

Frog Pond Rehabilitation  
Littleton, Massachusetts

## NOTICE OF INTENT

Town of Littleton Highway Department  
June 2025

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June 30, 2025

Littleton Conservation Commission  
Attn: Mr. Tim Pearson  
37 Shattuck Street  
Littleton, Massachusetts 01460

**Re: Notice of Intent – Frog Pond Rehabilitation  
0 Lake Shore Drive & 0 Lake Drive, Littleton, Massachusetts**

Dear Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Town of Littleton Department of Public Works, Tighe & Bond respectfully submits this Notice of Intent (NOI) for the rehabilitation of the stormwater wetland known as Frog Pond at 0 Lake Shore Drive and 0 Lake Drive in Littleton, Massachusetts. The proposed rehabilitation of Frog Pond will improve its ability to effectively treat stormwater runoff before it enters Long Pond. The project includes removal of sediment that has accumulated since the installation of the wetland in 2003. Additionally, the existing paver walkway which is in poor condition will be reinstalled.

Work is proposed within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), Bank, Land Under Water and Waterways, and the 100-foot buffer zone associated with BVW and Bank. Therefore, this NOI is being filed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA; M.G.L. c. 131 § 40) and its associated regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Town of Littleton Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Wetlands Bylaw; Chapter 171) and its associated regulations.

Enclosed, please find a completed application for your review, along with a project narrative, project figures and drawings, and other required materials. As this is a municipal project proposed by the Littleton Highway Department, the project is exempt from WPA and local filing fees.

We look forward to discussing this project with you at the Littleton Conservation Commission's next meeting on July 22, 2025. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at (508) 380-7022 or via email at [MJohnsenberg@tighebond.com](mailto:MJohnsenberg@tighebond.com), or contact Natalie Koncki at (508) 304-6360 or [ngkoncki@tighebond.com](mailto:ngkoncki@tighebond.com).

Very truly yours,

**TIGHE & BOND, INC.**



Maria Johnsenberg  
Project Manager

Copy: MassDEP, (NERO) Division of Wetlands and Waterways  
Stehpen Jahnle, Littleton Department of Public Works





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Conservation  
Commission  
regarding any  
municipal bylaw  
or ordinance.

### A. General Information

1. Project Location (**Note:** electronic filers will click on button to locate project site):

0 Lake Drive (Parcel1) & 0 Lake Shore Drive  
(Parcel 2)

Littleton 01460  
b. City/Town c. Zip Code

Latitude and Longitude:

42.53364 -71.46639  
d. Latitude e. Longitude

Parcel 1: Map U12, Lot 22

Parcel 2: Map U12, Lot 15  
g. Parcel /Lot Number

f. Assessors Map/Plat Number

2. Applicant:

Stephen

Jahnle

a. First Name

b. Last Name

Littleton Department of Public Works

c. Organization

39 Ayer Road

d. Street Address

Littleton

MA

01460

e. City/Town

f. State

g. Zip Code

h. Phone Number

i. Fax Number

j. Email Address

3. Property owner (required if different from applicant):  Check if more than one owner

N/A

a. First Name

b. Last Name

c. Organization

d. Street Address

e. City/Town

f. State

g. Zip Code

h. Phone Number

i. Fax Number

j. Email address

4. Representative (if any):

Maria

Johnsenberg

a. First Name

b. Last Name

Tighe & Bond, Inc.

c. Company

120 Front Street, Suite 700

d. Street Address

Worcester

MA

01608

e. City/Town

f. State

g. Zip Code

508-380-7022

mjohnsenberg@tighebond.com

h. Phone Number

i. Fax Number

j. Email address

5. Total WPA Fee Paid (from NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form):

N/A - Fee Exempt

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a. Total Fee Paid

b. State Fee Paid

c. City/Town Fee Paid



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### A. General Information (continued)

6. General Project Description:

Rehabilitate the stormwater wetland ("Frog Pond") to improve its ability to effectively treat stormwater runoff before it enters Long Pond and re-install the existing paver walkway.

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

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Home	2. <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Subdivision
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Industrial	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Dock/Pier
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal engineering Structure
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture (e.g., cranberries, forestry)	8. <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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  No      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)

2. Limited Project Type

If the proposed activity is eligible to be treated as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project (310 CMR 10.24(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:

Middlesex

a. County

Parcel 1: Book 14695, Page 9

c. Book

b. Certificate # (if registered land)

Parcel 2: Book 12718, Page 688

d. Page Number

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

- 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.
- 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.



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### B. Buffer Zone & Resource Area Impacts (temporary & permanent) (cont'd)

For all projects affecting other Resource Areas, please attach a narrative explaining how the resource area was delineated.

<u>Resource Area</u>	<u>Size of Proposed Alteration</u>	<u>Proposed Replacement (if any)</u>
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bank	235 (temporary) 1. linear feet	235 (in situ) 2. linear feet
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bordering Vegetated Wetland	1,460 (temporary) 1. square feet	1,460 (in situ) 2. square feet
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways	3,315 (temporary) 1. square feet 99 3. cubic yards dredged	3,315 (in situ) 2. square feet
<u>Resource Area</u>	<u>Size of Proposed Alteration</u>	<u>Proposed Replacement (if any)</u>
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Bordering Land Subject to Flooding	1. square feet	2. square feet
	3. cubic feet of flood storage lost	4. cubic feet replaced
e. <input type="checkbox"/> Isolated Land Subject to Flooding	1. square feet	2. cubic feet of flood storage lost 3. cubic feet replaced
f. <input type="checkbox"/> Riverfront Area	1. Name of Waterway (if available) - <b>specify coastal or inland</b>	
2. Width of Riverfront Area (check one):		
<input type="checkbox"/> 25 ft. - Designated Densely Developed Areas only		
<input type="checkbox"/> 100 ft. - New agricultural projects only		
<input type="checkbox"/> 200 ft. - All other projects		
3. Total area of Riverfront Area on the site of the proposed project:		square feet
4. Proposed alteration of the Riverfront Area:		
a. total square feet	b. square feet within 100 ft.	c. square feet between 100 ft. and 200 ft.
5. Has an alternatives analysis been done and is it attached to this NOI?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6. Was the lot where the activity is proposed created prior to August 1, 1996?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Resource Areas: (See 310 CMR 10.25-10.35)		

**Note:** for coastal riverfront areas, please complete **Section B.2.f.** above.



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## B. Buffer Zone & Resource Area Impacts (temporary & permanent) (cont'd)

Check all that apply below. Attach narrative and 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.

Online Users:  
Include your document transaction number (provided on your receipt page) with all supplementary information you submit to the Department.

<u>Resource Area</u>	<u>Size of Proposed Alteration</u>	<u>Proposed Replacement (if any)</u>
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Designated Port Areas	Indicate size under Land Under the Ocean, below	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Land Under the Ocean	1. square feet	2. cubic yards dredged
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Barrier Beach	Indicate size under Coastal Beaches and/or Coastal Dunes below	
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Beaches	1. square feet	2. cubic yards beach nourishment
e. <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Dunes	1. square feet	2. cubic yards dune nourishment
<u>Size of Proposed Alteration</u>		
f. <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Banks	1. linear feet	
g. <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Intertidal Shores	1. square feet	
h. <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Marshes	1. square feet	2. sq ft restoration, rehab., creation
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Land Under Salt Ponds	1. square feet	
j. <input type="checkbox"/> Land Containing Shellfish	2. cubic yards dredged	
k. <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Runs	1. square feet	
Indicate size under Coastal Banks, inland Bank, Land Under the Ocean, and/or inland Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways, above		
	1. cubic yards dredged	
l. <input type="checkbox"/> Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage	1. square feet	
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Enhancement	If the project is for the purpose of restoring or enhancing a wetland resource area in addition to the square footage that has been entered in Section B.2.b or B.3.h above, please enter the additional amount here.	
a. square feet of BVW	b. square feet of Salt Marsh	
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Project Involves Stream Crossings		
a. number of new stream crossings	b. number of replacement stream crossings	



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### C. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements

This is a proposal for an Ecological Restoration Limited Project. Skip Section C and complete Appendix A: Ecological Restoration Limited Project Checklists – Required Actions (310 CMR 10.11).

#### Streamlined Massachusetts Endangered Species Act/Wetlands Protection Act Review

1. Is any portion of the proposed project located in **Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife** as indicated on the most recent Estimated Habitat Map of State-Listed Rare Wetland Wildlife published by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP)? To view habitat maps, see the *Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas* or go to [http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/PRI\\_EST\\_HAB/viewer.htm](http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/PRI_EST_HAB/viewer.htm).

a.  Yes  No

If yes, include proof of mailing or hand delivery of NOI to:

**Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program**  
**Division of Fisheries and Wildlife**  
**1 Rabbit Hill Road**  
**Westborough, MA 01581**

August 1, 2021

b. Date of map

If yes, the project is also subject to Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) review (321 CMR 10.18). To qualify for a streamlined, 30-day, MESA/Wetlands Protection Act review, please complete Section C.1.c, and include requested materials with this Notice of Intent (NOI); OR complete Section C.2.f, if applicable. *If MESA supplemental information is not included with the NOI, by completing Section 1 of this form, the NHESP will require a separate MESA filing which may take up to 90 days to review (unless noted exceptions in Section 2 apply, see below).*

c. Submit Supplemental Information for Endangered Species Review\*

1.  Percentage/acreage of property to be altered:

(a) within wetland Resource Area \_\_\_\_\_ percentage/acreage

(b) outside Resource Area \_\_\_\_\_ percentage/acreage

2.  Assessor's Map or right-of-way plan of site

2.  Project plans for entire project site, including wetland resource areas and areas outside of wetlands jurisdiction, showing existing and proposed conditions, existing and proposed tree/vegetation clearing line, and clearly demarcated limits of work \*\*

(a)  Project description (including description of impacts outside of wetland resource area & buffer zone)

(b)  Photographs representative of the site

\* Some projects **not** in Estimated Habitat may be located in Priority Habitat, and require NHESP review (see <https://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-endangered-species-act-mesa-regulatory-review>).

Priority Habitat includes habitat for state-listed plants and strictly upland species not protected by the Wetlands Protection Act.

\*\* MESA projects may not be segmented (321 CMR 10.16). The applicant must disclose full development plans even if such plans are not required as part of the Notice of Intent process.



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### C. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements (cont'd)

(c)  MESA filing fee (fee information available at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/how-to-file-for-a-mesa-project-review>).

Make check payable to "Commonwealth of Massachusetts - NHESP" and **mail to NHESP** at above address

*Projects altering 10 or more acres of land, also submit:*

(d)  Vegetation cover type map of site

(e)  Project plans showing Priority & Estimated Habitat boundaries

(f) OR Check One of the Following

1.  Project is exempt from MESA review.

Attach applicant letter indicating which MESA exemption applies. (See 321 CMR 10.14, <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/exemptions-from-review-for-projectsactivities-in-priority-habitat>; the NOI must still be sent to NHESP if the project is within estimated habitat pursuant to 310 CMR 10.37 and 10.59.)

2.  Separate MESA review ongoing.

a. NHESP Tracking #

b. Date submitted to NHESP

3.  Separate MESA review completed.

Include copy of NHESP "no Take" determination or valid Conservation & Management Permit with approved plan.

3. For coastal projects only, is any portion of the proposed project located below the mean high water line or in a fish run?

a.  Not applicable – project is in inland resource area only      b.  Yes  No

If yes, include proof of mailing, hand delivery, or electronic delivery of NOI to either:

South Shore - Bourne to Rhode Island border, and  
the Cape & Islands:

North Shore - Plymouth to New Hampshire border:

Division of Marine Fisheries -  
Southeast Marine Fisheries Station  
Attn: Environmental Reviewer  
836 South Rodney French Blvd.  
New Bedford, MA 02744  
Email: [dmf.envreview-south@mass.gov](mailto:dmf.envreview-south@mass.gov)

Division of Marine Fisheries -  
North Shore Office  
Attn: Environmental Reviewer  
30 Emerson Avenue  
Gloucester, MA 01930  
Email: [dmf.envreview-north@mass.gov](mailto:dmf.envreview-north@mass.gov)

Also if yes, the project may require a Chapter 91 license. For coastal towns in the Northeast Region, please contact MassDEP's Boston Office. For coastal towns in the Southeast Region, please contact MassDEP's Southeast Regional Office.

c.  Is this an aquaculture project?

d.  Yes  No

If yes, include a copy of the Division of Marine Fisheries Certification Letter (M.G.L. c. 130, § 57).



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### C. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements (cont'd)

4. Is any portion of the proposed project within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)?

a.  Yes  No If yes, provide name of ACEC (see instructions to WPA Form 3 or MassDEP Website for ACEC locations). **Note:** electronic filers click on Website.

b. ACEC

5. Is any portion of the proposed project within an area designated as an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW) as designated in the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314 CMR 4.00?

a.  Yes  No

6. Is any portion of the site subject to a Wetlands Restriction Order under the Inland Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40A) or the Coastal Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 130, § 105)?

a.  Yes  No

7. Is this project subject to provisions of the MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards?

a.  Yes. Attach a copy of the Stormwater Report as required by the Stormwater Management Standards per 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k)-(q) and check if:

1.  Applying for Low Impact Development (LID) site design credits (as described in Stormwater Management Handbook Vol. 2, Chapter 3)
2.  A portion of the site constitutes redevelopment
3.  Proprietary BMPs are included in the Stormwater Management System.

b.  No. Check why the project is exempt:

1.  Single-family house
2.  Emergency road repair
3.  Small Residential Subdivision (less than or equal to 4 single-family houses or less than or equal to 4 units in multi-family housing project) with no discharge to Critical Areas.

### D. Additional Information

This is a proposal for an Ecological Restoration Limited Project. Skip Section D and complete Appendix A: Ecological Restoration Notice of Intent – Minimum Required Documents (310 CMR 10.12).

Applicants must include the following with this Notice of Intent (NOI). See instructions for details.

**Online Users:** Attach the document transaction number (provided on your receipt page) for any of the following information you submit to the Department.

1.  USGS or other map of the area (along with a narrative description, if necessary) containing sufficient information for the Conservation Commission and the Department to locate the site. (Electronic filers may omit this item.)
2.  Plans identifying the location of proposed activities (including activities proposed to serve as a Bordering Vegetated Wetland [BVW] replication area or other mitigating measure) relative to the boundaries of each affected resource area.



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### D. Additional Information (cont'd)

3.  Identify the method for BVW and other resource area boundary delineations (MassDEP BVW Field Data Form(s), Determination of Applicability, Order of Resource Area Delineation, etc.), and attach documentation of the methodology.
4.  List the titles and dates for all plans and other materials submitted with this NOI.

#### Constructed Wetland Rehabilitation Assistance

a. Plan Title

Tighe & Bond, Inc.

b. Prepared By

June 2025

d. Final Revision Date

Brian S. Huntley & Jean Christy

c. Signed and Stamped by

1" = 20'

e. Scale

f. Additional Plan or Document Title

g. Date

5.  If there is more than one property owner, please attach a list of these property owners not listed on this form.
6.  Attach proof of mailing for Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, if needed.
7.  Attach proof of mailing for Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, if needed.
8.  Attach NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form
9.  Attach Stormwater Report, if needed.

### E. Fees

1.  Fee Exempt: No filing fee shall be assessed for projects of any city, town, county, or district of the Commonwealth, federally recognized Indian tribe housing authority, municipal housing authority, or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

Applicants must submit the following information (in addition to pages 1 and 2 of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form) to confirm fee payment:

2. Municipal Check Number

3. Check date

4. State Check Number

5. Check date

6. Payor name on check: First Name

7. Payor name on check: Last Name



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## F. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Notice of Intent and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Conservation Commission will place notification of this Notice in a local newspaper at the expense of the applicant in accordance with the wetlands regulations, 310 CMR 10.05(5)(a).

I further certify under penalties of perjury that all abutters were notified of this application, pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 131, § 40. Notice must be made by Certificate of Mailing or in writing by hand delivery or certified mail (return receipt requested) to all abutters within 100 feet of the property line of the project location.

1. Signature of Applicant

3. Signature of Property Owner (if different)

5. Signature of Representative (if any)

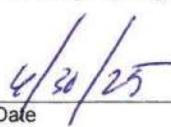


2. Date

6/30/2025

4. Date

6. Date



### For Conservation Commission:

Two copies of the completed Notice of Intent (Form 3), including supporting plans and documents, two copies of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form, and the city/town fee payment, to the Conservation Commission by certified mail or hand delivery.

### For MassDEP:

One copy of the completed Notice of Intent (Form 3), including supporting plans and documents, one copy of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form, and a copy of the state fee payment to the MassDEP Regional Office (see Instructions) by certified mail or hand delivery.

### Other:

If the applicant has checked the "yes" box in any part of Section C, Item 3, above, refer to that section and the Instructions for additional submittal requirements.

The original and copies must be sent simultaneously. Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Notice of Intent.

**Tighe&Bond**

**Filing Fee Documentation**



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### A. Applicant Information

1. Location of Project:

0 Lake Drive & 0 Lake Shore Drive

a. Street Address

N/A - Fee Exempt

c. Check number

Littleton

b. City/Town

N/A - Fee Exempt

d. Fee amount

2. Applicant Mailing Address:

Stephen

a. First Name

Littleton Highway Department

c. Organization

39 Ayer Road

d. Mailing Address

Littleton

e. City/Town

Jahnle

b. Last Name

MA

f. State

01460

g. Zip Code

h. Phone Number

i. Fax Number

j. Email Address

3. Property Owner (if different):

N/A

a. First Name

b. Last Name

c. Organization

d. Mailing Address

e. City/Town

f. State

g. Zip Code

h. Phone Number

i. Fax Number

j. Email Address

### B. Fees

Fee should be calculated using the following process & worksheet. **Please see Instructions before filling out worksheet.**

**Step 1/Type of Activity:** Describe each type of activity that will occur in wetland resource area and buffer zone.

**Step 2/Number of Activities:** Identify the number of each type of activity.

**Step 3/Individual Activity Fee:** Identify each activity fee from the six project categories listed in the instructions.

**Step 4/Subtotal Activity Fee:** Multiply the number of activities (identified in Step 2) times the fee per category (identified in Step 3) to reach a subtotal fee amount. Note: If any of these activities are in a Riverfront Area in addition to another Resource Area or the Buffer Zone, the fee per activity should be multiplied by 1.5 and then added to the subtotal amount.

**Step 5/Total Project Fee:** Determine the total project fee by adding the subtotal amounts from Step 4.

**Step 6/Fee Payments:** To calculate the state share of the fee, divide the total fee in half and subtract \$12.50. To calculate the city/town share of the fee, divide the total fee in half and add \$12.50.

To calculate filing fees, refer to the category fee list and examples in the instructions for filling out WPA Form 3 (Notice of Intent).



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**B. Fees (continued)**

Step 1/Type of Activity	Step 2/Number of Activities	Step 3/Individual Activity Fee	Step 4/Subtotal Activity Fee
N/A - Fee Exempt			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			a. Total Fee from Step 5
			\$0.00
			b. 1/2 Total Fee <b>less</b> \$12.50
			\$0.00
			c. 1/2 Total Fee <b>plus</b> \$12.50

## **C. Submittal Requirements**

a.) Complete pages 1 and 2 and send with a check or money order for the state share of the fee, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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b.) **To the Conservation Commission:** Send the Notice of Intent or Abbreviated Notice of Intent; a **copy** of this form; and the city/town fee payment.

**To MassDEP Regional Office** (see Instructions): Send a copy of the Notice of Intent or Abbreviated Notice of Intent; a **copy** of this form; and a **copy** of the state fee payment. (E-filers of Notices of Intent may submit these electronically.)

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# Section 1

## Introduction

This Notice of Intent (NOI) is being submitted on behalf of the Littleton Department of Public Works (Littleton DPW) for the rehabilitation of the stormwater wetland known as "Frog Pond" at 0 Lake Shore Drive and 0 Lake Drive in Littleton, Massachusetts (Figure 1 in Appendix A). The proposed rehabilitation of Frog Pond will improve its ability to effectively treat stormwater runoff before it enters Long Pond. The project includes removal of sediment that has accumulated since the installation of the wetland in 2003. Additionally, the existing paver walkway which is in poor condition will be re-installed.

Since the proposed project is within Bank, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), Land Under Water Bodies and Waterways (LUW), and the 100-foot buffer zone associated with BVW, it requires permitting under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA; M.G.L. c. 131 § 40) and its associated regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Town of Littleton Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Wetlands Bylaw; Chapter 171) and its associated regulations.

### 1.1 Background and Purpose

#### **1.1.1 Frog Pond Stormwater Wetland**

Using funding obtained through the Section 319 Nonpoint Source Competitive Grants Program, a constructed stormwater wetland was installed northeast of Long Pond at the intersection of Lake Drive and Lake Shore Drive in 2002-2003 to treat stormwater runoff and reduce the nutrient load entering Long Pond. Since its installation, the stormwater management system's ability to effectively treat runoff has declined due to lack of maintenance. Tighe & Bond has been retained by the Town of Littleton to restore the constructed stormwater wetland to allow it to function as originally intended.

The sediment forebay has been particularly impacted by the lack of routine maintenance. Acting as a pretreatment device for all stormwater runoff entering the constructed wetland system, the sediment forebay has seen an accumulation of debris and sediment over time. Based on a 2022 study conducted by Geosyntec, sediment depths in the forebay vary between 3 and 28 inches. Operation and maintenance guidance provided by Geosyntec states that "removal of accumulated sediment should be undertaken once depths reach 1 foot in depth". It is understood that to restore the forebay to its intended operable condition, sediment must be removed as part of routine maintenance activities.

#### **1.1.2 Frog Pond Walkway**

In addition to the sediment forebay rehabilitation, funding for replacing the existing paver walkway around Frog Pond was approved during the Town of Littleton's Spring 2025 Town Meeting. The project seeks to improve the walkway conditions by replacing the deteriorating pathway with more durable pavers, address ongoing flooding issues by adding boardwalk sections, and generally bring the walkway more into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. This effort is proposed to take place immediately following the sediment forebay rehabilitation work. Refer to the funding application in Appendix F for further details.

### 1.1.3 Frog Pond Invasive Plant Management

In addition to the sediment forebay rehabilitation and walkway re-installation, funding for an invasive plant management program around Frog Pond was approved during the Town of Littleton's Spring 2025 Town Meeting. The project seeks to restore and preserve the natural habitat at the Frog Pond site and will target multiple invasive plant species. This effort will not be discussed further in this NOI, but will begin in conjunction with the site restoration work described in Section 3.4. Refer to the funding application in Appendix F for further details.

## 1.2 Stormwater Management Systems Under the WPA

Per 310 CMR 10.02(2)(c):

*... stormwater management systems designed, constructed, installed, operated, maintained, and/or improved as defined in 310 CMR 10.04 in accordance with the Stormwater Management Standards ... do not by themselves constitute Areas Subject to Protection...*

Although they may not constitute jurisdictional areas, with appropriate permitting, stormwater management systems can be constructed within jurisdictional areas and, for the purposes of this NOI, the Frog Pond stormwater wetland is considered jurisdictional.

Per 310 CMR 10.02(3), the maintenance of such a system, provided that the work meets certain requirements, *"is not subject to regulation under M.G.L. c. 131, § 40."* Per 310 CMR 10.04, maintenance of a stormwater management system is defined as *"work to keep a stormwater management system functional and in good repair so that it may continue to operate as originally designed."* As previously discussed, sediment removal (up to 1 foot in depth) from the forebay is part of the recommended routine maintenance of the Frog Pond stormwater wetland. Therefore, the proposed work would typically not require an Order of Conditions (OOC) from the Littleton Conservation Commission. However, in this instance, since more than one foot of sediment has been allowed to accumulate, the proposed work is no longer simply routine maintenance and the Littleton DPW is seeking an OOC to perform the work.

## **Section 2**

# **Existing Environment**

This section provides a site description and jurisdictional resources characterization for the project area at 0 Lake Shore Drive and 0 Lake Drive. Land use in the general vicinity of the project area was determined based on direct observations made during site inspections and a review of information available through the Massachusetts Geographic Information System (MassGIS) and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

### **2.1 Project Locus**

The proposed project is located at 0 Lake Shore Drive and 0 Lake Drive, comprising approximately 1.22 acres owned by the Town of Littleton, in Littleton, Massachusetts (identified by the Littleton Assessor as Map U12, Lots 15 and 22, respectively). The project parcels are bounded by residential land use to the north, east, and west, and by Long Pond to the south. The project area encompasses Frog Pond and the existing paver walkway that extends from Lake Drive around the northeastern edge of Frog Pond to Lake Shore Drive. Refer to the figures in Appendix A and the photographs in Appendix B for further details.

### **2.2 Methodology of Resource Area Investigations**

Tighe & Bond has conducted a desktop evaluation of jurisdictional wetland resource areas surrounding the proposed work with MassGIS and available Littleton GIS datalayers. Upon a review of available GIS datalayers, Tighe & Bond has identified multiple jurisdictional resource areas at and in proximity to the proposed replacement well including Bank, BVW, LUW, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF), and 100-foot Buffer Zone associated with BVW and Bank.

Tighe & Bond also completed a field delineation of BVW on March 13, 2025, with additional data collected on May 2, 2025, and additional field delineation on May 14, 2025. The delineation was performed following the methodologies outlined in the *Massachusetts Handbook for Delineation of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands* (September 2022), the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, Technical Report Y-87-1* (January 1987), and the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Region* (Version 2.0, January 2012). Sequentially numbered flags were placed along the wetland to demarcate jurisdictional limits as shown on the Permit Drawings in Appendix A. Wetland delineation forms are included in Appendix C.

### **2.3 Jurisdictional Resource Areas**

Wetland resource areas at and near the project area consist of Bank, BVW, LUW, BLSF, and 100-foot Buffer Zone associated with BVW and Bank. A description of each resource area is provided in the following sections.

