Grid's website: https://www9.nationalgridus.com/non_html/National%20Grid_2021%20YOP.pdf

MDAR has established the following procedures for this review:

Copies of the YOP and this *Notice* will be sent by the applicant to the Conservation Commission, Board of Health (or designated health agent), the Head of Government (Mayor, City Manager, Chair of the Board of Selectman) and appropriate water suppliers of each municipality where herbicides are to be applied during the calendar year of 2021; and if applicable, to the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program of the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Municipal agencies and officials will have forty-five days, following receipt of the YOP, to review its map for inaccuracies and omissions in the location of "sensitive areas not readily identifiable in the field."

Municipal agencies and officials are requested to forward the YOP to the appropriate official(s) in their municipality who are qualified to certify the accuracy of the sensitive areas indicated on the maps. The maps should then be "corrected" and returned to the applicant and a copy should be sent to MDAR, at the address listed below, within the forty-five day review period. If a city or town needs more time to carry out this review, it should send a written request for an extension to MDAR and cite why there is a "good cause" for requesting additional time.

The applicant is required to make corrections and the corrected maps will be sent back to the city/town that requested the disputed changes within fifteen days of receipt of the request. MDAR will decide whether or not the YOP should be approved without the requested changes. MDAR will consider the "final approval" of a YOP individually for each municipality.

The twenty-one day public review period of the Municipal Notification Letter may serve concurrently with the fortyfive day YOP review period in order to provide public notifications as required by 333 CMR 11.06-7, if the applicant has an approved VMP and if all the requisite city-town offices that received copies of the YOP completed their review and all corrections were duly made by the applicant and approved by MDAR.

A failure by the city/town to respond to the applicant's submission of the YOP within the forty-five day period will automatically be considered by MDAR to indicate agreement by the municipal officials with the sensitive area demarcations provided by the applicant in their YOP.

Any questions or comments on the information provided in this *Notice* and the procedures established for the municipal review outlined above should be addressed to:

Clayton Edwards, Rights-of-Way Programs Massachusetts State Pesticide Bureau 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02114-2151

Any questions or comments regarding the YOP should be addressed to: Mariclaire Rigby Lead Vegetation Strategy Specialist National Grid Vegetation Management Strategy 939 Southbridge Street, Worcester, MA 01610

COMMENT PEROID ENDS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS (5pm) Friday, February 2, 2021