### 2.3.1 Bank

Per 310 CMR 10.54(2)(a), Bank is defined as "*the portion of the land surface which normally abuts and confines a water body. It occurs between a water body and a vegetated bordering wetland and adjacent flood plain, or, in the absence of these, it occurs between a water body and an upland.*"

Bank near the project site is associated with Long Pond and Bank at the project site is associated with the stormwater wetland, Frog Pond. Refer to the photographs in Appendix B for further details.

### 2.3.2 Bordering Vegetated Wetlands

Per 310 CMR 10.55(2), BVW are defined as "*freshwater wetlands which border on creeks, rivers, streams, ponds and lakes... Bordering Vegetated Wetlands are areas where the soils are saturated and/or inundated such that they support a predominance of wetland indicator plants.*"

BVW is present at the project site around Frog Pond. Refer to the photographs in Appendix B and the delineation forms in Appendix C for further details.

### 2.3.3 Land Under Water Bodies and Waterways

Per 310 CMR 10.56(2), LUW is defined as "*the land beneath any creek, river, stream, pond or lake.*"

LUW is present at the project site within Frog Pond and is bounded by the Bank of Frog Pond.

### 2.3.4 Bordering Land Subject to Flooding

Per 310 CMR 10.57(2)(a), BLSF is defined as "*an area with low, flat topography adjacent to and inundated by flood waters rising from creeks, rivers, streams, ponds or lakes. It extends from the banks of these waterways and water bodies; where a bordering vegetated wetland occurs, it extends from said wetland.*" Its boundary is further defined as "*the estimated maximum lateral extent of flood water which will theoretically result from the statistical 100-year frequency storm*" which is determined by "*reference to the most recently available flood profile data prepared for the community within which the work is proposed under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP, currently administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, successor to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development).*"

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") Flood Insurance Rate Map ("FIRM") Panel No. 25017C0237F, effective July 7, 2014, a Zone A flood zone with no base flood elevation is associated with Long Pond immediately south of the project parcels. Therefore, BLSF is present near but not within the proposed project area.

BLSF is separated from the project site by Lake Shore Drive. Refer to Figure 3 in Appendix A and the photographs in Appendix B for further details.

### **2.3.5 Buffer Zone**

Per 310 CMR 10.02, a 100-foot Buffer Zone is associated with BVW and Banks. Additionally, per Section 4.2(2) of the Wetland Bylaw, the inner 50 feet of the Buffer Zone is defined as a "No-Disturbance Area."

Buffer Zone near and within the proposed project area is associated with the previously described BVW and Long Pond Bank. Refer to the photographs in Appendix B for further details.

## **2.4 Rare Species**

The Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program ("NHESP") Atlas and MassGIS (August 2021) were consulted during the preparation of this application. According to these sources, the project area is not located within the limits of mapped *Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife*, *Priority Habitats of Rare Species*, or certified or potential vernal pools.

# Section 3

## Project Description

This section provides a description of the proposed sediment removal and walkway re-installation, proposed site stabilization measures, Best Management Practices (BMPs), and post-construction site restoration and stabilization.

### 3.1 Proposed Activities

The proposed project involves removing the accumulated sediment within Frog Pond and re-installing the existing paver walkway around Frog Pond.

#### 3.1.1 Sediment Removal

Following the installation of erosion and sediment controls and the coffer dam, the forebay will be dewatered as described in Section 3.2.2.

Once dewatering is complete, removal of the accumulated sediment will commence. The depth of sediment to be removed varies from approximately 3 to 23 inches as shown on Sheet C-201 of the Permit Drawings in Appendix A. Sediment removal will be carried out manually to the extent practicable to minimize impacts to resource areas, although a small excavator may be utilized for at least some of the work.

Due to site constraints, removed sediment will be stockpiled outside of BVW but within the No-Disturbance Area of the Buffer Zone. See sheet C-501 of the Permit Drawings in Appendix A for a detail of the temporary stockpile. A geotextile fabric layer will be used to separate the sediment from the ground surface. Sediment will be disposed of appropriately offsite.

Upon completion of the sediment removal, the dewatering system will be disengaged and the coffer dam uninstalled to allow water to flow through the forebay again.

#### 3.1.2 Walkway Re-Installation

Following the sediment removal work, the existing walkway pavers and underlying gravel will be removed. New gravel will be added within the existing walkway footprint and compacted before new pavers are added. Loam will be added as needed to back up the walkway edges. Walkway removal and re-installation will be carried out manually within BVW to the extent practicable to avoid and minimize impacts to the BVW. If machine access is required, plastic construction matting will be used to minimize equipment rutting in the BVW.

#### 3.1.3 Access

The project area will be accessed from Lake Drive slightly north of the existing paver walkway entrance. A second access area is planned from Lake Shore Drive at the southern terminus of the existing paver walkway; this second access is intended to reduce disturbance to BVW during the walkway re-installation.

## 3.2 Protective Measures & Best Management Practices

The following Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented during construction to minimize the potential for erosion and sedimentation to downgradient wetland resource areas. Erosion control locations are provided on the Permit Drawings. Typical details are shown on Sheet C-501 of the Permit Drawings in Appendix A.

### 3.2.1 Erosion Control Barriers

Wetland resource areas at and near the proposed Project Site will be protected with a row of erosion control barriers. The erosion control barriers will consist of straw bales and siltation fence or other similarly effective devices. The proposed locations of these barriers are shown on the Permit Drawings. In addition:

- The Contractor will be required to maintain a reserve supply of erosion control barriers on-site to make repairs, as necessary.
- Protective measures will be inspected regularly and after significant precipitation events. Maintenance and repairs will be conducted, as necessary.
- Natural fiber erosion control blankets will be installed, as necessary, on slopes for protection during vegetation grow-in.

Following the stabilization of disturbed areas and Conservation Commission authorization, the erosion control barriers will be removed and properly disposed of off-site.

### 3.2.2 Dewatering and Flow Bypass

Due to the nature of the proposed project and the space restrictions of the site, it will be necessary to dewater the stormwater wetland forebay and to bypass flow through the forebay to perform work in the dry.

A coffer dam will be installed at the inlet to the forebay, allowing the forebay to drain. When necessary, flow from the inlet will be redirected to downstream of the forebay outlet via a bypass pump or gravity system. Water will flow through a dewatering filter bag before reentering the stormwater wetland downstream of the forebay outlet as shown on the Permit Drawings in Appendix A.

The weather will be frequently monitored to determine if adjustments to the bypass system need to be made to work in the dry. The contractor will be required to prepare and provide a contingency plan, including response to significant wet weather events, prior to the commencement of work.

### 3.2.3 Additional Protective Measures

The following general protective measures will also be employed:

- Construction vehicles will be washed prior to entering and exiting the project area to avoid the potential spread of invasive plant species.
- Trees within the proposed staging areas will be protected during construction activities.
- Swamp mats will be used as necessary to minimize disturbance to resource areas.

### **3.3 Anticipated Construction Sequence**

The following anticipated sequence of construction is based on Tighe & Bond's experience with past similar projects. Certain aspects of the anticipated sequence may be altered by the contractor with approval from the Littleton DPW, except as required by permit conditions and instructions contained within the project specifications:

- Install sedimentation and erosion controls
- Install temporary coffer dam and dewatering measures
- Remove sediment from forebay
- Remove coffer dam and dewatering measures
- Remove and re-install paver walkway
- Restore and stabilize project area
- Remove sedimentation and erosion controls following stabilization

Please note that the above sequence may change, and some tasks may be done concurrently. The contractor who performs the work will ultimately determine the sequencing based on their means and methods of construction.

### **3.4 Project Site Restoration**

Upon completion of work, disturbed areas will be stabilized to match pre-construction conditions to the extent practicable, including reinstallation of the paver walkway. Wetland areas will be seeded with New England Wetmix or another appropriate wetland seed mix approved by the Littleton Conservation Commission. Buffer zone areas will be seeded with New England Conservation/Wildlife Mix or another appropriate upland seed mix approved by the Littleton Conservation Commission.

## Section 4

# Regulatory Compliance

This section summarizes the project's relationship to and compliance with the WPA and its implementing regulations and the Wetlands Bylaw and its implementing regulations. A summary of other pertinent environmental regulations is also included.

Work associated with the proposed stormwater wetland rehabilitation project occurs within Bank, BVW, LUW, and the 100-foot buffer zone and will result in temporary and permanent alterations to these jurisdictional areas. Since no impacts to BLSF are proposed, that resource area will not be discussed further. Table 4-1 below summarizes the proposed alterations.

**TABLE 4-1**  
Summary of Approximate Jurisdictional Alterations by Resource Area

Resource Area	Proposed Temporary Alteration	Proposed Permanent Alteration
Bank	235 lf	--
BVW	1,460 sf	--
LUW	3,315 sf (dewatering)	99 cy (dredge)
100-foot Buffer Zone	10,545 sf	--
50-foot No Disturbance Area	10,425 sf	--

### 4.1 Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act

The following sections summarize the project's compliance with the General Performance Standards (provided in *italics*) established in the WPA regulations for each resource area.

#### 4.1.1 Stormwater Management System Repair

Per 310 CMR 10.02(4):

*... work other than maintenance that may alter or affect a stormwater management system (including work to repair or replace the stormwater management system...) that was designed, constructed, installed and/or improved after November 18, 1996, as defined in 310 CMR 10.04, and if constructed in an Area Subject to Protection under M.G.L. c. 131, § 40 or Buffer Zone, as described in 310 CMR 10.02(1) and (2)(a) through (d), the system was constructed in accordance with all applicable provisions of 310 CMR 10.00, solely for the purpose of stormwater management, in accordance with the Stormwater Management Standards as provided in the Stormwater Management Policy (1996) or 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k) through (q), may be permitted through an Order of Conditions, or Negative Determination of Applicability provided that the work:*

*(a) at a minimum provides the same capacity as the original design to attenuate peak discharge rates, recharge the ground water, and remove total suspended solids;*

The proposed work will restore the original capacity of the Frog Pond forebay area so that it can function as designed, primarily, to remove total suspended solids before infiltrating through the main portion of Frog Pond.

*(b) complies with the Stormwater Management Standards as provided in 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k) through (q); and*

As a redevelopment project, the proposed work complies with the Stormwater Management Standards to the extent practicable. Refer to Section 4.2 and the memorandum in Appendix A for further details. A Stormwater Checklist is also included in the memorandum in Appendix E.

*(c) meets all the applicable performance standards for any work that expands the existing stormwater management system into an Area Subject to Protection under M.G.L. c. 131, § 40 or Buffer Zone as described in 310 CMR 10.02(1) and (2)(a) through (d).*

The proposed project meets all applicable performance standards to the maximum extent practicable as described in Sections 4.1.2 though 4.1.4.

#### **4.1.2 Bank**

The Performance Standards for Bank are set forth at 310 CMR 10.54(4):

*(a) Where the presumption set forth in 310 CMR 10.54(3) is not overcome, any proposed work on a Bank shall not impair the following:*

- 1. the physical stability of the Bank;*
- 2. the water carrying capacity of the existing channel within the Bank;*
- 3. ground water and surface water quality;*
- 4. the capacity of the Bank to provide breeding habitat, escape cover and food for fisheries;*
- 5. the capacity of the Bank to provide important wildlife habitat functions. A project or projects on a single lot, for which Notice(s) of Intent is filed on or after November 1, 1987, that (cumulatively) alter(s) up to 10% or 50 feet (whichever is less) of the length of the bank found to be significant to the protection of wildlife habitat, shall not be deemed to impair its capacity to provide important wildlife habitat functions. In the case of a bank of a river or an intermittent stream, the impact shall be measured on each side of the stream or river. Additional alterations beyond the above threshold may be permitted if they will have no adverse effects on wildlife habitat, as determined by procedures contained in 310 CMR 10.60.*
- 6. Work on a stream crossing shall be presumed to meet the performance standard set forth in 310 CMR 10.54(4)(a) provided the work is performed in compliance with the Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards by consisting of a span or embedded culvert in which, at a minimum, the bottom of a span structure or the upper surface of an embedded culvert is above the elevation of the top of the bank, and the structure spans the channel width by a minimum of 1.2 times the bankfull width. This presumption is rebuttable and may be overcome by the submittal of credible evidence from a competent source. Notwithstanding the requirement of 310 CMR 10.54(4)(a)5., the impact on bank caused by the installation of a stream*

*crossing is exempt from the requirement to perform a habitat evaluation in accordance with the procedures contained in 310 CMR 10.60.*

The proposed work will result in only temporary impacts to Bank at the site. Any disturbance of the Bank during construction will be stabilized with seed and erosion control protections as needed. No impacts to the physical stability of the Bank, the capacity of the Bank to provide breeding habitat, escape cover and food for fisheries, or to the capacity of the Bank to provide wildlife habitat functions are anticipated. The proposed sediment removal will improve the carrying capacity of the existing channel (forebay area). This improved capacity will allow Frog Pond as a whole to better infiltrate stormwater and, therefore, improve ground water and surface water quality.

The proposed project does not include a stream crossing, so that portion of the performance standard is not applicable.

*(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 310 CMR 10.54(4)(a), structures may be permitted in or on a Bank when required to prevent flood damage to facilities, buildings and roads constructed prior to the effective date of 310 CMR 10.51 through 10.60 or constructed pursuant to a Notice of Intent filed prior to the effective date of 310 CMR 10.51 through 10.60 (April 1, 1983), including the renovation or reconstruction (but not substantial enlargement) of such facilities, buildings and roads, provided that the following requirements are met:*

- 1. The proposed protective structure, renovation or reconstruction is designed and constructed using best practical measures so as to minimize adverse effects on the characteristics and functions of the resource area;*
- 2. The applicant demonstrates that there is no reasonable method of protecting, renovating or rebuilding the facility in question other than the one proposed.*

No new structures are proposed within or on the Bank and the proposed impacts to the Bank are temporary in nature. Therefore, this performance standard is not applicable.

*(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of 310 CMR 10.54(4)(a) or (b), no project may be permitted which will have any adverse effect on specified habitat sites of Rare Species, as identified by procedures established under 310 CMR 10.59.*

As previously described in Section 2.4, the project area is not located within Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife, Priority Habitat of Rare Species, or certified or potential vernal pools and, therefore, will not adversely affect rare species or their specified habitat.

#### **4.1.3 Bordering Vegetated Wetlands**

The Performance Standards for BVW are set forth at 310 CMR 10.55(4):

*(a) Where the presumption set forth in 310 CMR 10.55(3) is not overcome, any proposed work in a Bordering Vegetated Wetland shall not destroy or otherwise impair any portion of said area.*

The proposed work within BVW at the site is temporary in nature and appropriate BMPs will be followed as previously described in Section 3.2. Additionally, temporarily disturbed areas of BVW will be restored *in situ* as previously described in Section 3.4. Therefore, permanent impairments to BVW at the site are not anticipated.

*(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 310 CMR 10.55(4)(a), the issuing authority may issue an Order of Conditions permitting work which results in the loss of up to 5000 square feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland when said area is replaced in accordance with the following general conditions and any additional, specific conditions the issuing authority deems necessary to ensure that the replacement area will function in a manner similar to the area that will be lost:*

- 1. the surface of the replacement area to be created ("the replacement area") shall be equal to that of the area that will be lost ("the lost area");*
- 2. the ground water and surface elevation of the replacement area shall be approximately equal to that of the lost area;*
- 3. The overall horizontal configuration and location of the replacement area with respect to the bank shall be similar to that of the lost area;*
- 4. the replacement area shall have an unrestricted hydraulic connection to the same water body or waterway associated with the lost area;*
- 5. the replacement area shall be located within the same general area of the water body or reach of the waterway as the lost area;*
- 6. at least 75% of the surface of the replacement area shall be reestablished with indigenous wetland plant species within two growing seasons, and prior to said vegetative reestablishment any exposed soil in the replacement area shall be temporarily stabilized to prevent erosion in accordance with standard U.S. Soil Conservation Service methods; and*
- 7. the replacement area shall be provided in a manner which is consistent with all other General Performance Standards for each resource area in Part III of 310 CMR 10.00. In the exercise of this discretion, the issuing authority shall consider the magnitude of the alteration and the significance of the project site to the interests identified in M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, the extent to which adverse impacts can be avoided, the extent to which adverse impacts are minimized, and the extent to which mitigation measures, including replication or restoration, are provided to contribute to the protection of the interests identified in M.G.L. c. 131, § 40.*

Since the proposed impacts to BVW are temporary in nature, wetland replication is not required. Therefore, this performance standard is not applicable.

*(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of 310 CMR 10.55(4)(a), the issuing authority may issue an Order of Conditions permitting work which results in the loss of a portion of Bordering Vegetated Wetland when;*

- 1. said portion has a surface area less than 500 square feet;*
- 2. said portion extends in a distinct linear configuration ("finger-like") into adjacent uplands; and*
- 3. in the judgment of the issuing authority it is not reasonable to scale down, redesign or otherwise change the proposed work so that it could be completed without loss of said wetland.*

Since the proposed impacts to BVW are temporary in nature, no loss of BVW is anticipated. Therefore, this performance standard is not applicable.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of 310 CMR 10.55(4)(a),(b) and (c), no project may be permitted which will have any adverse effect on specified habitat sites of rare vertebrate or invertebrate species, as identified by procedures established under 310 CMR 10.59.

As previously described in Section 2.4, the project area is not located within Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife, Priority Habitat of Rare Species, or certified or potential vernal pools and, therefore, will not adversely affect rare species or their specified habitat.

(e) Any proposed work shall not destroy or otherwise impair any portion of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland that is within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern designated by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs under M.G.L. c. 21A, § 2(7) and 301 CMR 12.00: Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. 310 CMR 10.55(4)(e):

1. supersedes the provisions of 310 CMR 10.55(4)(b) and (c);
2. shall not apply if the presumption set forth at 310 CMR 10.55(3) is overcome;
3. shall not apply to work proposed under 310 CMR 10.53(3)(l); and
4. shall not apply to maintenance of stormwater detention, retention, or sedimentation ponds, or to maintenance of stormwater energy dissipating structures, that have been constructed in accordance with a valid order of conditions.

The proposed work is not within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and, therefore, the project will not impair a BVW within an ACEC.

#### **4.1.4 Land Under Water Bodies and Waterways**

The Performance Standards for BVW are set forth at 310 CMR 10.56(4):

(a) Where the presumption set forth in 310 CMR 10.56(3) is not overcome, any proposed work within Land under Water Bodies and Waterways shall not impair the following:

1. The water carrying capacity within the defined channel, which is provided by said land in conjunction with the banks;
2. Ground and surface water quality;
3. The capacity of said land to provide breeding habitat, escape cover and food for fisheries; and
4. The capacity of said land to provide important wildlife habitat functions. A project or projects on a single lot, for which Notice(s) of intent is filed on or after November 1, 1987, that (cumulatively) alter(s) up to 10% or 5,000 square feet (whichever is less) of land in this resource area found to be significant to the protection of wildlife habitat, shall not be deemed to impair its capacity to provide important wildlife habitat functions. Additional alterations beyond the above threshold may be permitted if they will have no adverse effects on wildlife habitat, as determined by procedures established under 310 CMR 10.60.
5. Work on a stream crossing shall be presumed to meet the performance standard set forth in 310 CMR 10.56(4)(a) provided the work is performed in compliance with the Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards by consisting of a span or embedded culvert in which, at a minimum, the bottom of a span structure or the

*upper surface of an embedded culvert is above the elevation of the top of the bank, and the structure spans the channel width by a minimum of 1.2 times the bankfull width. This presumption is rebuttable and may be overcome by the submittal of credible evidence from a competent source. Notwithstanding the requirements of 310 CMR 10.56(4)(a)4., the impact on Land under Water Bodies and Waterways caused by the installation of a stream crossing is exempt from the requirement to perform a habitat evaluation in accordance with the procedures established under 310 CMR 10.60.*

The proposed work will result temporary impacts from dewatering and in removal of 99 cubic yards of sediment from LUW at the site. The proposed sediment removal will improve the carrying capacity of the existing channel (forebay area). This improved capacity will allow Frog Pond as a whole to better infiltrate stormwater and, therefore, improve ground water and surface water quality.

No impacts to the capacity of the LUW to provide breeding habitat, escape cover and food for fisheries, or to the capacity of the LUW to provide wildlife habitat functions are anticipated.

The proposed project does not include a stream crossing, so that portion of the performance standard is not applicable.

*(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 310 CMR 10.56(4)(a), the issuing authority may issue an Order in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, § 40 to maintain or improve boat channels within Land under Water Bodies and Waterways when said work is designed and carried out using the best practical measures so as to minimize adverse effects such as the suspension or transport of pollutants, increases in turbidity, the smothering of bottom organisms, the accumulation of pollutants by organisms or the destruction of fisheries habitat or nutrient source areas.*

The proposed project does not include boat channels. Therefore, this performance standard is not applicable.

*(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of 310 CMR 10.56(4)(a) or (b), no project may be permitted which will have any adverse effect on specified habitat sites of rare vertebrate or invertebrate species, as identified by procedures established under 310 CMR 10.59.*

As previously described in Section 2.4, the project area is not located within Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife, Priority Habitat of Rare Species, or certified or potential vernal pools and, therefore, will not adversely affect rare species or their specified habitat.

#### **4.1.5 Buffer Zone**

The WPA does not provide specific performance standards for work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone. Section 4.3 of the Wetlands Bylaw regulations do, however, provide the following performance standards for work within the Buffer Zone:

*(1) The activity shall not significantly impair the values and functions of the adjacent Areas Subject to Protection. The quantity and quality of resource values and functions, as well as pre-project conditions, such as ground slope, soil conditions, vegetation, and prior disturbance of the site should be considered explicitly in making this determination. Any offsetting mitigation provided shall also be considered, including the inclusion of*

*pedestrian and bicycle access rights-of-way in the project (which can reduce the pollutant runoff and climate change contribution associated with the project).*

The proposed impacts within the Buffer Zone are temporary in nature. Appropriate BMPs will be followed as previously described in Section 3.2 and temporarily disturbed areas of the Buffer Zone will be restored *in situ* as previously described in Section 3.4. Therefore, the Buffer Zone at the site is being protected. Additionally, as previously described in Sections 4.1.2 through 4.1.4, the proposed work meets the performance standards for adjacent resource areas as applicable and to the extent practicable.

*(2) The amount of net additional impervious coverage created in the Buffer Zone shall be minimized to the extent feasible (including by use of pervious alternatives).*

No new imperious coverage within the Buffer Zone is proposed; the re-installed paver walkway will be within the existing walkway footprint.

*(3) Land owners shall minimize application of fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorus, other than for agricultural uses.*

No changes to the current use of fertilizers (or lack thereof) at the project location are proposed.

## **4.2 Stormwater Management**

As previously described in Section 1, the proposed project will improve the functionality of Frog Pond as a stormwater wetland. It has been designed in accordance with the recommendations in the MassDEP Stormwater Handbook and meets the Stormwater Standards as described in the memorandum in Appendix E. A Stormwater Checklist is also included in Appendix E.

## **4.3 Littleton Wetlands Bylaw Waiver Request**

The proposed activities are also subject to the Wetlands Bylaw and its associated regulations. Per Section 1.4 of the regulations:

- 1. Strict compliance with these Regulations may be waived when, in the judgment of the Commission, such action is*
  - a) in the public interest, necessary to avoid a taking, necessary to prevent a safety hazard, or water dependent; and*
  - b) consistent with the intent and purpose of the Bylaw; and*
  - c) the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative.*

*Actions that are in the public interest may include (but are not limited to) those that would result in a significant net environmental improvement in the conditions of the Buffer Zone or an Area Subject to Protection by the Bylaw so as to promote the Interests Protected by the Bylaw. Such net environmental improvement may be achieved by measures such as restoration of disturbed areas to a natural condition, invasive species control, improvement of existing stormwater conditions to the maximum extent practicable including exceeding MassDEP stormwater management*

*standards, permanent protection of Buffer Zone or Areas Subject to Protection, or similar significant net environmental improvement.*

As previously described in Section 1, the proposed sediment removal from the Frog Pond forebay is necessary to improve the functionality of Frog Pond as a stormwater wetland to treat water before it enters Long Pond and is, therefore, in the public interest and consistent with the intent and purpose of the Wetlands Bylaw. Due to the constrained size of the site, temporary impacts to multiple resource areas and the No-Disturbance Zone are necessary and unavoidable to access and perform the proposed work. These temporary impacts have been minimized to the extent practicable. Therefore, we request that the Littleton Conservation Commission waive the prohibition on work within the No-Disturbance Zone and strict compliance with the Wetlands Bylaw for this project.

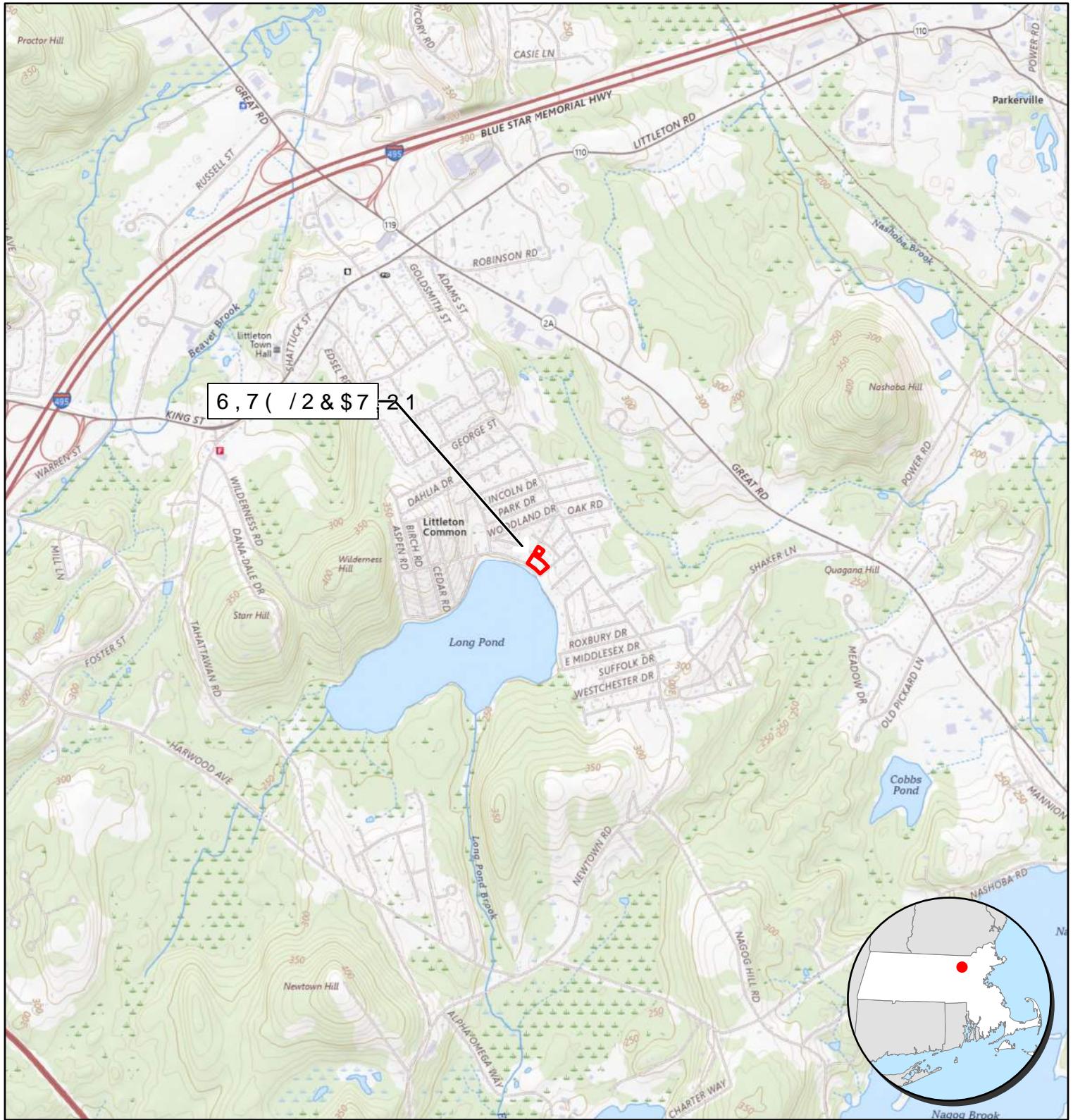
#### **4.4 Other Pertinent Regulatory Programs**

In addition to the WPA and Wetland Bylaw, the proposed project will require a Self-Verification Notification Form to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Since the proposed project will result in the cumulative disturbance of less than 5,000 square feet of BVW and LUW and will not exceed 100 cy of dredge, the WPA Order of Conditions will serve as the necessary permit under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Since the proposed project will not result in the cumulative disturbance of one or more acres of land, a NPDES Construction General Permit will not be required.

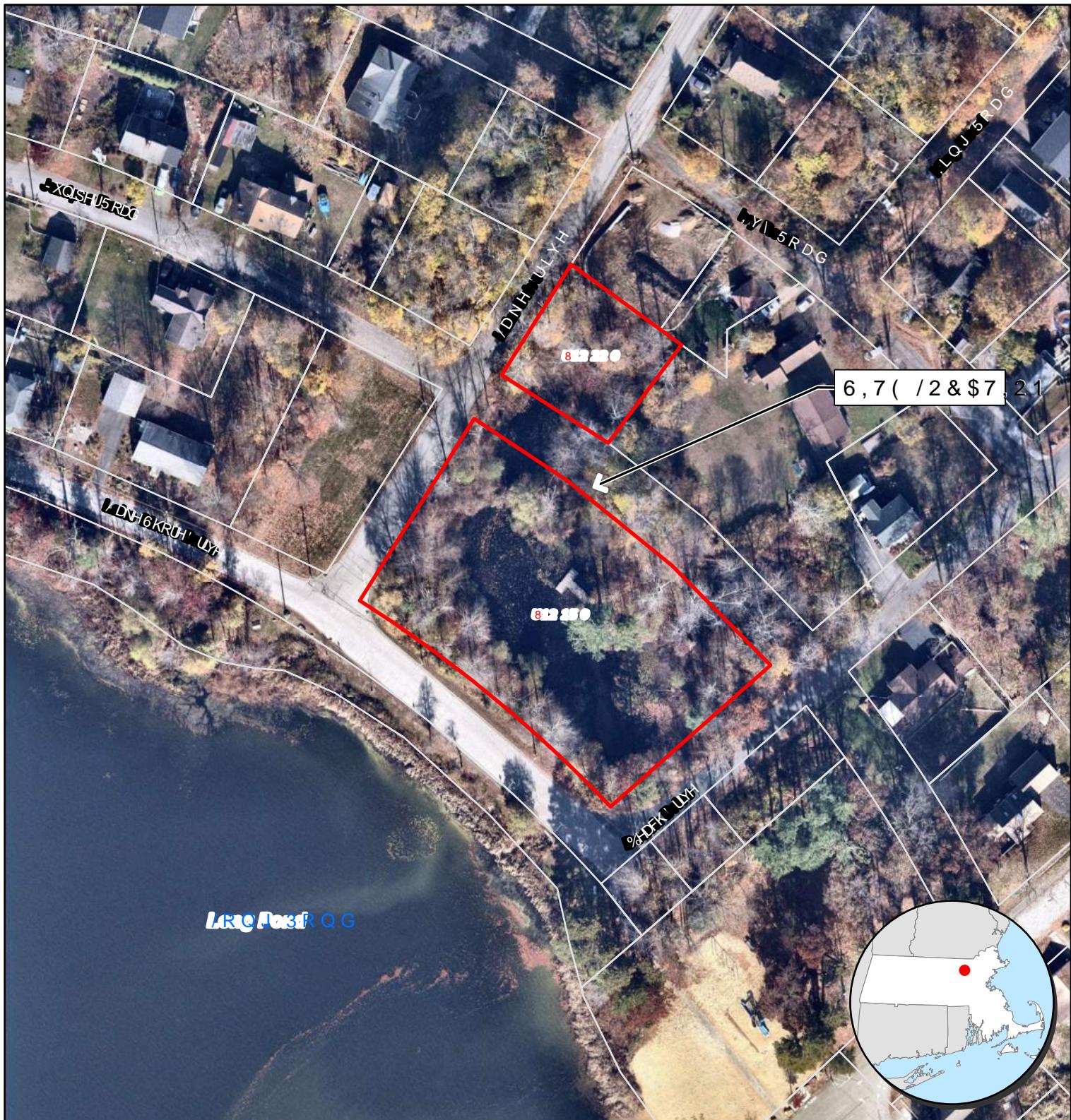




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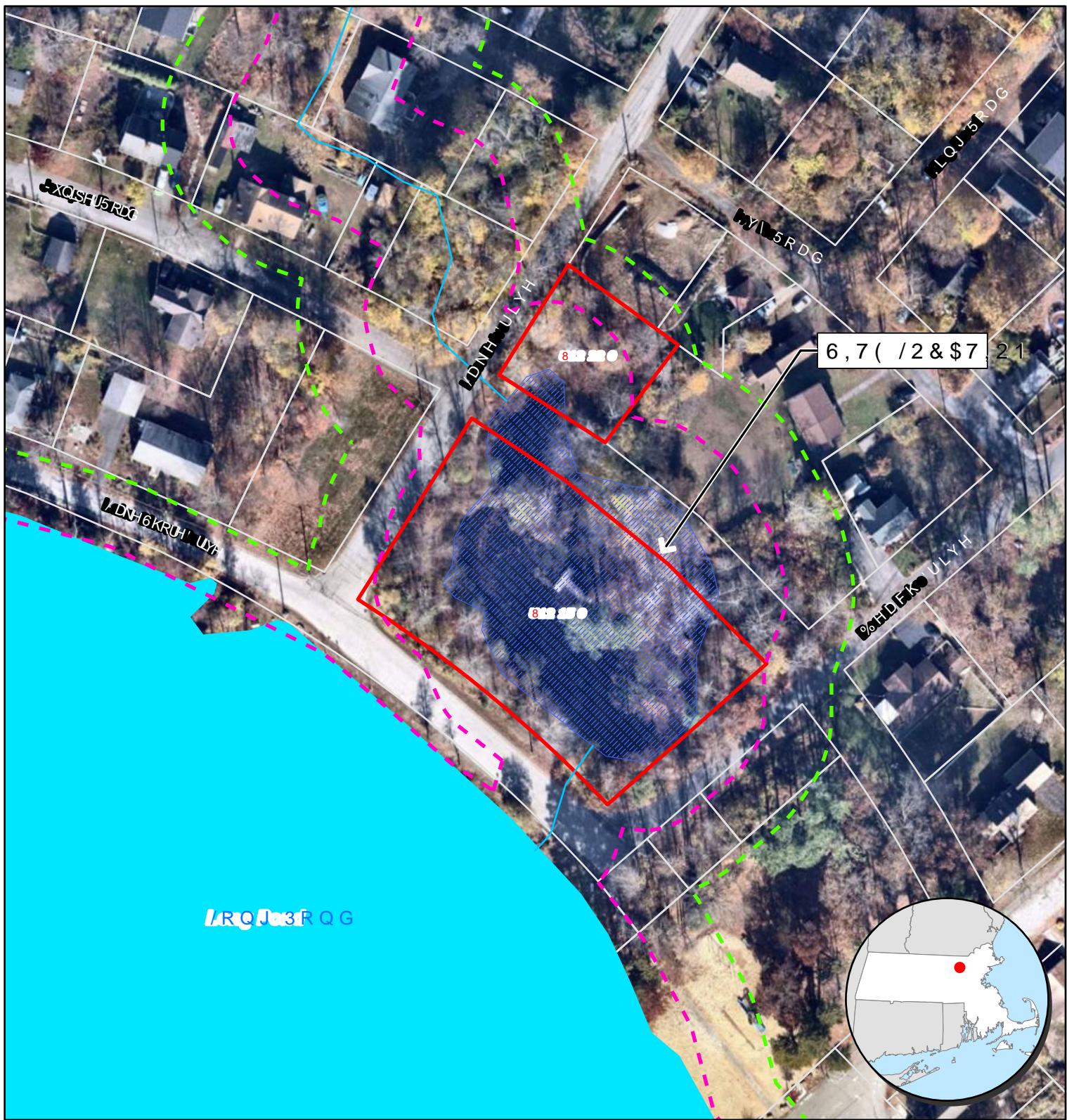
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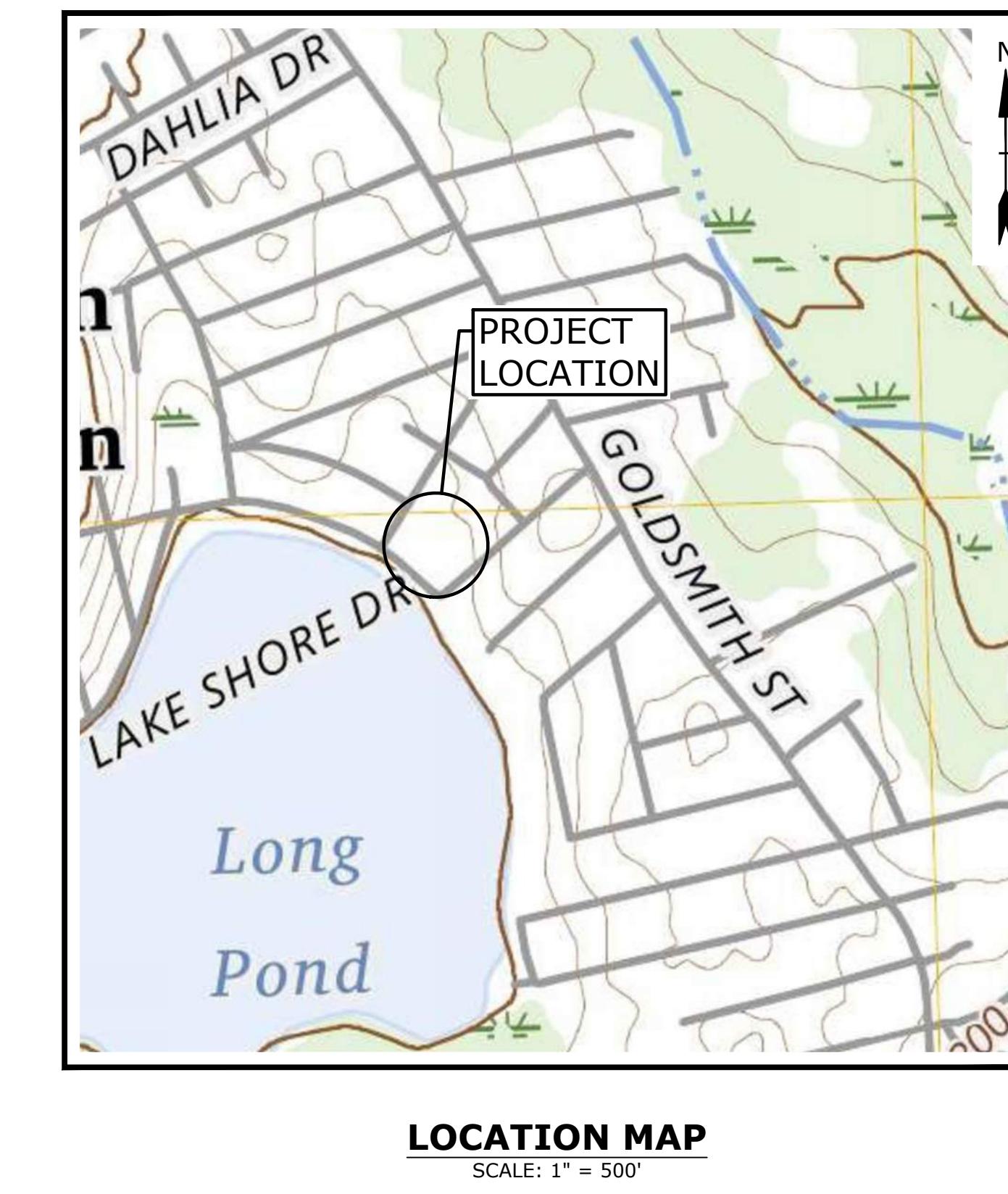
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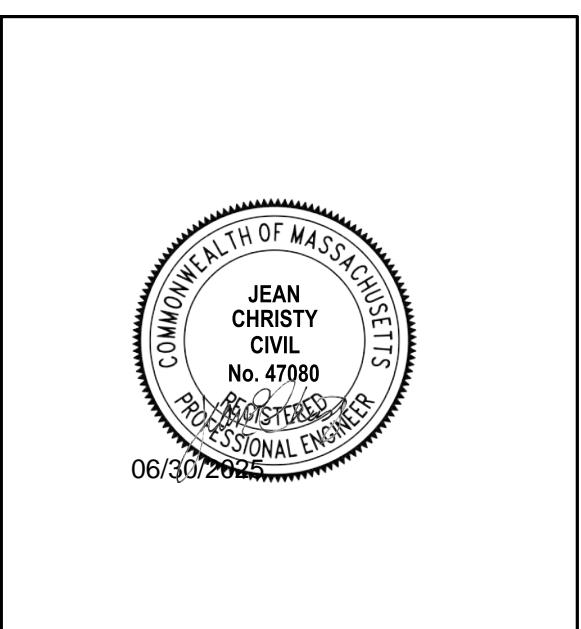
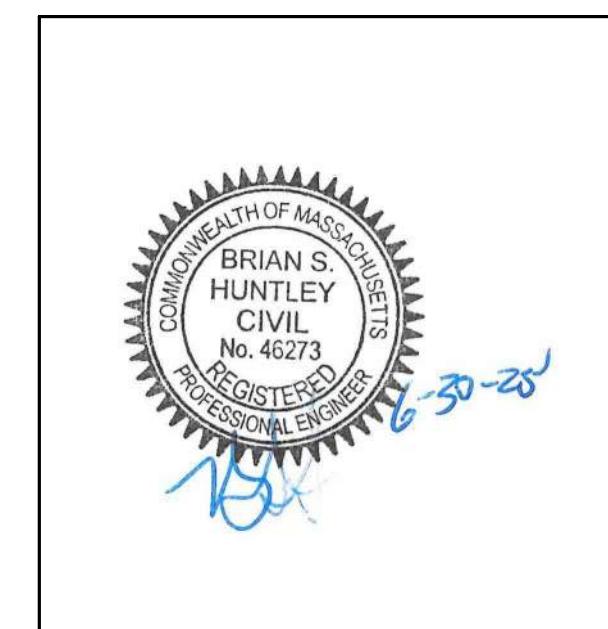
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LIST OF DRAWINGS	
DRAWING NO.	DRAWING TITLE
G-001	COVER SHEET
G-002	LEGEND, ABBREVIATIONS & GENERAL NOTES
G-003	GENERAL NOTES
C-101	EXISTING CONDITIONS & SITE PREPARATION PLAN
C-201	FOREBAY EXCAVATION PLAN
C-501	DETAILS



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**LEGEND**

DESCRIPTION	EXISTING	PROPOSED
PROPERTY LINE	-----	-----
LIMITS OF WORK	-----	-----
INTERMEDIATE CONTOURS	-----	-----
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SPOT GRADE	X 141.2	-----
STORM DRAIN	SD SD	-----
OVERHEAD ELECTRIC	OE OE	-----
CURB	-----	-----
EDGE OF PAVEMENT	-----	-----
SIDEWALK	-----	-----
RETAINING WALL	-----	-----
FENCE - WOOD POST	-----	-----
STORM DRAIN STRUCTURES	CATCH BASIN	-----
ELECTRIC SERVICE STRUCTURES	UTILITY POLE	-----
TREE	CONIFEROUS	DECIDUOUS
EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL	-----	-----
COFFERDAM	-----	-----
ITEM TO BE DEMOLISHED	-----	-----
CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE	-----	-----
CONSTRUCTION ACCESS ROUTE	-----	-----
CONC PAVER WALKWAY	-----	-----
BOARDWALK	-----	-----

**ABBREVIATIONS**

BIT	BITUMINOUS
BK	BOOK
CB	CATCH BASIN
CONC	CONCRETE
ELEV	ELEVATION
IN	INCHES
INV	INVERT
MH	MANHOLE
MIN	MINIMUM
PG	PAGE
RCP	REINFORCED CONCRETE
TBM	PIPE
UP	TEMPORARY BENCHMARK
WD	UTILITY POLE
	WOOD

**BASE PLAN NOTES**

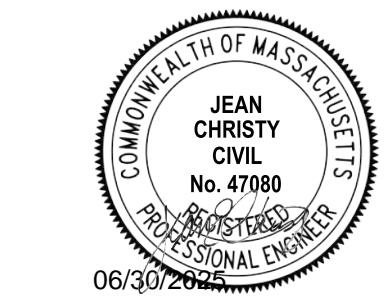
- THE EXISTING CONDITIONS INFORMATION SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:
  - SURVEY DRAWINGS PROVIDED BY SHERMAN & FRYDRYK TITLED EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN AND DATED APRIL 8, 2025.
  - THE RESOURCE AREA BOUNDARIES DEPICTED ON THE DRAWINGS WERE DELINEATED BY TIGHE & BOND, INC. ON MARCH 13, 2025.
- THE ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS OF SUBSURFACE INFORMATION (E.G., EXISTING UTILITIES) SHOWN ON THESE DRAWINGS IS NOT GUARANTEED AND SOME SUBSURFACE INFORMATION MAY NOT BE SHOWN. DETERMINE THE LOCATIONS AND ELEVATIONS OF ALL SUBSURFACE FEATURES WHICH MAY AFFECT CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS BY TEST PIT OR OTHER METHODS, AS NECESSARY TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO UTILITIES AND OTHER SUBSURFACE FEATURES, AND/OR INTERRUPTIONS IN UTILITY SERVICE. PROVIDE DATA COLLECTED THROUGH THESE INVESTIGATIONS TO THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTING THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS.
- THE DRAWINGS ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING DATUMS: HORIZONTAL-NAD83; VERTICAL-NAVD88
- THE EXISTING CONDITIONS SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE. FIELD VERIFY EXISTING CONDITIONS.
- THE PROPERTY LINES SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE NOT BASED ON DEED OR PLAN RESEARCH.

**EROSION CONTROL AND RESOURCE AREA PROTECTION NOTES**

- PROVIDE ALL EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHOWN, SPECIFIED, REQUIRED BY PERMIT, AND/OR REQUIRED BY THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION OR IMMEDIATELY UPON REQUEST. MAINTAIN SUCH CONTROL MEASURES UNTIL FINAL SURFACE TREATMENTS ARE IN PLACE AND/OR UNTIL PERMANENT VEGETATION IS ESTABLISHED. INSPECT AFTER EACH RAINSTORM AND DURING MAJOR STORM EVENTS TO CONFIRM THAT ALL SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES REQUIRED ARE IN PLACE AND EFFECTIVE.
- PRIOR TO STARTING WORK, CLEARLY STAKE WORK LIMITS. DO NOT DISTURB VEGETATION AND TOPSOIL BEYOND THE PROPOSED LIMITS. COORDINATE WITH THE ENGINEER FOR LOCATIONS OF TEMPORARY STOCKPILING OF TOPSOIL DURING CONSTRUCTION.
- INSTALL SILT SACKS OR OTHER APPROVED SEDIMENTATION BARRIERS IN/AT ALL CATCH BASINS IN THE PROJECT AREA.
- COMPACT, STABILIZE, AND LOAM AND SEED SIDE SLOPES, SHOULDER AREAS AND DISTURBED VEGETATED AREAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND AS REQUIRED BY PERMITS. GRADE SIDE SLOPES, SHOULDER AREAS AND DISTURBED VEGETATED AREAS TO A MAXIMUM SLOPE OF 3 HORIZONTAL TO 1 VERTICAL (3H:1V), WHERE POSSIBLE. PROVIDE BIODEGRADABLE EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS TO PREVENT EROSION WHERE SLOPES ARE STEEPER THAN 3H:1V.
- SETTLE OR FILTER ALL SILT-LADEN WATER FROM DEWATERING ACTIVITIES IN A SEDIMENTATION OR FILTER BAG TO REMOVE SEDIMENTS PRIOR TO RELEASE USING A SEDIMENTATION OR FILTER BAG LOCATED DOWN-GRADIENT OF THE DEWATERED AREA.
- REMOVE AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF SILT TRAPPED AT BARRIERS IN UPLAND AREAS OUTSIDE BUFFER ZONES. REMOVE MATERIALS DEPOSITED IN ANY TEMPORARY SETTLING BASINS AT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. RESTORE ALL DISTURBED AREAS TO THEIR PRECONSTRUCTION CONDITION.
- SWEEP, COLLECT, REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY SEDIMENT TRACKED ONTO PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS AT THE END OF EACH DAY.
- LOAM AND SEED ALL DISTURBED VEGETATED AREAS TO ESTABLISH COVER AND STABILIZATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING DISTURBANCE.
- MAINTAIN AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ON-SITE FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS.
- STORE FUEL, OIL, PAINT, OR OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN A SECONDARY CONTAINER AND REMOVE TO A SECURE LOCKED AND COVERED AREA DURING NON-WORK HOURS.
- PROVIDE A SUPPLY OF ABSORBENT SPILL RESPONSE MATERIALS SUCH AS BOOMS, BLANKETS, AND OIL ABSORBENT MATERIALS AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE AT ALL TIMES TO CLEAN UP POTENTIAL SPILLS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. IMMEDIATELY REPORT SPILLS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY AND THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE THE WORK IS OCCURRING.

**SURFACE RESTORATION NOTES**

- ALL PAVEMENT DAMAGED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S OPERATIONS SHALL BE REPLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
- PROVIDE SITE GRADING AT ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALK RAMPS, SIDEWALKS, AND BUILDING ENTRANCES THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE RELEVANT ACCESS REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT (ABA), THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), AND MA ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD REQUIREMENTS (AAB). SMALL CHANGES IN GRADE OVER RELATIVELY SHORT DISTANCES (E.G. AT PARKING SPACES, ACCESSIBLE ROUTES, AND RAMPS) MIGHT NOT BE CLEARLY DEPICTED WITHIN THE CONTOUR INTERVAL SHOWN. COMPLY WITH THE CRITERIA IN THESE STANDARDS. SELECT MAXIMUM SLOPE CRITERIA ARE REPRODUCED BELOW:
  - ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALL AND PASSENGER LOADING ZONE (ANY DIRECTION) SLOPE < 2.0%
  - LONGITUDINAL SLOPE ALONG ACCESSIBLE ROUTES < 5.0%
  - CROSS SLOPE ALONG ACCESSIBLE ROUTES < 2.0%
- PROTECT PROJECT FEATURES (E.G., WALLS, FENCES, MAIL BOXES, SIGNS, SIDEWALKS, CURBING, STAIRS, WALKWAYS, TREES, ETC.) FROM DAMAGE DURING CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING PROVIDING TEMPORARY SUPPORTS, WHEN APPROPRIATE.
- IF REMOVAL OF PROJECT FEATURES IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PERFORM THE PROPOSED WORK, REMOVE THOSE SITE FEATURES ONLY UPON APPROVAL OF ENGINEER. REPLACE ALL REMOVED PROJECT FEATURES; NEW ITEMS SHALL BE EQUAL OR BETTER IN QUALITY AND CONDITION TO THE ITEMS REMOVED.
- EXISTING SURVEY MONUMENTS DISTURBED BY THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REPLACED BY A LAND SURVEYOR LICENSED IN THE STATE IN WHICH THE WORK IS PERFORMED AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE OWNER.
- COORDINATE THE ADJUSTMENT OF EXISTING UTILITY STRUCTURES WITH EACH RESPONSIBLE UTILITY OWNER PRIOR TO RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR PAVING OPERATIONS. RAISE ALL STRUCTURES TO FINISHED GRADES PRIOR TO THE END OF THE CONSTRUCTION SEASON AND PRIOR TO FINISHED PAVING.
- REPAIR DISTURBED PAVED SURFACES AT THE END OF EACH WORK WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED/REQUIRED BY THE OWNER.
- PLACE TEMPORARY BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PAVEMENT AT DISTURBED PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS AT THE END OF EACH WORK WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED/REQUIRED BY THE OWNER.
- TRANSFER ALL TEMPORARY BENCHMARKS, AS NECESSARY.
- ACCOMMODATE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC WHERE A SIDEWALK IS TO BE CLOSED FOR SAFETY. "SIDEWALK CLOSED HERE" SIGNS SHALL BE USED AT THE NEAREST SAFE INTERSECTION. SEE TRAFFIC CONTROL DETAILS FOR SIGN INFORMATION.
- RESTORE ALL AREAS DISTURBED BY THE CONTRACTOR BEYOND THE PAYLINE LIMITS TO ORIGINAL CONDITIONS AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE OWNER.
- REGRADE ALL UNPAVED AREAS DISTURBED BY THE WORK AS REQUIRED. REPAIR/REPLACE PAVED SURFACES DISTURBED BY THE WORK IN-KIND, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. RESTORE SURFACES TO EXISTING OR PROPOSED CONDITIONS AS INDICATED ON THE DRAWINGS.
- PROVIDE A SMOOTH, FLUSH TRANSITION BETWEEN ALL NEW AND EXISTING PAVEMENTS AND WALKING SURFACES.

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## **TEMPORARY WATER CONTROL AND DEWATERING NOTES**

SUBMIT TO THE OWNER AND ENGINEER A DETAILED METHOD OF DEWATERING, TO BE APPROVED BY THE OWNER AND ENGINEER PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION. AS A MINIMUM, THE CONTRACTOR'S DEWATERING PLAN SHALL ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS AND ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ADEQUATE PUMPING, DIVERSION AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES TO MAINTAIN THE EXCAVATED AREA SUFFICIENTLY DRY FROM GROUNDWATER AND/OR SURFACE RUNOFF SO AS NOT TO ADVERSELY AFFECT CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES NOR CAUSE EXCESSIVE DISTURBANCE OF UNDERLYING OR SURROUNDING NATURAL GROUND.
2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY PERMITS REQUIRED FOR DE-WATERING ACTIVITIES AND TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT DE-WATERING DISCHARGES COMPLY WITH PERMITS APPLICABLE TO THE PROJECT. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL DISPOSE OF WATER FROM THE TRENCHES AND EXCAVATIONS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO AVOID PUBLIC NUISANCE, INJURY TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR THE ENVIRONMENT, DAMAGE TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY, OR DAMAGE TO THE WORK COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS.
3. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BRACE OR OTHERWISE PROTECT PIPELINES AND STRUCTURES NOT STABLE AGAINST UPLIFT DURING CONSTRUCTION.
4. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT EXCAVATE UNTIL THE DE-WATERING SYSTEM IS OPERATIONAL AND THE EXCAVATION MAY PROCEED WITHOUT DISTURBANCE TO THE FINAL SUBGRADE OR SURROUNDING AREAS.
5. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CONTINUE DE-WATERING UNINTERRUPTED UNTIL THE STRUCTURES, PIPES AND APPURTENANCES TO BE INSTALLED HAVE BEEN COMPLETED SUCH THAT THEY WILL NOT FLOAT OR BE OTHERWISE DAMAGED BY AN INCREASE IN GROUNDWATER ELEVATION.
6. DE-WATERING DISCHARGE:
  - 6.A. INSTALL SAND AND GRAVEL, OR CRUSHED STONE, FILTERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUMPS, WELL POINTS, AND/OR DEEP WELLS TO PREVENT THE MIGRATION OF FINES FROM THE EXISTING SOIL DURING THE DE-WATERING OPERATION.
  - 6.B. WATER PUMPED FROM EXCAVATIONS MUST BE PASSED THROUGH A SILT FILTER BAG OR OTHER SUCH BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP) FEATURE PRIOR TO BEING DISCHARGED BACK TO A SURFACE WATER BODY.
  - 6.C. DO NOT DISCHARGE WATER INTO ANY SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.
  - 6.D. ALL DE-WATERING DISCHARGES SHALL BE OUTSIDE OF ANY WETLAND SYSTEMS.
  - 6.E. FOLLOWING TREATMENT IN AN APPROPRIATE BMP, WATER PUMPED FROM EXCAVATIONS SHOULD GENERALLY BE DISCHARGED ON THE DOWNSTREAM SIDE OF THE WORK AREA.
  - 6.F. THE DISCHARGE AREA FOR THE PUMP OR SIPHON OUTLET MUST BE PROPERLY PROTECTED TO PREVENT EROSION BY HIGH VELOCITY FLOW.
  - 6.G. DISCHARGE FLOW VELOCITY FROM PUMPS OR SIPHONS OVER UNPROTECTED, VEGETATED GROUND MUST NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM OF 1 FOOT PER SECOND. DISCHARGE FLOW VELOCITY FROM PUMPS OR SIPHONS WITHIN THE UNPROTECTED NATURAL STREAM CHANNEL SHALL NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM OF 3 FEET PER SECOND. IN THE EVENT EROSION RESULTS FROM VELOCITIES OF THE MAGNITUDES, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL TAKE STEPS TO MITIGATE THE EROSION OR SHALL REDUCE DISCHARGE FLOW VELOCITY.
7. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL TEMPORARY COFFERDAMS AS REQUIRED. THE EXACT CONSTRUCTION DETAILS OF THE COFFERDAM SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE CONTRACTOR PERFORMING THE WORK.
8. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TEMPORARY WATER CONTROL, SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER, NECESSARY TO EXECUTE AND COMPLETE THE WORK, SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE PROJECT PERMITS.
9. ALL TEMPORARY WATER CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROPRIATE SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SO AS TO MITIGATE TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE RELEASE OF SEDIMENT INTO WATER BODIES AND POTENTIAL EROSION OF SOIL.
10. PUMPS OR GENERATORS WHICH UTILIZE LIQUID FUEL MUST BE PLACED WITHIN AN IMPERMEABLE SECONDARY CONTAINMENT AREA WITH SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO CONTAIN THE FULL VOLUME OF THE FUEL TANK.
11. PUMP OR SIPHON INTAKES SHALL BE PLACED SUCH THAT SEDIMENT AND DEBRIS ENTRAINMENT IS MINIMIZED.
12. THE TEMPORARY COFFERDAM SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUCTED OF UNCONTAINED FILL (SOIL, ROCK, OR ANY OTHER LOOSE MATERIAL). THESE TYPES OF COFFERDAMS ARE SPECIFICALLY DISALLOWED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REASONS.

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1. THE DEWATERING LAYOUT IS SHOWN FOR SCHEMATIC PURPOSES ONLY. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MEANS AND METHODS AND SHALL SUBMIT A DEWATERING PLAN FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

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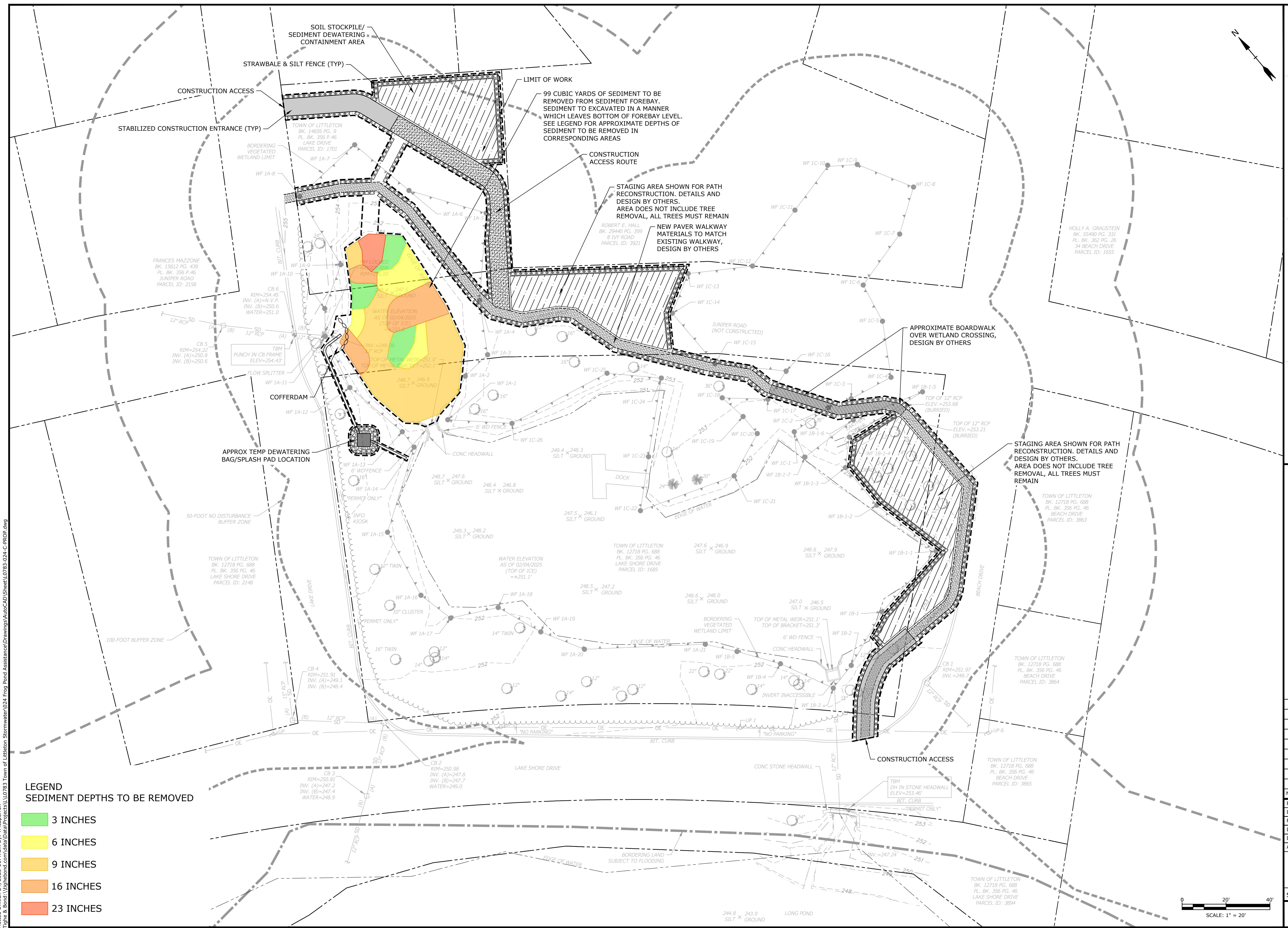
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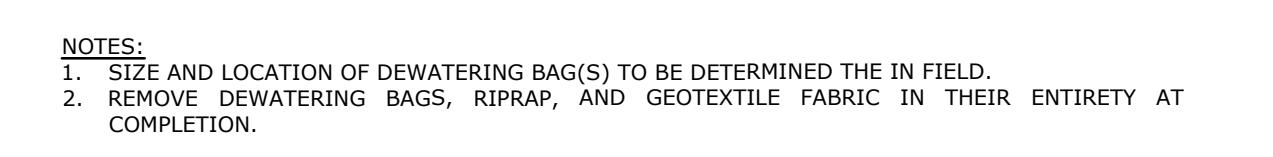
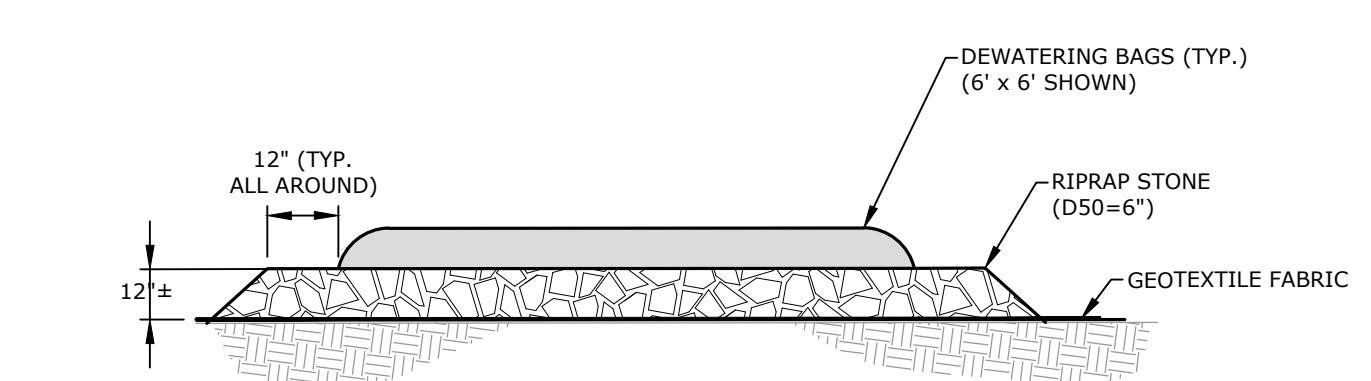
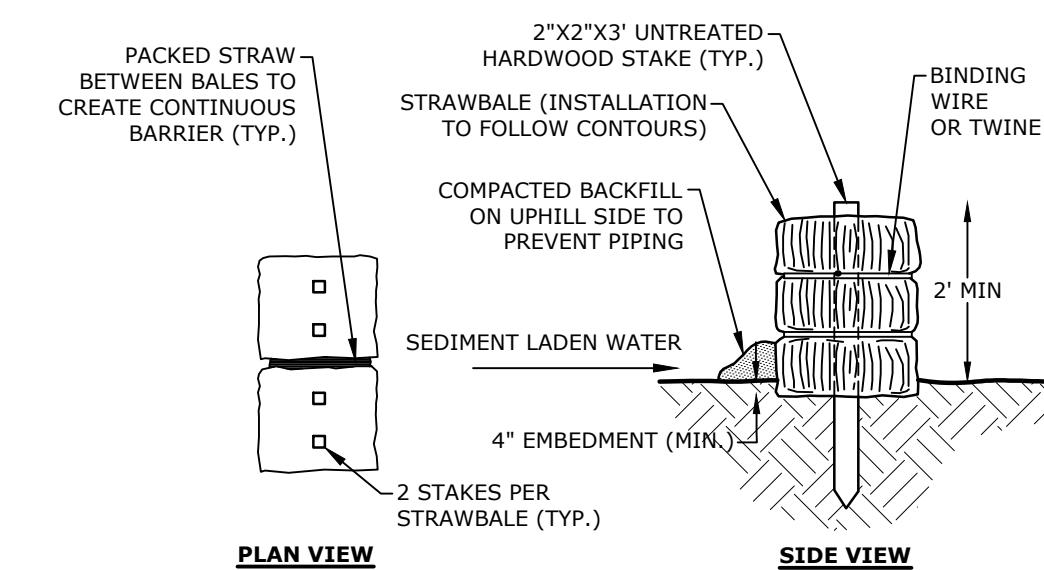
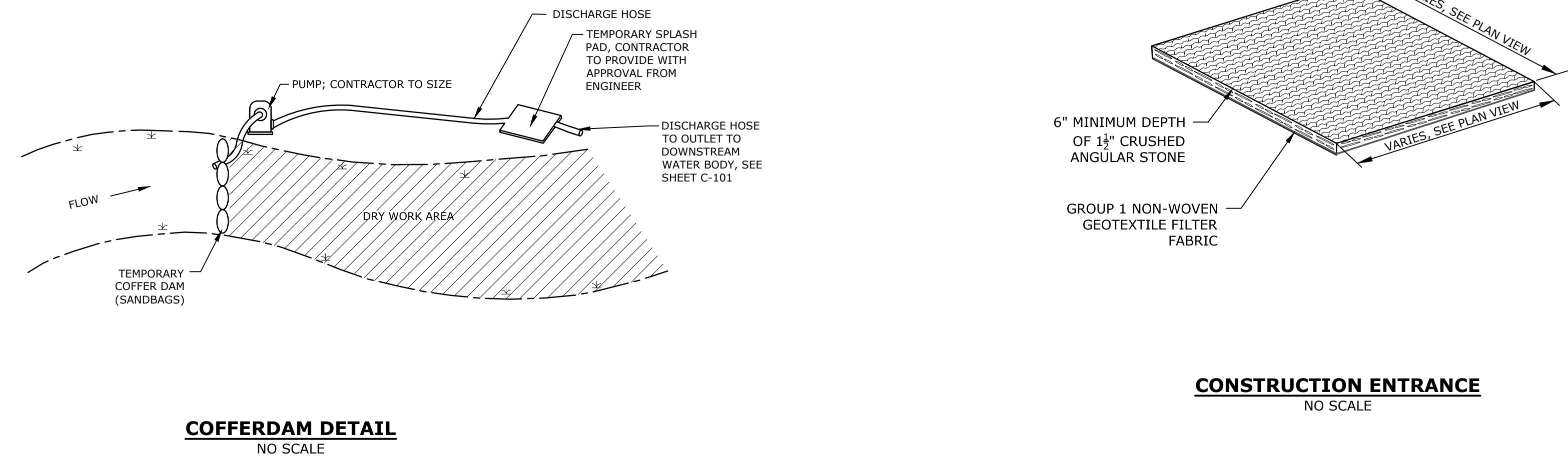
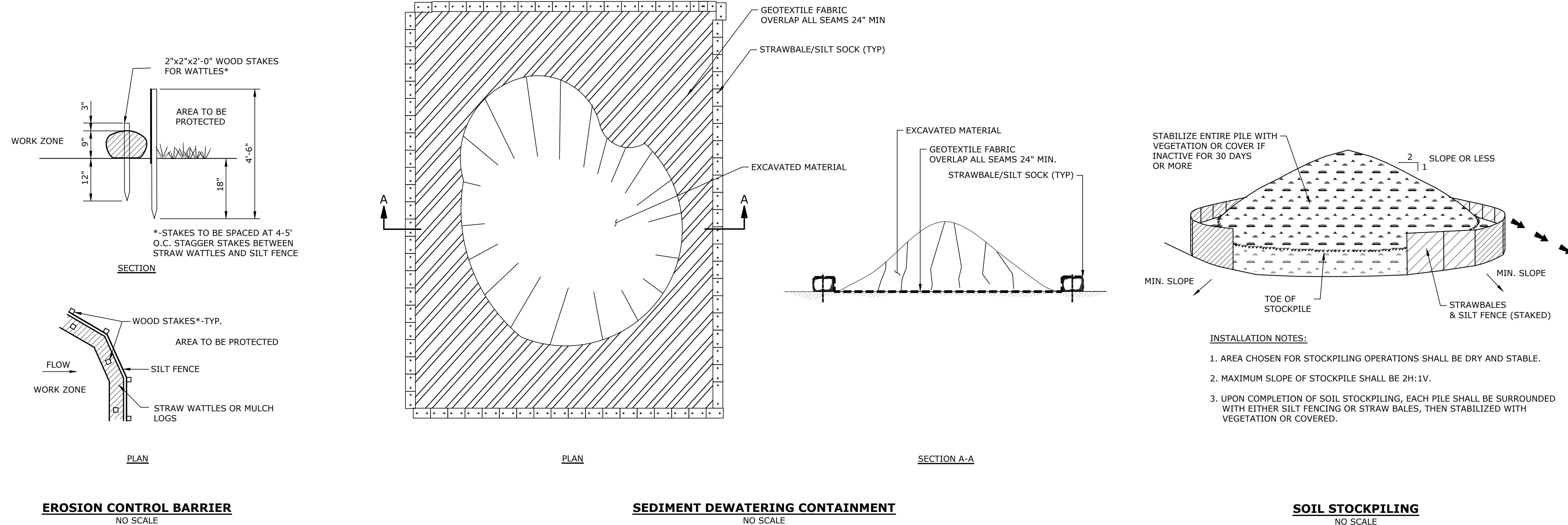
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# Constructed Wetland Rehabilitation Assistance

# Town of Littleton

# Littleton, Massachusetts

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# Photographic Log

**Tighe&Bond**

**Client:** Town of Littleton, MA

**Job Number:** L-0783-024

**Site:** Frog Pond Assistance

<b>Photograph No.: 1</b>	<b>Date:</b> 03/14/2025	<b>Direction Taken:</b> South
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**Description:** Typical View of the northern edge of Frog Pond. BVW extends from the bank of the pond across the existing paver path.



<b>Photograph No.: 2</b>	<b>Date:</b> 03/14/2025	<b>Direction Taken:</b> North
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**Description:** Typical view of the southern edge of Frog Pond and outlet drainage.



# Photographic Log

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**Client:** Town of Littleton, MA

**Job Number:** L-0783-024

**Site:** Frog Pond Assistance

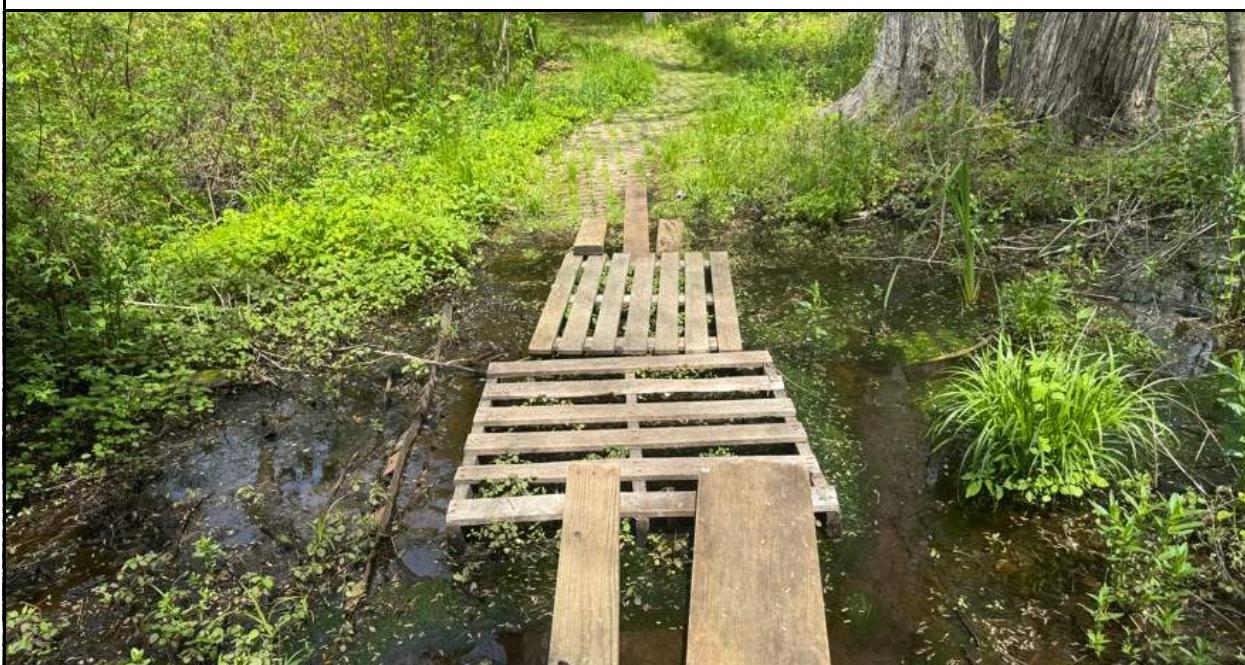
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**Description:** Typical view of the existing paver path east of Frog Pond. BVW is present on both side of the path.



<b>Photograph No.:</b> 4	<b>Date:</b> 05/14/2025	<b>Direction Taken:</b> South
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**Description:** View of the existing paver path crossing a flooded wetland area, located on the eastern side of Frog Pond.



# Photographic Log

**Tighe&Bond**

**Client:** Town of Littleton, MA

**Job Number:** L-0783-024

**Site:** Frog Pond Assistance

<b>Photograph No.:</b> 5	<b>Date:</b> 05/14/2025	<b>Direction Taken:</b> Southeast
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<b>Photograph No.:</b> 6	<b>Date:</b> 05/14/2025	<b>Direction Taken:</b> North
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## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Frog Pond Assistance City/County: Littleton Sampling Date: 03/13/2025  
 Applicant/Owner: Town of Littleton Department of Public Works State: MA Sampling Point: 1  
 Investigator(s): Rick Lipinski Section, Township, Range: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 2  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR R, MLRA 144A Lat: 42.533965 Long: -71.466217 Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Woodbridge-Urban land complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes NWI classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: _____
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.) This wetland exists on the northern edge of Frog Pond, containing soil saturation, dark surface, and dominant hydrophytic vegetation.	

### HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators</u> (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)		<b>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</b>
Surface Water (A1) <u>X</u> High Water Table (A2) <u>X</u> Saturation (A3) <u>X</u> Water Marks (B1) _____ Sediment Deposits (B2) _____ Drift Deposits (B3) _____ Algal Mat or Crust (B4) _____ Iron Deposits (B5) _____ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) _____ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) <u>X</u>	Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <u>X</u> Aquatic Fauna (B13) _____ Marl Deposits (B15) _____ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) _____ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) _____ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) _____ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) _____ Thin Muck Surface (C7) _____ Other (Explain in Remarks) _____	Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <u>X</u> Drainage Patterns (B10) _____ Moss Trim Lines (B16) _____ Dry-Season Water Table (C2) _____ Crayfish Burrows (C8) _____ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) _____ Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) _____ Geomorphic Position (D2) <u>X</u> Shallow Aquitard (D3) _____ Microtopographic Relief (D4) _____ FAC-Neutral Test (D5) _____

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ Depth (inches): <u>16</u> Saturation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ Depth (inches): <u>0</u> (includes capillary fringe)		<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No _____
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: Hydrologic indicators are met.	
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## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: 1

<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30</u> )	<u>Absolute % Cover</u>	<u>Dominant Species?</u>	<u>Indicator Status</u>	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>  Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>3</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>5</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>60.0%</u> (A/B)		
1. <i>Quercus rubra</i>	<u>25</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>			
2. <i>Alnus incana</i>	<u>20</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>			
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
7.						
	<u>45</u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>				
<u>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>15</u> )				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b>  Total % Cover of: <u>10</u> Multiply by: <u>x 1 = 10</u> OBL species <u>10</u> <u>x 1 = 10</u> FACW species <u>45</u> <u>x 2 = 90</u> FAC species <u>75</u> <u>x 3 = 225</u> FACU species <u>40</u> <u>x 4 = 160</u> UPL species <u>0</u> <u>x 5 = 0</u> Column Totals: <u>170</u> (A) <u>485</u> (B)  Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>2.85</u>		
1. <i>Celastrus scandens</i>	<u>15</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>			
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
7.						
	<u>15</u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>				
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>5</u> )				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X 3 - Prevalence Index is $\leq 3.0^1$ <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)		
1. <i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	<u>65</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>			
2. <i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	<u>15</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>			
3. <i>Juncus effusus</i>	<u>10</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>			
4. <i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	<u>10</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>			
5.						
6.						
7.						
	<u>100</u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>				
<u>Woody Vine Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>  </u> )				<b>Definitions of Vegetation Strata:</b>  <b>Tree</b> – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.  <b>Sapling/shrub</b> – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.  <b>Herb</b> – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.  <b>Woody vines</b> – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.		
1. <i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>	<u>10</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>			
2.						
3.						
4.						
	<u>10</u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>				
<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>					

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

Vegetation meets wetland criteria.

**Profile Description:** (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains.

<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

## Hydric Soil Indicators:

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Stripped Matrix (S6)
- Dark Surface (S7)

- Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR R, **MLRA 149B**)
- Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR R, MLRA 149B**)
- High Chroma Sands (S11) (**LRR K, L**)
- Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (**LRR K, L**)
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- X Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- 1 Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)
- Marl (F10) (**LRR K, L**)

### Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

- 2 cm Muck (A10) (**LRR K, L, MLRA 149B**)
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR K, L**)
- Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR K, L**)
- Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (**MLRA 149B**)
- Mesic Spodic (TA6) (**MLRA 144A, 145, 149B**)
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

### Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type:

Depth (inches):

Hydric Soil Present? Yes  X  No

Yes  No

**Remarks:**

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# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Frog Pond Assistance City/County: Littleton Sampling Date: 03/13/2025  
 Applicant/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ State: MA Sampling Point: Upland TP2  
 Investigator(s): Rick Lipinski Section, Township, Range: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): flat Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope (%): 1  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR R, MLRA 144A Lat: 42.533177 Long: -71.466188 Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Woodbridge-Urban land complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes NWI classification: N/A  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: _____
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.) This upland plot exists on the southern edge of Frog pond, with no hydrologic indicators or wetland vegetation.	

## HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u>		<b>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</b>
<u>Surface Water (A1)</u>	<u>Water-Stained Leaves (B9)</u>	<u>Surface Soil Cracks (B6)</u>
<u>High Water Table (A2)</u>	<u>Aquatic Fauna (B13)</u>	<u>Drainage Patterns (B10)</u>
<u>Saturation (A3)</u>	<u>Marl Deposits (B15)</u>	<u>Moss Trim Lines (B16)</u>
<u>Water Marks (B1)</u>	<u>Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)</u>	<u>Dry-Season Water Table (C2)</u>
<u>Sediment Deposits (B2)</u>	<u>Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)</u>	<u>Crayfish Burrows (C8)</u>
<u>Drift Deposits (B3)</u>	<u>Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)</u>	<u>Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)</u>
<u>Algal Mat or Crust (B4)</u>	<u>Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)</u>	<u>Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)</u>
<u>Iron Deposits (B5)</u>	<u>Thin Muck Surface (C7)</u>	<u>Geomorphic Position (D2)</u>
<u>Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)</u>	<u>Other (Explain in Remarks)</u>	<u>Shallow Aquitard (D3)</u>
<u>Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)</u>		<u>Microtopographic Relief (D4)</u>
		<u>FAC-Neutral Test (D5)</u>

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)		<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u>
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:		

Remarks: No hydrologic indicators are present.	

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: Upland TP2

<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>  Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0.0%</u> (A/B)	
1. <i>Acer nigrum</i>	<u>10</u>	Yes	FACU		
2. <i>Pinus strobus</i>	<u>10</u>	Yes	FACU		
3. <i>Ulmus americana</i>	<u>5</u>	No	FACW		
4. <i>Picea abies</i>	<u>5</u>	No	UPL		
5.					
6.					
7.					
	<u>30</u>	=Total Cover			
<u>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>15</u> )				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b>  Total % Cover of: <u>30</u> Multiply by:  OBL species <u>0</u> x 1 = <u>0</u> FACW species <u>5</u> x 2 = <u>10</u> FAC species <u>0</u> x 3 = <u>0</u> FACU species <u>20</u> x 4 = <u>80</u> UPL species <u>5</u> x 5 = <u>25</u> Column Totals: <u>30</u> (A) <u>115</u> (B)  Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>3.83</u>	
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7.					
		=Total Cover			
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>5</u> )				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>  1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation 2 - Dominance Test is >50% 3 - Prevalence Index is $\leq 3.0^1$ 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)	
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12.					
		=Total Cover			
<u>Woody Vine Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>      </u> )				<b>Definitions of Vegetation Strata:</b>  <b>Tree</b> – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.  <b>Sapling/shrub</b> – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.  <b>Herb</b> – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.  <b>Woody vines</b> – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
		=Total Cover			

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

Vegetation does not meet wetland criteria. Upland data point taken on outskirts of Frog Pond with no herbaceous vegetation

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?** Yes        No X

## SOIL

Sampling Point: Upland TP2

**Profile Description:** (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains.

<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

## Hydric Soil Indicators:

Histosol (A1)	Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) ( <b>LRR R, MLRA 149B</b> )	2 cm Muck (A10) ( <b>LRR K, L, MLRA 149B</b> )
Histic Epipedon (A2)		Coast Prairie Redox (A16) ( <b>LRR K, L, R</b> )
Black Histic (A3)	Thin Dark Surface (S9) ( <b>LRR R, MLRA 149B</b> )	5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) ( <b>LRR K, L, R</b> )
Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	High Chroma Sands (S11) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )	Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )
Stratified Layers (A5)	Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )	Thin Dark Surface (S9) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )
Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) ( <b>LRR K, L, R</b> )
Thick Dark Surface (A12)	Depleted Matrix (F3)	Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) ( <b>MLRA 149B</b> )
Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	Redox Dark Surface (F6)	Mesic Spodic (TA6) ( <b>MLRA 144A, 145, 149B</b> )
Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	Red Parent Material (F21)
Sandy Redox (S5)	Redox Depressions (F8)	Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
Stripped Matrix (S6)	Marl (F10) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )	Other (Explain in Remarks)
Dark Surface (S7)		

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

### Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: hard bottom

Depth (inches): 4

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No X

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**Remarks:**

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No hydrologic soil indicators present at this upland point

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Frog Pond Assistance City/County: Littleton Sampling Date: 03/13/2025  
 Applicant/Owner: Town of Littleton Department of Public Works State: MA Sampling Point: Upland TP3  
 Investigator(s): Rick Lipinski Section, Township, Range: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): flat Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR R, MLRA 144A Lat: 42.533752 Long: -71.466296 Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Woodbridge-Urban land complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes NWI classification: N/A  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>      </u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: _____
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.) This upland plot exists on the eastern edge outside of Frog Pond, with no hydrologic indicators and marginal wetland vegetation.	

### HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u>		<b>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</b>
<u>Surface Water (A1)</u>	<u>Water-Stained Leaves (B9)</u>	<u>Surface Soil Cracks (B6)</u>
<u>High Water Table (A2)</u>	<u>Aquatic Fauna (B13)</u>	<u>Drainage Patterns (B10)</u>
<u>Saturation (A3)</u>	<u>Marl Deposits (B15)</u>	<u>Moss Trim Lines (B16)</u>
<u>Water Marks (B1)</u>	<u>Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)</u>	<u>Dry-Season Water Table (C2)</u>
<u>Sediment Deposits (B2)</u>	<u>Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)</u>	<u>Crayfish Burrows (C8)</u>
<u>Drift Deposits (B3)</u>	<u>Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)</u>	<u>Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)</u>
<u>Algal Mat or Crust (B4)</u>	<u>Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)</u>	<u>Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)</u>
<u>Iron Deposits (B5)</u>	<u>Thin Muck Surface (C7)</u>	<u>Geomorphic Position (D2)</u>
<u>Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)</u>	<u>Other (Explain in Remarks)</u>	<u>Shallow Aquitard (D3)</u>
<u>Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)</u>		<u>Microtopographic Relief (D4)</u>
		<u>FAC-Neutral Test (D5)</u>

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)		<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u>
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:		

Remarks: No hydrologic indicators are present.	

**VEGETATION** – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: Upland TP3

Tree Stratum	(Plot size: <u>30</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. <i>Acer nigrum</i>		10	Yes	FACU
2. <i>Fraxinus nigra</i>		5	Yes	FACW
3. <i>Ulmus americana</i>		5	Yes	FACW
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
		20	=Total Cover	
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>15</u> )				
1. <i>Reynoutria japonica</i>		35	Yes	FACU
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
		35	=Total Cover	
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>5</u> )				
1. <i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>		20	Yes	UPL
2. <i>Euonymus fortunei</i>		20	Yes	UPL
3. <i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>		5	No	FACW
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
11.				
12.				
		45	=Total Cover	
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>      </u> )				
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
			=Total Cover	
<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>				
Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A)				
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>6</u> (B)				
Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>33.3%</u> (A/B)				
<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b>				
Total % Cover of:			Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0	
FACW species	15	x 2 =	30	
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0	
FACU species	45	x 4 =	180	
UPL species	40	x 5 =	200	
Column Totals:	100	(A)	410 (B)	
Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>4.10</u>				
<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>				
1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation				
2 - Dominance Test is >50%				
3 - Prevalence Index is $\leq 3.0^1$				
4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)				
Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)				
1Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.				
<b>Definitions of Vegetation Strata:</b>				
<b>Tree</b> – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.				
<b>Sapling/shrub</b> – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.				
<b>Herb</b> – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.				
<b>Woody vines</b> – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.				
<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <u>      </u> No <u> X </u>				

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

Vegetation does not meet wetland criteria.

## SOIL

Sampling Point: Upland TP3

**Profile Description:** (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains.

<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

## Hydric Soil Indicators:

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Stripped Matrix (S6)
- X Dark Surface (S7)
- Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR R, MLRA 149B**)
- Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR R, MLRA 149B**)
- High Chroma Sands (S11) (**LRR K, L**)
- Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (**LRR K, L**)
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- X Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)
- Marl (F10) (**LRR K, L**)

## Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

- 2 cm Muck (A10) (**LRR K, L, MLRA 149B**)
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR K, L**)
- Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR K, L**)
- Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (**MLRA 149B**)
- Mesic Spodic (TA6) (**MLRA 144A, 145, 149B**)
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

### Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type:

Depth (inches):

Hydric Soil Present? Yes  No

Yes  No

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**Remarks:**

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Soils only contain S7 indicators. No redox was found in soil profile

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Frog Pond Assistance City/County: Littleton Sampling Date: 05/02/2025  
 Applicant/Owner: Town of Littleton Department of Public Works State: MA Sampling Point: Wetland 5/2  
 Investigator(s): Rick Lipinski Section, Township, Range: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 1  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR R, MLRA 144A Lat: 42.534078 Long: -71.46624 Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Woodbridge-Urban land complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes NWI classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: _____
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.) This wetland exists on the northern edge of Frog pond, containing soil saturation, dark surface, and dominant hydrophytic vegetation.	

### HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators</u> (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)		<b>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</b>
<u>Surface Water</u> (A1)	<u>Water-Stained Leaves</u> (B9)	<u>Surface Soil Cracks</u> (B6)
<u>High Water Table</u> (A2)	<u>Aquatic Fauna</u> (B13)	<u>Drainage Patterns</u> (B10)
<u>Saturation</u> (A3)	<u>Marl Deposits</u> (B15)	<u>Moss Trim Lines</u> (B16)
<u>Water Marks</u> (B1)	<u>Hydrogen Sulfide Odor</u> (C1)	<u>Dry-Season Water Table</u> (C2)
<u>Sediment Deposits</u> (B2)	<u>Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots</u> (C3)	<u>Crayfish Burrows</u> (C8)
<u>Drift Deposits</u> (B3)	<u>Presence of Reduced Iron</u> (C4)	<u>Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery</u> (C9)
<u>Algal Mat or Crust</u> (B4)	<u>Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils</u> (C6)	<u>Stunted or Stressed Plants</u> (D1)
<u>Iron Deposits</u> (B5)	<u>Thin Muck Surface</u> (C7)	<u>Geomorphic Position</u> (D2)
<u>Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery</u> (B7)	<u>Other</u> (Explain in Remarks)	<u>Shallow Aquitard</u> (D3)
<u>Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface</u> (B8)		<u>Microtopographic Relief</u> (D4)
		<u>FAC-Neutral Test</u> (D5)

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>      </u> Depth (inches): <u>0</u> (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No _____
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: Hydrologic indicators are met.	
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## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: Wetland 5/2

<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>  Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>5</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>40.0%</u> (A/B)	
1. <u>Quercus rubra</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>		
2. <u>Prunus serotina</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>		
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
	<u>20</u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>			
<u>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>15</u> )				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b>  Total % Cover of: <u>15</u> Multiply by:  OBL species <u>0</u> <u>x 1 = 0</u> FACW species <u>35</u> <u>x 2 = 70</u> FAC species <u>45</u> <u>x 3 = 135</u> FACU species <u>35</u> <u>x 4 = 140</u> UPL species <u>0</u> <u>x 5 = 0</u> Column Totals: <u>115</u> (A) <u>345</u> (B)  Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>3.00</u>	
1. <u>Reynoutria japonica</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>		
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
	<u>15</u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>			
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>5</u> )				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is $\leq 3.0^1$ <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)	
1. <u>Osmunda claytoniana</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>		
2. <u>Onoclea sensibilis</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>		
3. <u>Athyrium angustum</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>		
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
	<u>80</u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>			
<u>Woody Vine Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>      </u> )				<b>Definitions of Vegetation Strata:</b>  <b>Tree</b> – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.  <b>Sapling/shrub</b> – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.  <b>Herb</b> – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.  <b>Woody vines</b> – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
	<u>      </u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>			

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

Vegetation meets wetland criteria.

Hydrophytic  
Vegetation  
Present? Yes  No

## SOIL

Sampling Point: Wetland 5/2

**Profile Description:** (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains.

<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

## Hydric Soil Indicators:

Histosol (A1)	Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) ( <b>LRR R, MLRA 149B</b> )	2 cm Muck (A10) ( <b>LRR K, L, MLRA 149B</b> )
Histic Epipedon (A2)		Coast Prairie Redox (A16) ( <b>LRR K, L, R</b> )
Black Histic (A3)	Thin Dark Surface (S9) ( <b>LRR R, MLRA 149B</b> )	5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) ( <b>LRR K, L, R</b> )
Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	High Chroma Sands (S11) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )	Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )
Stratified Layers (A5)	Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )	Thin Dark Surface (S9) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )
Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) ( <b>LRR K, L, R</b> )
Thick Dark Surface (A12)	Depleted Matrix (F3)	Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) ( <b>MLRA 149B</b> )
Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	Redox Dark Surface (F6)	Mesic Spodic (TA6) ( <b>MLRA 144A, 145, 149B</b> )
Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	Red Parent Material (F21)
Sandy Redox (S5)	Redox Depressions (F8)	Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
Stripped Matrix (S6)	Marl (F10) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )	Other (Explain in Remarks)
X Dark Surface (S7)		

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

### Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type:

Depth (inches):

Hydric Soil Present? Yes  No

Yes  No

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**Remarks:**

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## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Frog Pond Assistance City/County: Littleton Sampling Date: 05/02/2025  
 Applicant/Owner: Town of Littleton Department of Public Works State: MA Sampling Point: Upland 5/2  
 Investigator(s): Rick Lipinski Section, Township, Range: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 1  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR R, MLRA 144A Lat: 42.534083 Long: -71.466168 Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Woodbridge-Urban land complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes NWI classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: _____
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.) This upland exists on the northern edge of Frog pond, just outside of the wetland boundary. No sources of hydrology are found and minimal hydrophytic vegetation was observed.	

### HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u>		<b>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</b>
<u>Surface Water (A1)</u>	<u>Water-Stained Leaves (B9)</u>	<u>Surface Soil Cracks (B6)</u>
<u>High Water Table (A2)</u>	<u>Aquatic Fauna (B13)</u>	<u>Drainage Patterns (B10)</u>
<u>Saturation (A3)</u>	<u>Marl Deposits (B15)</u>	<u>Moss Trim Lines (B16)</u>
<u>Water Marks (B1)</u>	<u>Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)</u>	<u>Dry-Season Water Table (C2)</u>
<u>Sediment Deposits (B2)</u>	<u>Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)</u>	<u>Crayfish Burrows (C8)</u>
<u>Drift Deposits (B3)</u>	<u>Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)</u>	<u>Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)</u>
<u>Algal Mat or Crust (B4)</u>	<u>Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)</u>	<u>Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)</u>
<u>Iron Deposits (B5)</u>	<u>Thin Muck Surface (C7)</u>	<u>Geomorphic Position (D2)</u>
<u>Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)</u>	<u>Other (Explain in Remarks)</u>	<u>Shallow Aquitard (D3)</u>
<u>Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)</u>		<u>Microtopographic Relief (D4)</u>
		<u>FAC-Neutral Test (D5)</u>

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)		<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>      </u> No <u>X</u>
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:		

Remarks: Hydrologic indicators are not met.	

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: Upland 5/2

<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>  Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>7</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>28.6%</u> (A/B)	
1. <i>Quercus alba</i>	<u>10</u>	Yes	FACU		
2. <i>Acer platanoides</i>	<u>10</u>	Yes	UPL		
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
	<u>20</u>	=Total Cover			
<u>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>15</u> )				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b>  Total % Cover of: <u>120</u> (A) Multiply by: <u>460</u> (B)  OBL species <u>0</u> <u>x 1 = 0</u> FACW species <u>5</u> <u>x 2 = 10</u> FAC species <u>20</u> <u>x 3 = 60</u> FACU species <u>85</u> <u>x 4 = 340</u> UPL species <u>10</u> <u>x 5 = 50</u> Column Totals: <u>120</u> (A) <u>460</u> (B)  Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>3.83</u>	
1. <i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i>	<u>30</u>	Yes	FACU		
2. <i>Reynoutria japonica</i>	<u>15</u>	Yes	FACU		
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
	<u>45</u>	=Total Cover			
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>5</u> )				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>  1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation 2 - Dominance Test is >50% 3 - Prevalence Index is $\leq 3.0^1$ 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)	
1. <i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	<u>20</u>	Yes	FAC		
2. <i>Osmundastrum cinnamomeum</i>	<u>5</u>	Yes	FACW		
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					
12.					
	<u>25</u>	=Total Cover			
<u>Woody Vine Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>  </u> )				<b>Definitions of Vegetation Strata:</b>  <b>Tree</b> – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.  <b>Sapling/shrub</b> – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.  <b>Herb</b> – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.  <b>Woody vines</b> – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.	
1. <i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>	<u>30</u>	Yes	FACU		
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3.					
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	<u>30</u>	=Total Cover			
<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <u>      </u>	<b>No</b> <u>      X      </u>			

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

Vegetation does not meet wetland criteria.

## SOIL

Sampling Point: Upland 5/2

**Profile Description:** (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains.

<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

## Hydric Soil Indicators:

— Histosol (A1)	— Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) ( <b>LRR R, MLRA 149B</b> )
— Histic Epipedon (A2)	— Thin Dark Surface (S9) ( <b>LRR R, MLRA 149B</b> )
— Black Histic (A3)	— High Chroma Sands (S11) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )
— Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	— Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )
— Stratified Layers (A5)	— Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
— Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	— Depleted Matrix (F3)
— Thick Dark Surface (A12)	— Redox Dark Surface (F6)
— Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	— Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
— Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	— Redox Depressions (F8)
— Sandy Redox (S5)	— Marl (F10) ( <b>LRR K, L</b> )
— Stripped Matrix (S6)	
— Dark Surface (S7)	

## Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

- 2 cm Muck (A10) (**LRR K, L, MLRA 149B**)
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR K, L**)
- Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR K, L**)
- Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (**MLRA 149B**)
- Mesic Spodic (TA6) (**MLRA 144A, 145, 149B**)
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

### Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type:

Depth (inches):

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No X

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**Remarks:**

This data form is revised from Northcentral and Northeast Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to reflect the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils version 7.0 March 2013 Errata. ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/ESF\\_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2\\_051293.docx](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/ESF_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_051293.docx))

No hydric soil indicators were present at the time of sampling.





**TOWN OF LITTLETON  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

P.O. BOX 1305  
LITTLETON, MA 01460  
(978) 540-2410  
FAX: (978) 952-2321

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Re: Certified List of Abutters Conservation Commission

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject Parcel Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject Parcel No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject Owner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

M.G.L. Chapter 131: Section 40 ..... "Any person filing a notice of intention with a conservation commission shall at the same time give written notification thereof, by delivery in hand or certified mail, return receipt requested, to all abutters within one hundred feet of the property line of the land where the activity is proposed, but not limited to, owners of land directly opposite said proposed activity on any public or private street or way, and in another municipality or across a body of water. When a notice of intent proposes activities on land under water bodies and waterways or on a tract of land greater than 50 acres, written notification shall be given to all abutters within 100 feet of the proposed project site. For the purposes of this action, "project site" shall mean lands where the following activities are proposed to take place: dredging, excavating, filling, grading, the erection, reconstruction or expansion of a building or structure, the driving of pilings, the construction or improvement of roads or other ways and the installation of drainage, sewerage and water systems, and "land under water bodies and waterways" shall mean the bottom of, or land under, the surface of the ocean or an estuary, creek, river stream, pond or lake. When a notice of intent proposes activity on a linear shaped project site longer than 1,000 feet in length, notification shall be given to all abutters within 1,000 feet of the proposed project site. If the linear project site takes place wholly within an easement through another person's land, notice shall also be given to the landowner. Said notification shall be at the applicant's expense, and shall state where copies of the notice of intention may be examined and obtained and where information regarding the date, time and place of the public hearing may be obtained. Proof of such notification, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the conservation commission." .....

**I hereby certify the attached list of abutter (s) as stated in the M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40.**

Number of Abutter(s) \_\_\_\_\_ including the subject parcels + \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Requesting Abutter's

**List. Certified by:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN RD	U12 1 0	LAKE DR	U12 22 0
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BEACH DR	U12 11 0	JUNIPER RD	U17 225 0
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HALL ROBERT E 8 IVY RD LITTLETON, MA 01460	LUC: 109		
10 IVY RD	U12 19 0		
ROSADO VICTORIA LOPEZ MICHAEL 10 IVY RD LITTLETON, MA 01460	LUC: 101		
12 IVY RD	U12 21 0		
RAFFI RONALD J SR 170 KING ST LITTLETON, MA 01460	LUC: 130		

## NOTIFICATION TO ABUTTERS

**Pick one:**

**Notice of Intent/Abbreviated NOI**

**Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation**

**Request for Determination of Applicability**

**Request to Amend an Order of Conditions (MADEP File # 204 \_\_\_\_\_)**

### Modification for Virtual Meetings

*Under MA Wetlands Protection Act and Littleton Wetlands Protection ByLaw (Chapter 171), this form must be completed and mailed, certified mail return receipt requested, to all abutters at their mailing addresses shown on the most recent Town Assessor's records as well as the owner (if not applicant).*

In accordance with the MA Wetlands Protection Act and Littleton Wetlands Protection ByLaw Chapter 171-2D, you are hereby notified of a public hearing on the matter described below:

- A. The applicant has filed a permit application with the Littleton Conservation Commission for work in an area subject to protection under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Littleton Wetlands Protection ByLaw.
- B. The name of the applicant is Town of Littleton Department of Public Works
- C. The address of the land where the activity is proposed is Lake Shore Dr & Lake Dr  
(Assessor Map U12, Lots 15 & 22)
- D. The work proposed is removal of accumulated sediment to rehabilitate the "Frog Pond"  
stormwater wetland which treats water before it enters Long Pond and re-install the existing  
paver walkway around the stormwater wetland.
- E. Copies of the filing may be examined at the Conservation Commission office at 37 Shattuck  
Street Monday through Thursday; 9:00 – 1:00 (please call first to ensure the Conservation Agent  
is available and not out on site visits). The office phone number is 978-540-2428.
- F. Copies of the filing may be obtained electronically from (check one) the \_\_\_\_\_ applicant or  the applicant's representative by calling 508 - 380 - 7022 during the following times:  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday

- G. The public hearing/meeting will be held on 7/22/25. Information regarding the date and time of the public hearing/meeting may be obtained from the Littleton Conservation Commission (see contact info at the end of this notice).
- H. Notice of the public hearing/meeting, including date and time will be published at least five business days in advance in a paper of local circulation. The agenda, noting times will be posted at Town Hall and at <https://ma-littleton.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter/Search/?term=&CIDs=13,&startDate=&endDate=&dateRange=&dateSelector=> at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. It is currently anticipated that this meeting will be held entirely remotely, pursuant to “An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations” (July 16, 2022) and the extension of that Act through March 21, 2025. If the meeting is held remotely, instructions for remote viewing of, and participation in, the meeting will be included in the agenda and may also be obtained from the Littleton Conservation Commission.

You may contact the Littleton Conservation Commission staff ([Conservation@littletonma.org](mailto:Conservation@littletonma.org); 978-540-2428), or the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection/ Central Region (508-792-7650) at 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606 for information about this application



## Frog Pond Stormwater Management Design Memorandum

**To:** Stephen Jahnle, Director  
Department of Public Works

**FROM:** Jean E. Christy, PE; Taylor Labbe, PE

**DATE:** May 27, 2025

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### Introduction

On behalf of the Littleton Department of Public Works (the "Applicant"), Tighe & Bond has prepared the following Stormwater Management Memorandum to support local permitting efforts for the Constructed Wetland Rehabilitation Assistance Project located near 11 Lake Shore Drive in Littleton, Massachusetts.

Using funding obtained through the Section 319 Nonpoint Source Competitive Grants Program, a constructed stormwater wetland was installed northeast of Long Pond at the intersection of Lake Drive and Lake Shore Drive in 2002-2003 to treat stormwater runoff and reduce the nutrient load entering Long Pond. Since its installation, the stormwater management system's ability to effectively treat runoff has declined due to lack of maintenance. Tighe & Bond has been retained by the Town of Littleton to restore the constructed stormwater wetland to allow it to function as originally intended. Additionally, the Town of Littleton plans to reconstruct the concrete paver walk that runs along the constructed stormwater wetland and construct a boardwalk that will cross a portion of the wetland. The design of the reconstructed concrete paver walk and boardwalk is not part of the work Tighe & Bond has performed.

A United States Geological Survey (USGS) Site Location figure, Orthophotograph, and Priority Resource figure of the Project site are provided in Appendix A as Figures 1-3 (respectively). Project plans are provided separately.

### Existing Conditions

Under existing conditions, stormwater runoff flows toward the site from the north-west through both overland flow and stormwater management infrastructure, including catch basins, drainage manholes, and conveyance piping. Runoff from the approximately 46-acre watershed is captured by catch basins within the upgradient roadways and discharged through multiple outfalls to wooded areas abutting residential properties within the subcatchment. A drainage manhole located near the intersection of Juniper Road and Lake Drive features two outlet pipes, with one discharging to the constructed wetland and the other to Long Pond. Once runoff enters the constructed wetland, a "wetlands water control structure" conveys overflow to Long Pond through a 12" reinforced concrete pipe beneath Lake Shore Drive, according to the design plans titled "Contract Plans Constructed Wetland Long Lake" and dated April 2002, as prepared by GeoSyntec Consultants (Geosyntec). Refer to Appendix B for record plans. An approximately 500 linear-foot paver walking path

surrounds the constructed wetland along the eastern edge. It is understood that portions of this pathway are overgrown with vegetation.

As previously mentioned, the stormwater management system's ability to effectively treat runoff has declined since its installation due to lack of routine maintenance. One component of the system which may be most impacted by lack of routine maintenance is the sediment forebay. Acting as a pretreatment device for all stormwater runoff entering the constructed wetland system, the sediment forebay has seen an accumulation of debris and sediment over time. A sediment depth figure titled "Field Data" prepared by Geosyntec and dated May 2022 highlights the approximate depths of sediment throughout various locations within the forebay. As demonstrated by the figure, provided as Figure 5 in Appendix B, sediment depths vary between 3 and 28 inches. Operation and maintenance guidance provided by Geosyntec states that "removal of accumulated sediment should be undertaken once depths reach 1 foot in depth". It is understood that in order to restore the forebay to its intended operable condition, sediment must be removed as part of routine maintenance activities.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Community Panel Number 25017C0237F, effective July 7, 2014 shows the project site outside of any floodways or floodplains, as attached in Appendix A. Therefore, no floodplain is identified on this site.

## **Proposed Improvements**

The proposed project involves both the reconstruction of approximately 500 linear feet of concrete paver walkway along the eastern edge of the constructed wetland and improvements to the wetland's sediment forebay. In addition, a boardwalk will be constructed over a portion of the wetland. 99 cubic yards of sediment from the system's sediment forebay, located near the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and Lake Drive to the north of Long Pond, are proposed to be excavated from the area in order to improve the pretreatment functionality of the forebay. Sediment forebays are a pretreatment best management practice (BMP) which consist of an excavated pit or bermed area with a weir, designed to slow incoming stormwater runoff and facilitate the gravity separation of suspended solids. Regular removal of accumulated sediment from the forebay may reduce the maintenance burden on the constructed wetland system over time by improving pretreatment functionality and extending the lifespan of the flow-through system. Because improvements are limited to forebay rehabilitation, and design alterations are not proposed as part of this work, drainage patterns will remain as they exist under current conditions.

These improvements have been prepared in accordance with recommendations in the MassDEP Stormwater Handbook.

The existing stormwater management system was designed to treat stormwater runoff from the contributory area for nutrient loading. The system includes BMPs such as deep-sump, hooded catch basins, a sediment forebay, and a constructed wetland. A dry swale was also designed and constructed as part of the original project in 2002-2003, and is located along the edge of Long Pond, running parallel to Lake Shore Drive. Although improvements to the dry swale are not included as part of this work, general operation

and maintenance recommendations relative to the feature are included for the Town's reference and records.

A brief description of the existing stormwater management BMPs are as follows:

**Deep-Sump, Hooded Catch Basins:** Catch basins provided throughout the site collect stormwater runoff from the upgradient roadways and are connected to the project's stormwater collection system. The deep-sump and hooded outlet provide runoff an opportunity to separate from solids and floatable pollutants prior to discharge and are used as a pretreatment device throughout the project.

**Dry Swale:** A dry swale was installed as a means of conveyance and pretreatment of stormwater runoff from the Lake Shore Drive prior to its entry into Long Pond.

**Sediment Forebay:** The existing sediment forebay serves as a pretreatment device for the constructed wetland. Sediment forebays are designed to slow incoming stormwater runoff and facilitate the gravity separation of suspended solids. Regular maintenance is important to ensure proper forebay function.

**Constructed Wetland:** The constructed wetland serves as a treatment feature for stormwater runoff from the approximately 46-acre subcatchment upgradient of Long Pond. Constructed wetlands are stormwater treatment systems designed to maximize the removal of pollutants from stormwater runoff through wetland vegetation uptake, runoff retention, and the gravity settling of suspended solids. Constructed stormwater wetlands temporarily store runoff in shallow, excavated depressions planted with wetland vegetation. They are generally considered some of the most effective stormwater BMPs for pollutant removal. The constructed wetland is designed with an outlet control feature to regulate the quantity of water discharging to Long Pond. The constructed wetland is also equipped with an overflow spillway to minimize the potential for flooding during extreme storm events.

# Regulatory Compliance

The project is required to comply with the ten MassDEP Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards (Standards) under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection. The Massachusetts Stormwater Checklist is provided in Appendix C. The proposed work is exempt from additional regulations and permit requirements mandated by the Littleton Stormwater Bylaw as a project disturbing less than one acre of land.

## Standard 1: No New Untreated Discharges

The project will not result in any new stormwater conveyance discharging untreated stormwater directly to the Waters of the Commonwealth. It is not anticipated that erosive stormwater velocities will be encountered post-improvements, and subsequent erosion and siltation to Waters of the Commonwealth is not anticipated. Proposed improvements to the existing sediment forebay are anticipated to improve the overall quality of stormwater runoff entering Long Pond by ensuring adequate pretreatment and suspended solid settlement.

## Standard 2: Peak Discharge Rate Attenuation

The proposed improvements to the existing sediment forebay constitute a redevelopment project. As such, the proposed work is required to demonstrate compliance with Standard 2 to the maximum extent practicable. The project will not alter existing drainage patterns, and the proposed improvements are anticipated to provide an additional 99 cubic yards of storage capacity within the sediment forebay. Therefore, peak rates are expected to remain the same as compared to pre-construction conditions.

## Standard 3: Groundwater Recharge

The required recharge volume is a function of the proposed impervious area for the project. The project does not propose a change in impervious area; therefore, designed infiltration of stormwater runoff from the proposed project to groundwater is not required. No alterations are proposed to the constructed wetland system, which provides groundwater recharge under existing conditions.

## Standard 4: Water Quality

Standard 4 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Standards addresses stormwater quality requirements. This standard requires that new stormwater management systems be designed to achieve an 80% Total Suspended Solids (TSS) removal rate prior to discharge. MassDEP has published presumed removal rates for each of the BMP's featured in their design guidelines. Additionally, this standard addresses the required volume of stormwater runoff that is to be treated by the BMPs, as well as components of a long-term source control and pollution prevention plan.

The water quality volume is a function of the proposed impervious area for the project. The project does not propose any change in impervious surface; therefore, additional treatment of stormwater runoff from the proposed project prior to discharge is not required. Under existing conditions, TSS removal is provided through the pretreatment

and treatment features of this system, including deep-sump, hooded catch basins, a sediment forebay and a constructed wetland. The maintenance to the existing sediment forebay will result in increased functionality of the existing infrastructure. This work is expected to provide an improvement over existing conditions in terms of pretreatment efficacy. TSS removal calculations are provided in Appendix G.

## **Standard 5: Land Uses with Higher Potential Pollutant Loads (LUHPPLs)**

The proposed use is not considered a LUHPPL. Therefore, compliance with the additional requirements of Standard 5 is not required.

## **Standard 6: Critical Areas**

The site discharges runoff to Long Pond. Long Pond and its contributory watershed were the subjects of a Phase I Diagnostic/Feasibility Study conducted under MGL Chapter 628 Clean Lakes Program in 1990. Results of this study indicate that Long Pond is undergoing cultural eutrophication, and that Phosphorus is the limiting nutrient for primary production in the pond.

Constructed wetlands, such as presently exists in the Lakeshore Drive/Lake Drive area, are stormwater treatment systems designed to maximize the removal of pollutants from stormwater runoff through wetland vegetation uptake, runoff retention, and the gravity settling of suspended solids. They are generally considered some of the most effective stormwater BMPs for pollutant removal. Proposed improvements to the existing sediment forebay are anticipated to improve the overall quality of stormwater runoff entering Long Pond by ensuring adequate pretreatment and suspended solid settlement prior to the treatment of runoff within the constructed wetland.

Other Critical Areas, as defined in the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook, are shown on Figure 2 in Appendix A.

## **Standard 7: Redevelopment Projects**

The project is considered a redevelopment; therefore, the project has been designed to comply to the maximum extent practicable with Standards 2, 3 and 4. The project has been designed to fully comply with the remaining Standards.

## **Standard 8: Construction Period Pollution Prevention, Erosion and Sedimentation Control**

A construction period Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (SESCP) is provided in Appendix D. The SESCP presents the minimum soil erosion and sediment control practices to be used during forebay improvements.

## **Standard 9: Long-Term Operation and Maintenance Plan**

A Long-Term Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Plan is included in Appendix E of this report. The O&M plan indicates the responsible parties for the existing BMPs, routine

and non-routine maintenance tasks and inspection criteria. The O&M Plan also provides guidance on long-term pollution prevention practices for existing features.

## **Standard 10: Prohibition of Illicit Discharges**

Illicit discharges to the stormwater management system are discharges that are not entirely comprised of stormwater. Illicit discharge does not include discharges from the following activities or facilities: firefighting, water line flushing, landscape irrigation, uncontaminated groundwater, potable water sources, foundation drains, air conditioning condensation, footing drains, individual resident car washing, flows from riparian habitats and wetlands, dechlorinated water from swimming pools, water used for street washing, and water used to clean residential buildings without detergents. A signed Illicit Discharge Statement is provided in Appendix F.

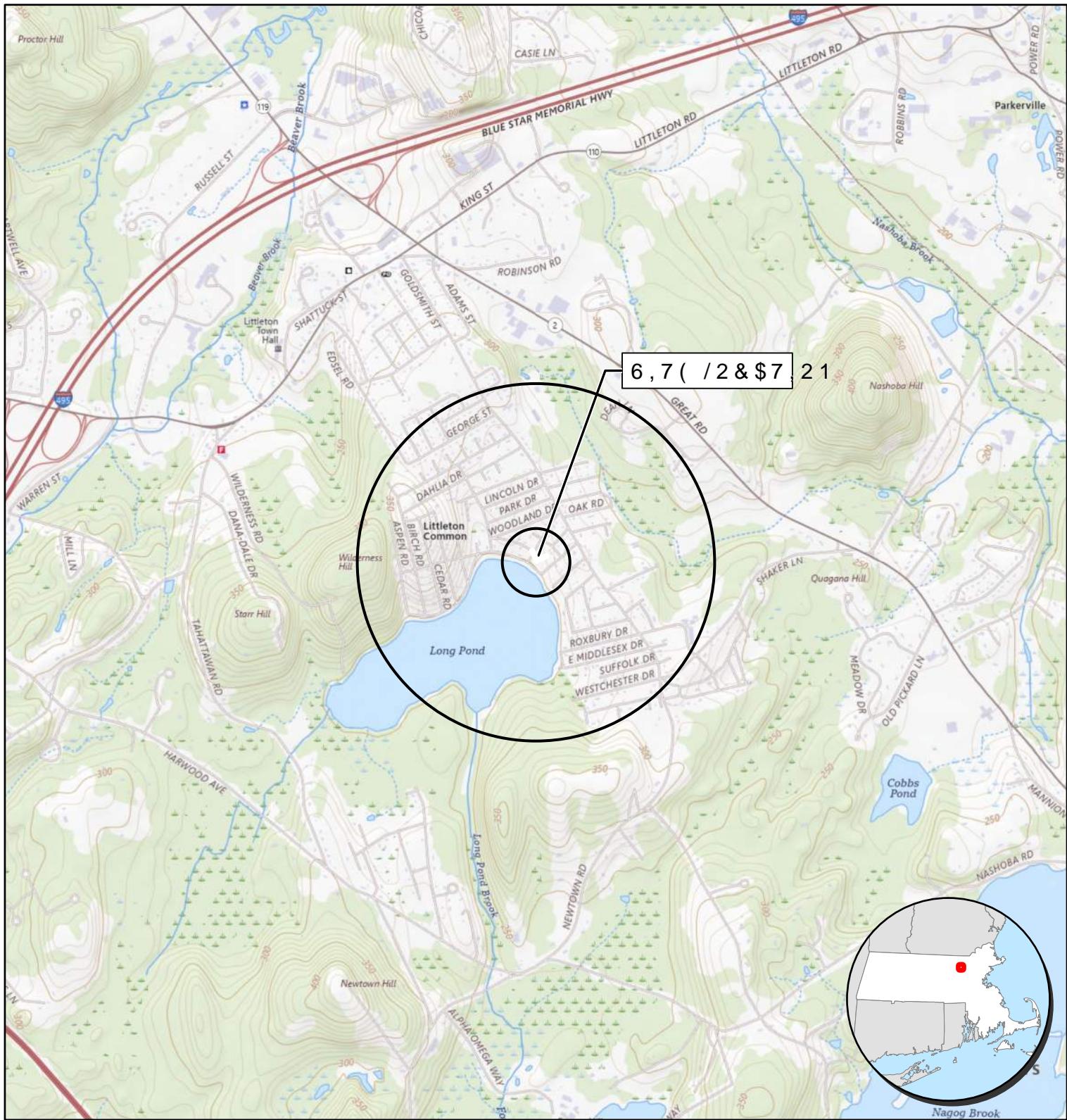
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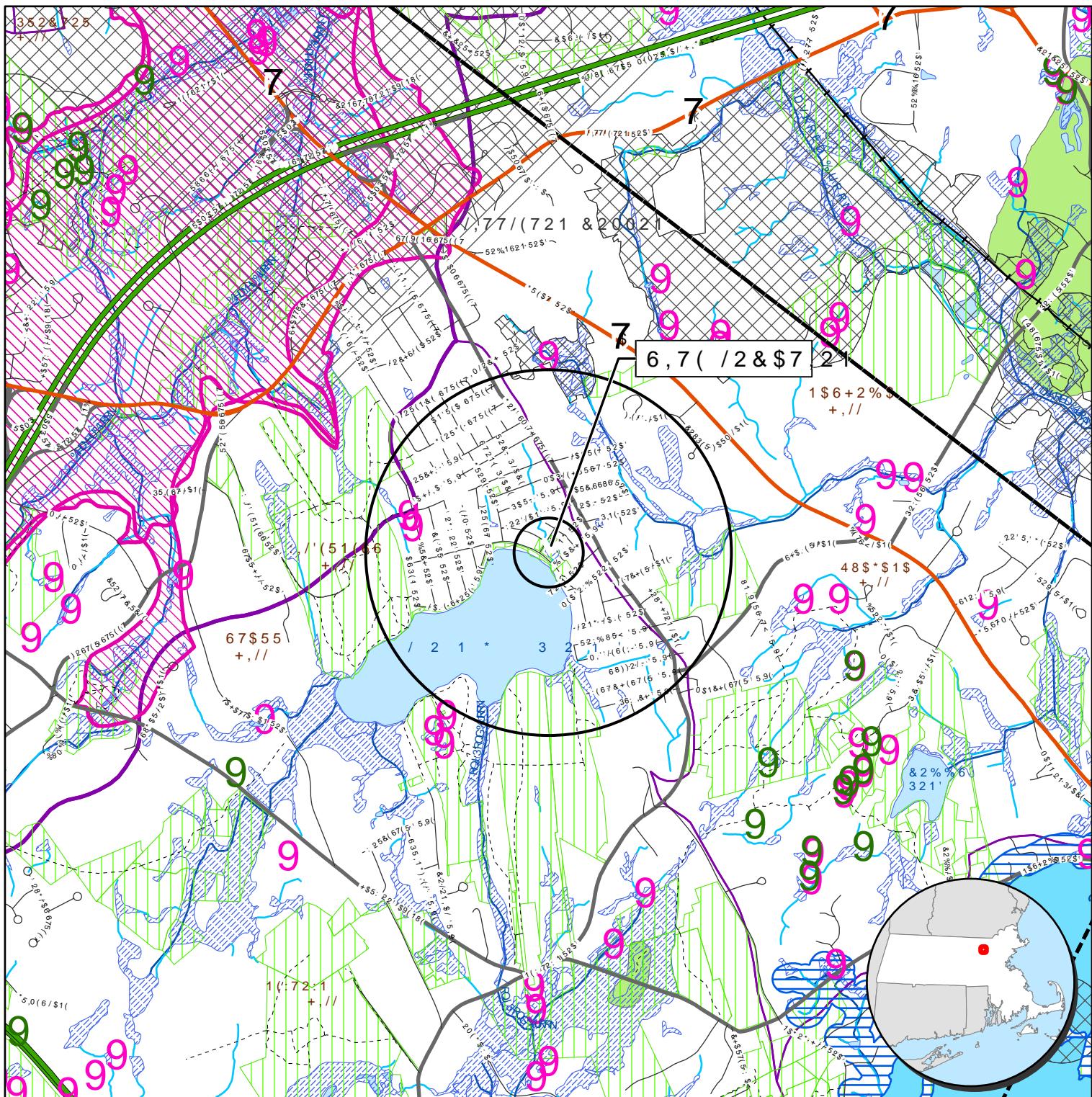
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- D Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
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- G TSS Removal Calculations

## **APPENDIX A**

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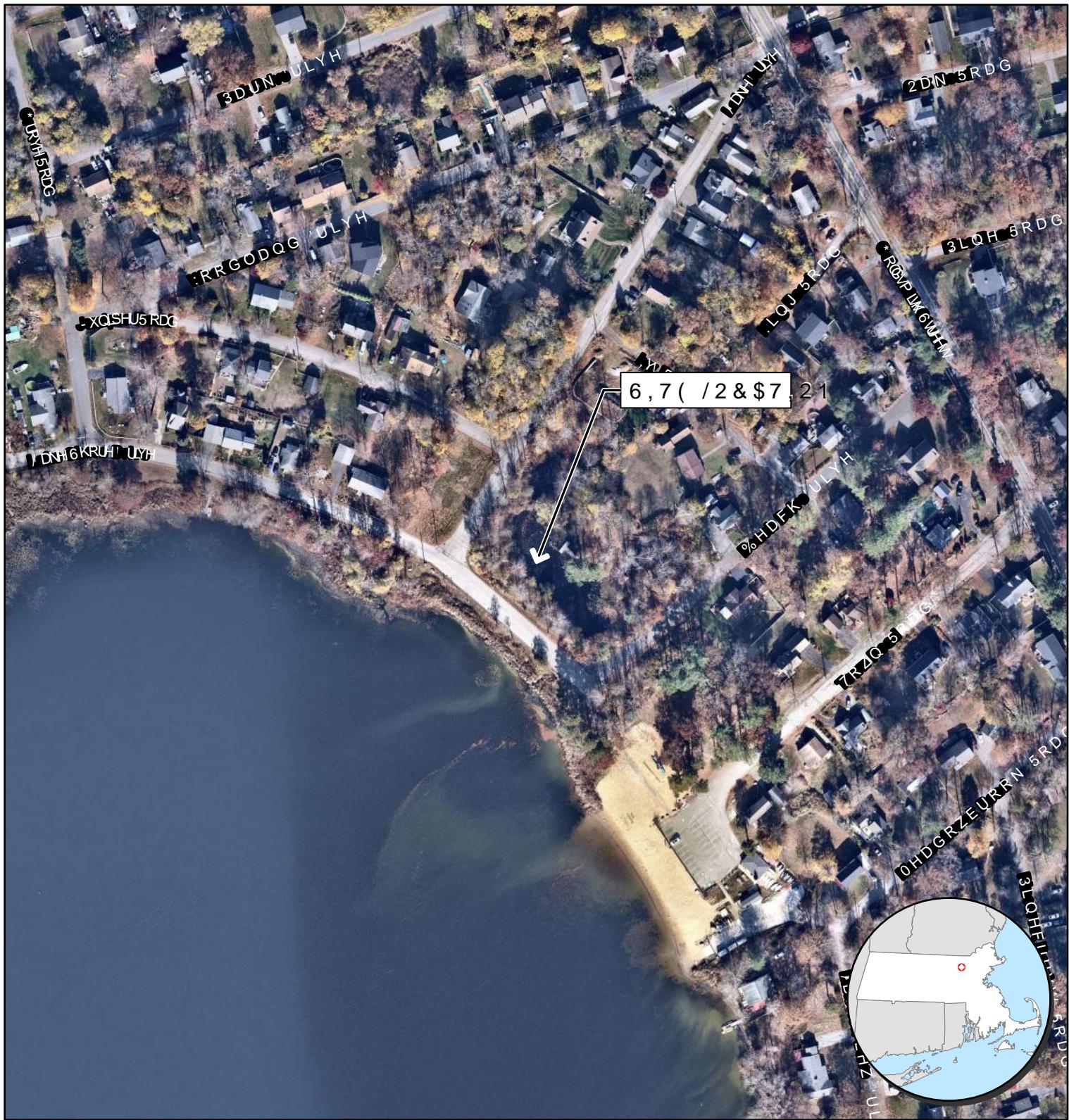
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FIGURE 4



### Sediment Depth (in)

## ▲ Wetland Flags

- 3 - 6 in.
- 6 - 9 in.
- 9 - 13 in.
- 13 - 22 in.
- 22 - 28 in.

- Wetland Delineation
- Tree Removal

## • Tree Removal

**Sediment Volume = 3,200 CF or 118 CY**

A horizontal scale bar with tick marks at 40, 20, 0, and 40, labeled "Feet".

Field Data - May 2022

## Long Lake, Littleton, MA

**Geosyntec** consultants

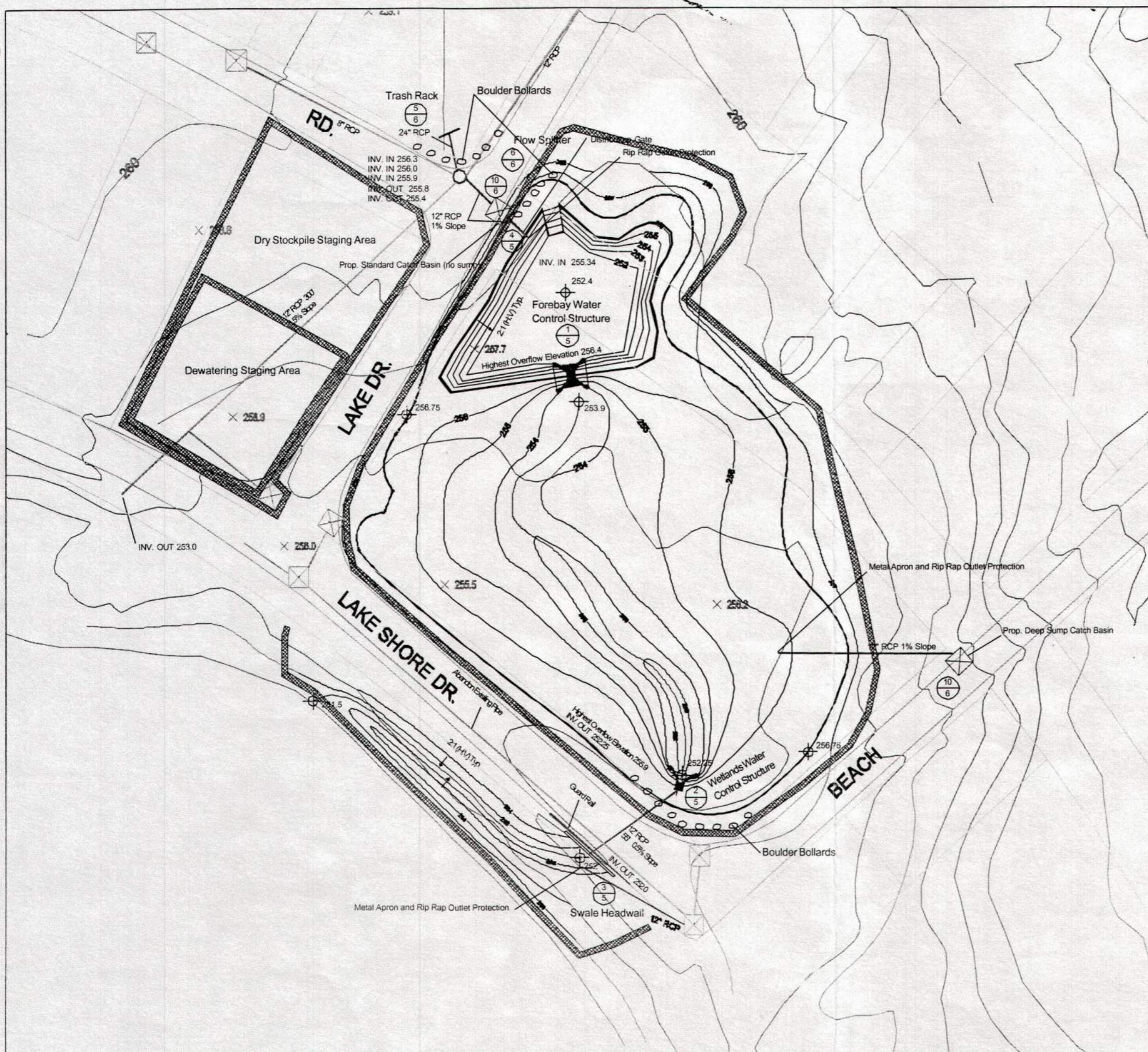
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## **APPENDIX B**

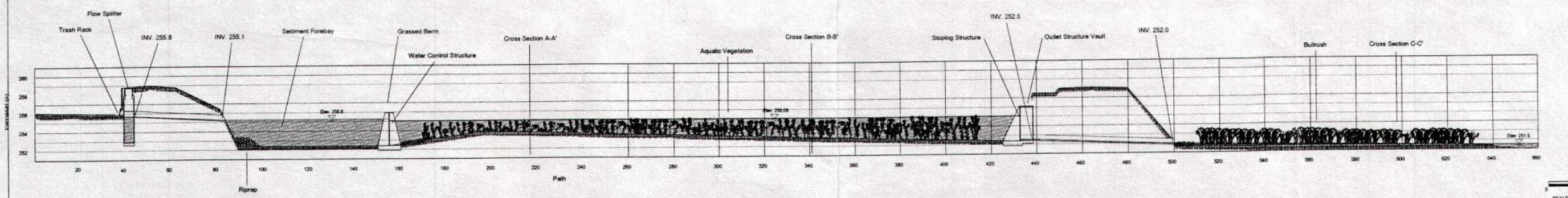
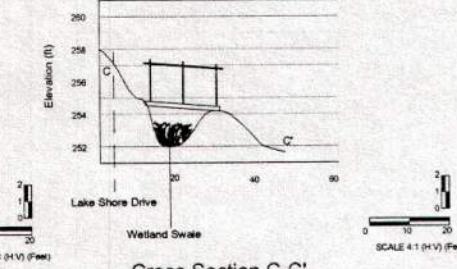
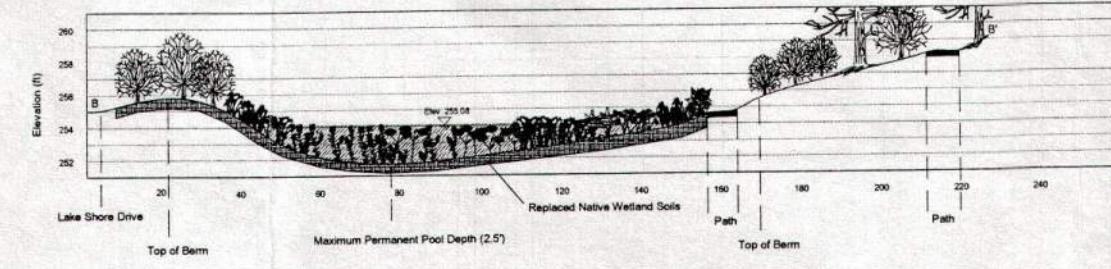
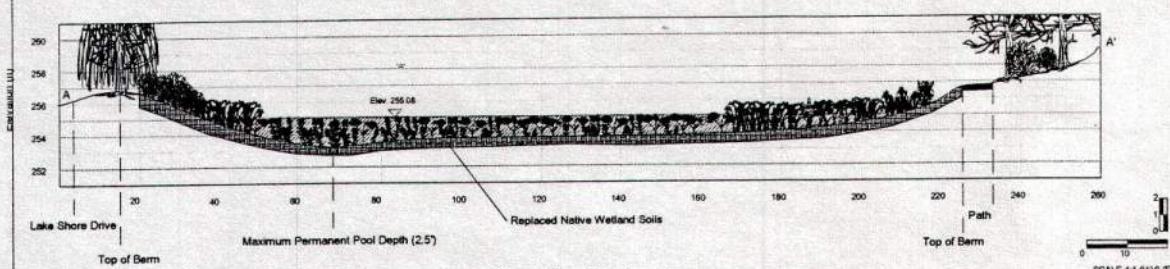
# Constructed Wetland Grading Plan

## Legend

- Existing Grade Contour (feet, MSL)
- Proposed Final Grade Contour (feet, MSL)
- Existing Spot Elevations
- Proposed Spot Elevations
- Guard Rail
- Silt Fence
- Existing Drainage Structures
- Proposed Drainage Structures



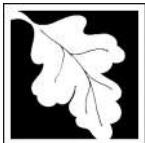
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Proposed Constructed Wetland Cross Sections

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------------|---|
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|                                                                              | DOCUMENT | FILE   | CROSS_SECTIONS |   |





# 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.<sup>1</sup> 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 8<sup>2</sup>
- Operation and Maintenance Plan required by Standard 9

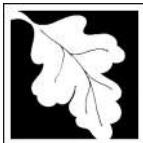
In addition to all plans and supporting information, the Stormwater Report must include a brief narrative describing stormwater management practices, including environmentally sensitive site design and LID techniques, along with a diagram depicting runoff through the proposed BMP treatment train. Plans 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.



# Checklist for Stormwater Report

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## 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.

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### 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

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Signature and Date

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### Checklist

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

- New development
- Redevelopment
- Mix of New Development and Redevelopment



# Checklist for Stormwater Report

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## Checklist (continued)

**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:

- 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.



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## Checklist (continued)

### Standard 2: Peak Rate Attenuation

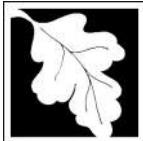
- Standard 2 waiver requested because the project is located in land subject to coastal storm flowage and stormwater discharge is to a wetland subject to coastal flooding.
- Evaluation provided to determine whether off-site flooding increases during the 100-year 24-hour storm.
- Calculations provided to show that post-development peak discharge rates do not exceed pre-development 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 24-hour storm.

### Standard 3: Recharge

- Soil Analysis provided.
- 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.
  - Static
  - Simple Dynamic
  - Dynamic Field<sup>1</sup>
- 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.
- Recharge BMPs have been sized to infiltrate the Required Recharge Volume.
- 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.

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



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## Checklist (continued)

### Standard 3: Recharge (continued)

- The infiltration BMP is used to attenuate peak flows during storms greater than or equal to the 10-year 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.



# Checklist for Stormwater Report

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## Checklist (continued)

### 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 proprietary 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.



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## Checklist (continued)

### **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:

- Limited Project
- 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.



# Checklist for Stormwater Report

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## Checklist (continued)

### 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.



# **CONSTRUCTION PERIOD EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN**

Constructed Wetland Rehabilitation Assistance  
Littleton, Massachusetts

May 2025

Prepared for:

**Littleton Department of Public Works**

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## **Section 1**

### **Introduction**

Stormwater runoff from construction activities can have a significant impact on water quality. As stormwater flows over a construction site, it can pick up pollutants like sediment, debris, and chemicals and transport these to a nearby storm sewer system or directly to a river, lake, or coastal water. Polluted stormwater runoff can harm or kill fish and other wildlife. Sedimentation can destroy aquatic habitat, and high volumes of runoff can cause stream bank erosion. Debris can clog waterways and potentially reach the ocean where it can kill marine wildlife and impact habitat.

Standard 8 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Standards requires:

“a plan to control construction-related impacts including erosion, sedimentation and other pollutant sources during construction and land disturbance activities (construction period erosion, sedimentation, and pollution prevention plan) shall be developed and implemented”.

The following Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) identifies the requirements to comply with Standard 8.

## Section 2

# Project Information

### 2.1 Plan Contents

This ESCP was developed for the Constructed Wetland Rehabilitation Assistance Project in Littleton, Massachusetts. This ESCP provides permit-related information to satisfy the requirements of Standard 8 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook.

### 2.2 Project/ Site Information

#### Project Name and Address

|                                |                                               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Project/Site Name:             | Constructed Wetland Rehabilitation Assistance |
| Project Street/Location:       | Intersection of Lake Drive & Lake Shore Drive |
| City:                          | Littleton                                     |
| State:                         | Massachusetts                                 |
| ZIP Code:                      | 01460                                         |
| County or Similar Subdivision: | Middlesex                                     |

### 2.3 Nature of the Construction Activity

#### General Description of Project

The project site consists of a constructed wetland and sediment forebay. The constructed wetland was installed to receive and treat stormwater runoff to reduce the amount of nutrients entering Long Pond. Since its installation, the stormwater management system's ability to effectively treat runoff has declined due to lack of maintenance and buildup of excess sediment. The project proposes the removal of 99 cubic yards of sediment from the forebay to allow the constructed wetland to function as originally intended.

#### Size of Construction Project

Total size of the property: 0.99 acres (Parcel 1685)  
0.21 acres (Parcel 1701)

Total area expected to be disturbed by the construction activities: 0.214 acres

The maximum area expected to be disturbed at any one time (in acres): 0.214 acres

**TABLE 2-4**

Pollutant-Generating Activities

| <b>Pollutant-Generating Activity</b> | <b>Pollutants or Pollutant Constituents</b><br>(that could be discharged if exposed to stormwater) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Site work                            | Soil particles and fines                                                                           |
| Construction areas                   | Petroleum, concrete, vehicle fluids                                                                |

| Pollutant-Generating Activity | Pollutants or Pollutant Constituents<br>(that could be discharged if exposed to stormwater)                                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Equipment use                 | Hydraulic Oils/fluids                                                                                                                           |
| Equipment use                 | Antifreeze/coolant                                                                                                                              |
| Staging areas                 | Sediment, gasoline, fuel oil, concrete, vehicle fluids, paints, solvents, fertilizers, adhesives, antifreeze/coolant, hydraulic oil/fluid, etc. |

## 2.4 Sequence and Estimated Dates of Construction Activities

The following is an anticipated construction sequence identifying the major components of construction for the project.

### 2.4.1 Construction Sequence

|                                                                                                            |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Estimated Start Date of Construction Activities                                                            | Summer 2025 |
| Estimated End Date of Construction Activities for this Phase                                               | Summer 2025 |
| Estimated Date(s) of Application of Stabilization Measures for Areas of the Site Required to be Stabilized | Summer 2025 |

## 2.5 Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges

Water from non-stormwater sources are allowed when properly managed. The following identifies discharge sources anticipated with the project.

**TABLE 2-5**

List of Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges Present at the Site

| Type of Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharge         | Likely to be Present at Your Site?                                  | Location on Site |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Discharges from emergency fire-fighting activities | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |                  |
| Fire hydrant flushings                             | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |                  |
| Landscape irrigation                               | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |                  |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                     |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Waters used to wash vehicles and equipment <sup>1</sup>                                                                                                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |  |
| Water used to control dust                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |  |
| Potable water including uncontaminated water line flushings                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |  |
| External building wash down, provided soaps, solvents, and detergents are not used, and external surfaces do not contain hazardous substances (e.g. see Appendix A) (e.g. paint or caulk containing PCBs) | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |  |
| Pavement wash waters <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |  |
| Uncontaminated air conditioning or compressor condensate                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |  |
| Uncontaminated, non-turbid discharges of ground water or spring water                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |  |
| Foundation or footing drains <sup>3</sup>                                                                                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |  |
| Construction dewatering water <sup>4</sup>                                                                                                                                                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |  |

<sup>1</sup>provided that there is no discharge of soaps, solvents, or detergents used for such purposes

<sup>2</sup>provided spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous substances have not occurred (unless all spill material has been removed) and where soaps, solvents, and detergents are not used. You are prohibited from directing pavement wash waters directly into any water of the U.S., storm drain inlet, or stormwater conveyance, unless the conveyance is connected to a sediment basin, sediment trap, or similarly effective control;

<sup>3</sup>where flows are not contaminated with process materials such as solvents or contaminated ground water

<sup>4</sup>discharged in accordance with applicable regulations

\* **No** untreated or contaminated groundwater will be discharged to wetlands or waterways. Excess water will be discharged overland in upland areas and allowed to naturally infiltrate in well-drained soils, or discharged to wetlands or streams only after passing through filtration sacks or similar devices.

## **Section 3**

# **Erosion and Sediment Controls**

The Contractor must implement erosion and sediment controls in accordance with the following requirements to minimize the discharge of pollutants in stormwater from construction activities. This project also includes site specific controls and permit conditions which may take precedent and are not included in the following descriptions. The Contractor shall also comply with the requirements in the project's permits.

### **3.1 Sediment Track-Out**

#### **General**

It is the Contractor's responsibility to take measures to prevent tracking of sediment from the project site. It is also the Contractor's responsibility to take measures to prevent tracking of sediment from any staging and material storage area. A stone tracking pad and street sweeping apparatus shall be used as necessary to minimize the track-out of sediment onto adjacent streets, other paved areas, and sidewalks from vehicles exiting the construction site.

#### **Specific Track-Out Controls**

##### Track-Out Controls Description

- Stone aggregate tracking pad
- Street sweeping

##### Installation

- Sediment track out controls to be installed by the Contractor include a stone aggregate tracking pad with an underlying geotextile fabric. The pad shall be constructed in accordance with the ESCP.

##### Maintenance Requirements

- The site exit shall be maintained in a condition which will prevent tracking of sediment onto public right-of-way. When washing is required, it shall be done in an area stabilized with aggregate which drains into a sediment trapping controls.
- If sediment is tracked out from the site to the surface of off-site streets, other paved areas, and sidewalks, the Contractor shall remove the deposited sediment by the end of the same work day in which the track-out occurs.

### **3.2 Minimize Dust**

#### **General**

The Contractor shall be responsible for the control of dust throughout the construction period. Dust control methods shall include, but be not limited to, sprinkling water or calcium chloride on exposed areas, covering loaded dump trucks leaving the site, and temporary mulching exposed soil areas. Dust control measures shall be utilized to prevent the migration of dust from the site to abutting areas.

## **Specific Dust Controls**

### Description

- Prevent dust from becoming a nuisance or hazard. During construction, excavated material and open or stripped areas are to be policed and controlled to prevent spreading of the material.
- Dust control measures shall be utilized to prevent the migration of dust from the site to abutting areas.
- Ensure that the existing equipment, facilities, and occupied space adjacent to or nearby areas of the work do not come in contact with dust or debris as a result of concrete demolition, excavation or surface preparation.

### Installation

- Dust control methods shall include, but be not limited to, sprinkling water on exposed areas, using calcium chloride, covering loaded dump trucks leaving the site, and temporary mulching.
- Use a mechanical street sweeper daily.

### Maintenance Requirements

- During the work on-site, daily all paved road and driveway surfaces shall be scraped and broomed free of excavated materials on a daily basis. Prior to sweeping, or as needed during the work day, the surfaces shall be hosed down or otherwise treated to eliminate active or potential dust conditions and the natural road or wearing surface shall be exposed.

## **3.3 Minimize the Disturbance of Steep Slopes**

### **General**

All slopes greater than 15% during the regular construction season are to have slope stabilization measures. This applies to all slopes greater than 8% after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Specific Steep Slope Controls**

- Where slopes greater than 3:1 will be created, synthetic erosion control fabric is to be utilized in these areas to prevent erosion until permanent vegetation is established.

## **3.4 Storm Drain Inlets**

### **General**

Provide catch basin inlet protection in all catch basins within the vicinity of the earth disturbing activities to protect the stormwater management system from high sediment loads and high velocities, while disturbance due to construction is occurring in the drainage area.

### **Specific Storm Drain Inlet Controls**

#### Description

- Storm Drain Inlet Controls include the installation of Silt Sacks

**Installation**

- Refer to manufacturer recommended specifications and installation instructions.

**Maintenance Requirements**

- Silt sacks shall be inspected immediately after each rainfall and at least daily during prolonged rainfall. They shall be repaired or replaced as needed immediately.
- Sediment deposits should be removed after each storm event. They must be cleaned when deposits reach approximately 1/3 the height of the barrier.
- The Contractor shall remove the deposited sediment and make any repairs by the end of the same work day in which the sediment is observed or by the end of the next work day if observation occurs on a non-work day.

## **3.5 Site Stabilization**

**General**

Initiate site stabilization measures immediately whenever earth-disturbing activities have permanently ceased or will be temporarily suspended on any portion of the site for more than 14 days.

Complete the stabilization activities within 14 days after the permanent or temporary cessation of earth-disturbing activities. Temporary paving of disturbed areas of existing roads should be completed at a minimum at the end of each week.

Use the following stabilization practices to protect exposed soil from erosion and prevent sediment movement.

### **3.5.1 Seeding**

**Installation**

- When construction has temporarily or permanently ceased, seeding shall occur immediately in accordance with the project specifications.

**Maintenance Requirements**

- Periodic inspections shall occur once a week and after every rainstorm of 0.25 inches or greater until a minimum of 70% of the soil surface is covered by vegetation.

### **3.5.2 Mulching**

**Installation**

- When construction has temporarily or permanently ceased, mulching shall occur immediately, as required, for erosion control while vegetation is being established.

**Maintenance Requirements**

- Periodic inspections shall occur once a week and after every rainstorm 0.25 inches or greater.

### **3.5.3 Erosion Control Mats or Blankets**

#### Installation

- When construction has temporarily or permanently ceased, erosion control blanket installation shall occur immediately on slopes greater than 3:1, or as required, for erosion control while vegetation is being established.

#### Maintenance Requirements

- Periodic inspections shall occur once a week and after every rainstorm 0.25 inches or greater.

## **3.6 Dewatering Practices**

#### **General**

Dewatering is anticipated for this project. Standard dewatering measures will be employed. No untreated groundwater will be discharged to wetlands or waterways. Excess water will be discharged overland in upgradient areas and allowed to naturally infiltrate, or discharged to the drainage system only after passing through filtration sacks or similar devices.

#### **Specific Dewatering Practices**

##### Dewatering Practice Description

- Provide, operate and maintain adequate pumping, diversion and drainage facilities in accordance with the approved dewatering plan to maintain the excavated area sufficiently dry from groundwater and/or surface runoff so as not to adversely affect construction procedures nor cause excessive disturbance of underlying natural ground. Locate dewatering system components so that they do not interfere with construction under this or other contracts.
- Install erosion/sedimentation controls for velocity dissipation at point discharges onto non-paved surfaces.

#### Installation

- Install sand and gravel, or crushed stone, filters in conjunction with sumps, well points, and/or deep wells to prevent the migration of fines from the existing soil during the dewatering operation.
- Transport pumped or drained water without interference to other work, damage to pavement, other surfaces, or property. Pump water through a silt filter bag prior to discharge to grade or drainage system.
- Do not discharge water into any separated sanitary sewer system.

#### Maintenance Requirements

- Repair any damage resulting from the failure of the dewatering operations and any damage resulting from the failure to maintain all the areas of work in a suitable dry condition.
- Take actions necessary to ensure that dewatering discharges comply with permits applicable to the Project. Dispose of water from the trenches and excavations in such a manner as to avoid public nuisance, injury to public health or the environment, damage to public or private property, or damage to the work completed or in progress.

# Section 4

## Pollution Prevention Standards

A clean and orderly construction site will reduce the opportunity for pollutants to enter the stormwater runoff stream. The following identifies sources of pollution anticipated on a typical construction site and preventative measures to avoid pollution.

### 4.1 Potential Sources of Pollution

**TABLE 4-1**

Construction Site Pollutants

| Pollutant-Generating Activity | Pollutants or Pollutant Constituents                                                                                                            | Location on Site                  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Site work                     | Soil particles and fines                                                                                                                        | Where disturbance is proposed     |
| Construction areas            | Petroleum, vehicle fluids                                                                                                                       | Where construction is proposed    |
| Equipment use                 | Hydraulic Oils/fluids                                                                                                                           | Leaks/broken hoses from equipment |
| Equipment use                 | Antifreeze/coolant                                                                                                                              | Leaks/broken hoses from equipment |
| Staging areas                 | Sediment, gasoline, fuel oil, concrete, vehicle fluids, paints, solvents, fertilizers, adhesives, antifreeze/coolant, hydraulic oil/fluid, etc. |                                   |

### 4.2 Spill Prevention and Response

- Manufacturer's recommended methods for cleanup will be clearly posted and site personnel will be made aware of the procedures and the location of the information and clean up supplies.
- Materials and equipment necessary for spill cleanup will be kept in the material storage areas on site. Equipment and materials will include but not be limited to brooms, dustpans, mops, rags, gloves, goggles, kitty litter, sand, sawdust and plastic or metal trash containers specifically for this purpose.
- All spills will be cleaned up immediately after discovery.
- The spill area will be kept well ventilated and personnel will wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent injury from contact with hazardous substances.
- Spills of toxic or hazardous material will be reported to the appropriate state or local government agency regardless of size.
- The Spill Prevention Plan will be adjusted to include measures to prevent this type of spill from recurring and how to cleanup the spill if it recurs. A description of the spill, its cause and the cleanup measures will be included.

- The site superintendent responsible for day to day operations will be the Spill Response Coordinator (SRC). The SRC is responsible for decisive actions in the event of a spill at the facility. The SRC will supervise efforts to provide immediate containment of the spill to prevent a more difficult cleanup situation. Cleanup crews will utilize proper spill cleanup materials and employ safe work practices.

#### **4.2.1 Federal and State Spill Notification**

In accordance with 310 CMR 40.0333, the SRC shall notify the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Central Region) - (508)-792-7650, the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and any other authorities or agencies within two hours if an accident or other type of incident results in a release to:

- Land
  - 10 Gallons for more Oils (PCB<500 ppm)
  - 1 Gallon or more Oils (PCB ≥500 ppm)
- Waterways
  - Any quantity of Oils
- Or, triggers the exposure to toxic chemical levels as listed in 301 CMR 40.1600, Revised Massachusetts Contingency Plan

The SRC shall notify the National Response Center (NRC) at **(800) 424-8802** where a leak, spill, or other release containing a hazardous substance or oil in an amount equal to or in excess of a reportable quantity consistent with Part 2.3.3.4c and established under either 40 CFR Part 110, 40 CFR Part 117, or 40 CFR Part 302, occurs during a 24-hour period.

In either event, the SRC will work with state and federal agencies to ensure that all appropriate forms and reports are submitted in a timely manner.

- Note: Trigger volumes for other chemical spills vary. Contact the DEP or a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) for specific guidance on reporting thresholds and requirements for other chemicals.

#### **4.2.2 Local Notification**

The following local agencies will be called to provide emergency assistance at the facility on the judgment of the SRC:

**TABLE 4-2**

Emergency Assistance Notification

|                                              |                                               |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Fire Department<br>911 or (978) 540-2302     | Police Department<br>911 or (978) 540-2300    |
| Hospital: Emerson Hospital<br>(978) 369-1400 | Department of Public Works:<br>(978) 540-2670 |

## **4.3 Fueling and Maintenance of Equipment or Vehicles**

### **General**

Efforts shall be made to perform equipment/vehicle fueling and maintenance off-site. If fueling and/or maintenance of equipment or vehicles is performed on site, the following pollution prevention practices must be provided.

### **Specific Pollution Prevention Practices**

- Site contractor/project manager shall provide an onsite vehicle fueling and maintenance area that is clean and dry.
- If possible keep area covered.
- Keep a spill kit at the fueling and maintenance area.
- Vehicles shall be inspected regularly for leaks and damage.
- Use drip pans, drip cloths or absorbent pads when replacing spent fluid.

## **4.4 Washing of Equipment and Vehicles**

### **General**

Efforts shall be made to perform equipment/vehicle washing and maintenance off-site. If washing of equipment and vehicles is performed on site, the following pollution prevention practices must be provided to minimize the discharge of pollutants.

### **Specific Pollution Prevention Practices**

- Site contractor/project manager shall provide a proper washing area.
- Discharges from washing areas shall be infiltrated or diverted into sanitary sewer system unless no soaps or detergents are used.
- If soaps, detergents or solvents are stored onsite over must be provided to prevent these detergents from coming into contact with rainwater.

## **4.5 Storage, Handling, and Disposal of Construction Products, Materials, and Wastes**

### **4.5.1 Building Products**

- Site contractor/project manager shall designate a waste collection area on the site that does not receive a substantial amount of runoff from upland areas and does not drain directly to a water body.
- Ensure that containers have lids so they can be covered before periods of rain, and keep containers in a covered area whenever possible.
- Schedule waste collection to prevent the containers from overfilling.
- Clean up spills immediately. For hazardous materials, follow cleanup instructions on the package. Use an absorbent material such as sawdust or kitty litter to contain the spill.

- During the demolition phase of construction, provide extra containers and schedule more frequent pickups.
- Collect, remove, and dispose of all construction site wastes at authorized disposal areas.

#### **4.5.2 Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Fertilizers, and Landscaping Materials**

- Store new and used materials in a neat, orderly manner in their appropriate containers in a covered area. If storage in a covered area is not possible, the materials shall be covered with polyethylene or polypropylene sheeting to protect them from the elements.
- Storage area should include precautions to contain any potential spills.
- Immediately contain and clean up any spills with absorbent materials.

#### **4.5.3 Diesel Fuel, Oil, Hydraulic Fluids, Other Petroleum Products, and Other Chemicals**

- Store new and used petroleum products for vehicles in a neat, orderly manner in their appropriate containers in a covered area. If storage in a covered area is not possible, the materials shall be covered with polyethylene or polypropylene sheeting to protect them from the elements.
- Storage area should include precautions to contain any potential spills.
- Immediately contain and clean up any spills with absorbent material.
- Have equipment available in fuel storage areas and in vehicles to contain and clean up any spills that occur.

#### **4.5.4 Hazardous or Toxic Waste**

- Store new and used materials in a neat, orderly manner in their appropriate containers in a covered area. If storage in a covered area is not possible, the materials shall be covered with polyethylene or polypropylene sheeting to protect them from the elements.
- Storage areas should include precautions to contain any potential spills.
- Immediately contain and clean up any spills with absorbent materials.
- Have equipment available in fuel storage areas and in vehicles to contain and clean up any spills that occur.
- To prevent leaks, empty and clean hazardous waste containers before disposing of them.
- Never remove the original product label from the container because it contains important safety information. Follow the manufacturer's recommended method of disposal, which should be printed on the label.
- Never mix excess products when disposing of them, unless specifically recommended by the manufacturer.

#### 4.5.5 Construction and Domestic Waste

- All materials shall be collected and stored in securely lidded receptacles, no construction waste materials will be buried. Clean up immediately if containers overflow.

### 4.6 Washing of Applicators and Containers used for Paint, Concrete, or Other Materials

- The contractors should be encouraged where possible, to use washout facilities at their own plant or dispatch facility from stucco, paint, concrete, form release oils, curing compounds, and other construction materials.
- If washout of these materials is done on site:
  - Direct all washwater into a leak-proof container or leak-proof pit. The container or pit must be designed so that no overflows can occur due to inadequate sizing or precipitation.
  - Handle washout or cleanout wastes as follows:
    - Do not dump liquid wastes in the storm sewers
    - Dispose of liquid wastes in accordance with applicable regulations
    - Remove and dispose of hardened concrete waste consistent with your handling of other construction wastes in Section 5.5.
  - Attempts should be made to locate washout area as far away as possible from surface waters and stormwater inlets or conveyances, and to the extent practicable, designate areas to be used for these activities and conduct such activities only in these areas.
- Inspect washout facilities daily to detect leaks or tears and to identify when materials need to be removed.

### 4.7 Fertilizers

If fertilizers are to be used on site, the following requirements shall be followed:

- Store new and used materials in a neat, orderly manner in their appropriate containers in a covered area. If storage in a covered area is not possible, the materials shall be covered with polyethylene or polypropylene sheeting to protect them from the elements.
- Storage area should include precautions to contain any potential spills.
- Immediately contain and clean up any spills with absorbent materials.
- Apply at a rate and in amounts consistent with manufacturer's specifications, or document departures from the manufacturer's specifications.
- Apply at the appropriate time of year for the site, and preferably timed to coincide as closely as possible to the period of maximum vegetation uptake and growth
- Avoid applying before heavy rains that could cause excessive nutrients to be discharged

- Never apply to frozen ground
- Never apply to stormwater conveyance channels with flowing water
- Follow all federal, state, tribal, and local requirements regarding fertilizer application.



# **LONG-TERM POLLUTION PREVENTION AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN**

Constructed Wetland Rehabilitation Assistance  
Littleton, Massachusetts

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## **Section 1**

### **Introduction and Purpose**

The following Long-Term Pollution Prevention and Stormwater Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan has been prepared for the stormwater management system relative to the Constructed Wetland Rehabilitation Assistance project in Littleton, Massachusetts. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance and procedures for proper long-term pollution prevention and stormwater management system maintenance.

The proposed recommendations are made in compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Stormwater Handbook maintain or improve stormwater runoff quality and quantity.

## **Section 2**

## **Responsible Parties**

The Town of Littleton is responsible for maintaining the stormwater management facilities. The property is owned by The Town of Littleton. During completion of proposed work, the contractor will be responsible for stormwater management system maintenance.

**Property Owner:**

Town of Littleton  
39 Ayer Road  
Littleton, MA 01460

Owner Signature, date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Maintenance Contact:**

Stephen Jahnle  
39 Ayer Road  
Littleton, MA 01460  
978-540-2670

Maintenance Contact  
Signature, date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 3

# Long Term Pollution Prevention Plan

### 3.1 Good Housekeeping

The goal of the good housekeeping policy is to keep the site in a clean and orderly condition. A disorderly site can lead to improper materials management and can reduce the efficiency of any response to potential pollution problems.

The following good housekeeping measures will be followed at the site to aid in pollution prevention:

- Promptly clean and remove any spills or contamination from vehicles or other services.
- Perform preventative maintenance on the structural components of the stormwater system.
- Properly dispose of refuse.

### 3.2 Potential Sources of Pollution

The following sources of pollution are anticipated as part of the long-term use of the project.

| <b>Pollutant-Generating Activity</b> | <b>Pollutants or Pollutant Constituents</b><br>(that could be discharged if exposed to stormwater) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vehicular Access                     | Petroleum, concrete, vehicle fluids, paints, solvents                                              |
| Solid waste storage                  | Construction debris, trash                                                                         |
| Landscaping Activities               | Fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides                                                                |
| Equipment use                        | Hydraulic oils, fluids, antifreeze, coolant                                                        |

### 3.3 General Spill Prevention and Response

In the event of a spill, the following procedures shall be followed by the Maintenance Contact or their authorized representative:

- Manufacturer's recommended methods for cleanup will be clearly posted and facility personnel will be made aware of the procedures and the location of the information and clean up supplies.
- Materials and equipment necessary for spill cleanup will be kept in the material storage areas at the facility. Equipment and materials will include but not be limited to brooms, dustpans, mops, rags, gloves, goggles, kitty litter, sand, sawdust and plastic or metal trash containers specifically for this purpose.
- All spills will be cleaned up immediately after discovery.

- The spill area will be kept well ventilated and personnel will wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent injury from contact with hazardous substances.
- Spills of toxic or hazardous material will be reported to the appropriate state or local government agency regardless of size.
- The Spill Prevention Plan will be adjusted to include measures to prevent this type of spill from recurring and how to cleanup the spill if it recurs. A description of the spill, its cause and the cleanup measures will be included.
- The Maintenance Contact is responsible for day to day operations will be the spill prevention and cleanup coordinator.

### **3.3.1 Federal and State Spill Notification**

In accordance with 310 CMR 40.0333, the Maintenance Contact shall notify the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Central Region) – (508) 792-7650 the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) (if applicable) and any other authorities or agencies within two hours if an accident or other type of incident results in a release to:

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  - 10 Gallons for more Oils (PCB<500 ppm)
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- Or, triggers the exposure to toxic chemical levels as listed in 301 CMR 40.1600, Revised Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MPC)

The Maintenance Contact shall notify the National Response Center (NRC) at **(800) 424-8802** where a leak, spill, or other release containing a hazardous substance or oil in an amount equal to or in excess of a reportable quantity consistent with Part 2.3.3.4c and established under either 40 CFR Part 110, 40 CFR Part 117, or 40 CFR Part 302, occurs during a 24-hour period.

In either event, the Maintenance Contact will work with state and federal agencies to ensure that all appropriate forms and reports are submitted in a timely manner.

- Note: Trigger volumes for other chemical spills vary. Contact the MassDEP or a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) for specific guidance on reporting thresholds and requirements for other chemicals.

### **3.3.2 Local Notification**

The following local agencies will be called to provide emergency assistance at the facility on the judgment of the Maintenance Contact:

|                                              |                                               |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Fire Department<br>911 or (978) 540-2302     | Police Department<br>911 or (978) 540-2300    |
| Hospital: Emerson Hospital<br>(978) 369-1400 | Department of Public Works:<br>(978) 540-2670 |

## 3.4 Storage, Handling, and Disposal of Materials and Wastes

The following procedures shall be followed throughout the facility when storing, handling and disposing of various materials.

### 3.4.1 Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Fertilizers, and Landscaping Materials

- Store new and used materials in a neat, orderly manner in their appropriate containers in a covered area. If storage in a covered area is not possible, the materials shall be covered with polyethylene or polypropylene sheeting to protect them from the elements.
- Storage area should include precautions to contain any potential spills.
- Immediately contain and clean up any spills with absorbent materials.
- Apply at a rate and in amounts consistent with manufacturer's specifications, or document departures from the manufacturer's specifications.
- Apply at the appropriate time of year for the site, and preferably timed to coincide as closely as possible to the period of maximum vegetation uptake and growth
- Avoid applying before heavy rains that could cause excessive nutrients to be discharged
- Never apply to frozen ground
- Never apply to stormwater conveyance channels with flowing water
- Follow all federal, state, tribal, and local requirements regarding fertilizer application.

### 3.4.2 Hazardous or Toxic Waste

- Store new and used materials in a neat, orderly manner in their appropriate containers in a covered area. If storage in a covered area is not possible, the materials shall be covered with polyethylene or polypropylene sheeting to protect them from the elements.
- Storage areas should include precautions to contain any potential spills.
- Immediately contain and clean up any spills with absorbent materials.
- Have equipment available in fuel storage areas and in vehicles to contain and clean up any spills that occur.
- To prevent leaks, empty and clean hazardous waste containers before disposing of them.
- Never remove the original product label from the container because it contains important safety information. Follow the manufacturer's recommended method of disposal, which should be printed on the label.
- Never mix excess products when disposing of them, unless specifically recommended by the manufacturer.

**3.4.3 Domestic Waste**

- Site property manager shall designate a waste collection area on the site that does not receive a substantial amount of runoff from upland areas and does not drain directly to a water body.
- Ensure that containers have lids so they can be covered before periods of rain and keep containers in a covered area whenever possible.
- Schedule waste collection to prevent the containers from overfilling.
- Clean up spills immediately. For hazardous materials, follow cleanup instructions on the package. Use an absorbent material such as sawdust or kitty litter to contain the spill.

## Section 4

# Stormwater Management System

The on-site stormwater management system is comprised of catch basins, manholes, a sediment forebay, a constructed wetland, and a stormwater outfall. In general, runoff from the approximately 46-acre contributory area is collected and piped to the sediment forebay, where it received pretreatment for suspended solids. From the forebay, stormwater runoff enters the constructed wetland through an overflow weir, where it is treated for water quality through nutrient uptake within the wetland. Following treatment within the constructed wetland, runoff is discharged to Long Pond through an outlet control structure and 12" reinforced concrete culvert beneath Lake Shore Drive.

The area also features a dry swale that was designed and constructed during the period of wetland installation. Although improvements to the dry swale are not proposed as part of this work, operation and maintenance recommendations are included as part of this plan for the Town's reference.

See the attached Figure 1 in Appendix A for the location of the various described components of the Stormwater Management System.

### 4.1 Constructed Wetland Operation

The following describes procedures for the operation of various flow-control features associated with the constructed wetland system at Lake Shore Drive.

#### 4.1.1 Flow Splitter Adjustment

An existing flow splitter, located within an existing catch basin structure within Lake Drive, has an adjustable weir plate that allows the overflow height for stormwater runoff to be altered as necessary. This allows the peak flow rate of stormwater runoff to the wetland to be adjusted without use of the diversion gate, described below in Section 4.1.2.

Per recommendations set forth by the design engineer, GeoSyntec Consultants, the overflow weir should be set such that when the diversion gate is fully open, the peak flow rate to the wetland system does not exceed the maximum design flow rate of 2.4 cubic feet per second. The setting is dependent on the overflow elevation of the downstream stop log structure, as described in Section 4.1.3. If the stop logs are set to their maximum overflow elevation, the flow rate over the flow splitter weir may be in excess of the desired setting, and thus the weir may need to be adjusted to a higher position. Operational settings for controls should be determined using ASTM and ASCE hydraulic flow measurement procedures.

#### 4.1.2 Diversion Gate Adjustment

A diversion gate is available to adjust flows to the wetland from the flow splitter. The purpose of the diversion gate is to provide a means of adjusting flow to the wetland without adjusting the height of the overflow weir in the flow splitter. In addition, the diversion gate can be closed to force flows to bypass the wetland and discharge completely to the bypass culvert that drains to Long Pond.

Once the flow splitter is properly adjusted, the diversion gate and stop logs are the primary means of controlling flow rates in the wetland system.

When the diversion gate is partially closed it can cause backwater conditions in the drainage pipe that leads from the flow splitter to the sediment forebay of the wetland. This, in turn, decreases the peak flow rate to the wetland system and increases flow to the bypass.

#### **4.1.3 Stop Log Adjustment**

The two existing stop log water control structures were designed by GeoSyntec Consultants to provide a means of controlling water elevations through the addition or removal of individual or multiple stop logs. Two heights of logs are available for the water control structures. These two sizes can be used in numerous combinations to provide a range of overflow depths.

To gain access to the stop logs, it is necessary to unbolt the cover grate that prevents removal of the stop logs. The stop logs have eyebolts attached to them that allow for attachment of lifting lines to each side of a single log. Logs are removed individually and replaced in the same manner in which they are removed. Care should be taken to not damage the logs, neoprene seals, or the guide channels while removing or replacing logs.

Under normal operating conditions the downstream stop log structure should be set to have an overflow elevation greater than 6" below the overflow elevation of the upstream structure. This setting allows for proper flows through the wetland system and prevents backwater conditions in the sediment forebay.

## **4.2 Inspections**

Inspections should be performed in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Stormwater Handbook. Figure 1, provided in Appendix A, identifies the location of each BMP to be inspected and maintained as described in this Section. All inspections should be logged using the Inspection Forms provided in Section 5.

The following stormwater management system features will be evaluated during each inspection:

### **4.2.1 Vegetated Surfaces**

**Inspection Frequency:** Bi-annually in Summer and Winter

**Special Inspection Event(s):** Spring Snow Melt

All vegetative surfaces will be observed to identify locations of settlement, erosion and other impacts from the proposed work. Areas of settlement and erosion that may result in a discharge of sediment into Waters of the Commonwealth shall be repaired and restored to a vegetated condition.

### **4.2.2 Deep-Sump, Hooded Catch Basins**

**Inspection Frequency:** Quarterly

**Special Inspection Event(s):** Rainfall greater than 0.5 inches

Deep sump catch basins should be inspected at least four times per year. The Visual inspection should ascertain that the catch basin is functioning properly (i.e. no blockages or obstructions to the outlet and/or hood) and to measure the amount of solid materials that have accumulated in the sump. This can be done with a calibrated dipstick, tape measure or other measuring instrument so that the depth of deposition in the sump can be tracked. Inspections should be completed visually from the ground level.

If further investigation is warranted that requires entering the structure, all applicable Confined Space Entry safety regulations and procedures must be followed per 29 CFR 1910.146. Deep sump catch basins should be cleaned four times per year or whenever the depth of the sediment is greater than or equal to one half the depth from the bottom of the invert of the lowest pipe in the basin. Cleanings should also be conducted at the end of the foliage and snow-removal seasons. Clamshell buckets can be used to remove sediment. However, vacuum trucks will remove more trapped sediment, are more expedient, and are less likely to damage hoods on outlet pipes. Disposal of sediment removed from catch basins must be disposed of in accordance with local, state and federal requirements.

**4.2.3 Sediment Forebay****Inspection Frequency:** Monthly**Special Inspection Event(s):** Rainfall greater than 0.5 inches

At a minimum, the sediment forebay should be inspected monthly and cleaned out four times per year. When maintaining grasses, grass height should be kept at no greater than 6 inches. The sediment forebay should be checked for signs of rilling and gullying regularly and repaired as needed. When sediment is removed from the basin, any vegetation damaged during the clean-out should be replaced through reseeding or resodding.

**4.2.4 Constructed Wetland****Inspection Frequency:** Bi-annually**Special Inspection Event(s):** Rainfall greater than 0.5 inches

Unlike conventional stormwater basins that require sediment removal at infrequent intervals, constructed stormwater wetlands require smaller-scale maintenance at regular, frequent intervals to evaluate the health and condition of plantings.

During these inspections, the following should be observed and recorded:

- Quality, quantity and distribution of wetland plants within the system
- Presence and quantity of invasive wetland plant species (invasives must be removed)
- Percentage of standing water that is unvegetated
- Accumulation of sediment within the wetland forebay
- The maximum water elevation
- The stability of original depth zones

Sediment should be cleaned out in the wetland once every 10 years. The sediment forebay should still be cleaned out every year.

Routine mowing of maintained areas adjacent to the outlet wetland swale will be required. Planted trees and shrubs that are adjacent to city streets and along pathways shall be pruned on a regular basis (twice per season) to maintain viewing of the wetland and wetland channel from these areas.

#### **4.2.5 Flow Splitter**

**Inspection Frequency:** Monthly

**Special Inspection Event(s):** Melt water conditions

Proper function of the wetland system is predicated on maintenance of the flow splitter. Although the splitter is designed to require minimal maintenance, sediment accumulation can seriously impair the splitter's functionality. Sediment accumulation is of particular concern under circumstances where long periods of medium flows with high sediment content are prevalent (e.g., under melt water conditions). The flow splitter should be inspected monthly and any accumulated debris should be removed. Refer to Appendix B for additional information regarding the existing flow splitter.

#### **4.2.6 Dry Swale**

**Inspection Frequency:** Bi-annually

**Special Inspection Event(s):** Rainfall greater than 0.5 inches

Inspect the dry swale twice a year for slope integrity, soil moisture, vegetative health, soil stability, soil compaction, soil erosion, ponding and sedimentation. Regular maintenance includes mowing, fertilizing, liming, watering, pruning, and weed and pest control. Mow swales at least once per year. Do not cut the grass shorter than three to four inches, otherwise the effectiveness of the vegetation in reducing flow velocity and removing pollutants may be reduced. Do not let grass height exceed 6 inches.

Manually remove sediment and debris at least once per year, and periodically re-seed, if necessary, to maintain a dense growth of vegetation. Take care to protect swales from snow removal and disposal practices and off-street parking.

In addition, since dry swales rely partially on infiltration for removal of pollutants, periodic rehabilitation of surface soils may be required to restore infiltration capacity of the trench soils. This involves removing and replacing the top 4-6" of soils. This activity can be simplified by including a filter fabric layer between the topsoil layer and the sub-soils on the trench.

#### **4.2.7 Outlet Control Structure**

**Inspection Frequency:** Quarterly

**Special Inspection Event(s):** Rainfall greater than 0.5 inches

Outlet control structures shall be inspected a minimum of four times per year for the buildup of sediment in/at the outlet control structure. Any buildup of sediment or other debris shall be removed by flushing out the outlet control structure. Remove trash and

vegetation as needed. Restabilize area near inlets/outlets as applicable. Refer to Appendix B for additional information regarding the existing outlet control structure.

#### **4.2.8 Culverts and Stone End Protection (Outfalls)**

**Inspection Frequency:** Bi-annually

**Special Inspection Event(s):** Rainfall greater than 0.5 inches

System outfalls should be inspected twice a year as well as after every major storm, for slope integrity, soil moisture, vegetated health, soil stability, soil compaction, soil erosion, ponding and sediment accumulation. If the rip rap has been displaced, undermined or damaged, it should be replaced immediately. The channel immediately below the outlet should be checked to see that erosion is not occurring. The downstream channel will be kept clear of obstructions, such as fallen trees, debris, leaves and sediment that could change flow patterns and/or tail water depths in pipes. Repairs must be carried out immediately to avoid additional damage to the outlet protection apron.

# **Section 5 Operation and Maintenance Log Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person conducting Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Inspection (Routine / Significant Rainfall): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Stormwater Management System Components:**

### **Vegetated Surface**

Component inspected during this inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Any Repair Necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

### **Walkway Sweeping**

Component inspected during this inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Any Repair Necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

### **Deep-Sump Hooded Catch Basins**

Component inspected during this inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Any Repair Necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sediment Forebay**

Component inspected during this inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Any Repair Necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

### **Constructed Wetland**

Component inspected during this inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Any Repair Necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

### **Flow Splitter**

Component inspected during this inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Any Repair Necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

### **Dry Swale**

Component inspected during this inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Any Repair Necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**Outlet Control Structure**

Component inspected during this inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Any Repair Necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**Culvert and Stone End Protection**

Component inspected during this inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Any Repair Necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

## **Section 6**

### **Snow Management & De-Icing**

Snow removal will occur along Lake Drive and Lake Shore Drive. Snow storage should not be in or adjacent to wetland areas nor block drainage to surface inlets (e.g. catch basins).

Applications of chemical de-icing may be applied along with sand for the roads, main entrances, stop sign areas, and sidewalks. Apply only as needed using minimum quantities. Small quantities of deicers may be mixed with sand or sprayed on hard to maintain areas.

Sweep or clean up accumulated sand, sidewalks, steps, and roads as soon as possible after the road surface clears.

## Section 7

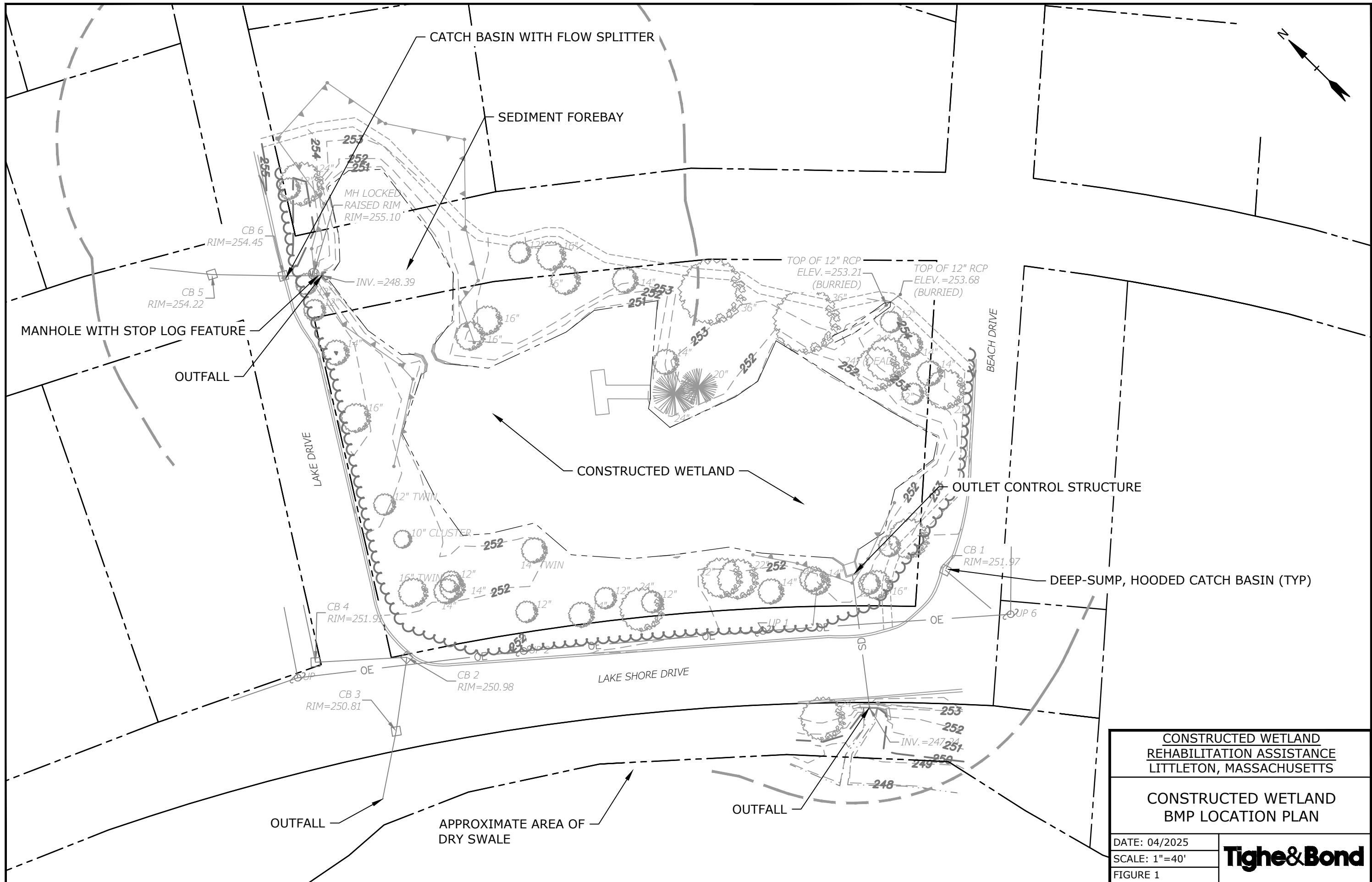
# Estimated O&M Budget

The following estimated O&M Budget includes the inspections and maintenance activities previously described on an annual basis.

| Maintenance Component                | Quantity | Frequency (per year) | Unit Cost | Annual Cost     |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Vegetated Surfaces                   | -        | 4                    | \$100     | \$400           |
| Catch Basin Inspection               | 52       | 4                    | \$50      | \$10,400        |
| Catch Basin Sediment Removal         | 52       | 2                    | \$100     | \$10,400        |
| Sediment Forebay                     | 1        | 12                   | \$100     | \$1,200         |
| Constructed Wetland                  | 1        | 2                    | \$500     | \$1,000         |
| Flow Splitter                        | 1        | 12                   | \$250     | \$3,000         |
| Dry Swale                            | 1        | 2                    | \$500     | \$1,000         |
| Outlet Control Structure             | 1        | 2                    | \$250     | \$500           |
| System Outfalls                      | 4        | 2                    | \$250     | \$2,000         |
| <b>Total Annual Estimated Budget</b> |          |                      |           | <b>\$29,900</b> |

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**APPENDIX A**  
**Stormwater BMP Location Map**



## **APPENDIX F**

# Illicit Discharge Compliance Statement

Project Location: Constructed Wetland Rehabilitation Assistance Project  
Littleton, MA

Illicit discharges to the stormwater management system are discharges that are not entirely comprised of stormwater. Illicit discharge does not include discharges from the following activities or facilities: firefighting, water line flushing, landscape irrigation, uncontaminated groundwater, potable water sources, foundation drains, air conditioning condensation, footing drains, individual resident car washing, flows from riparian habitats and wetlands, dechlorinated water from swimming pools, water used for street washing, and water used to clean residential buildings without detergents.

To the best of my knowledge, I am not aware of any existing illicit discharges located at the Project Location and will abandon or remove such illicit discharges/connections in the future, if found.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX G**

## 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.

Version 1, Automated: Mar. 4, 2008

# TSS Removal Worksheet

Location: Pretreatment Train

| B<br>BMP <sup>1</sup>            | C<br>TSS Removal<br>Rate <sup>1</sup> | D<br>Starting TSS<br>Load* | E<br>Amount<br>Removed (C*D) | F<br>Remaining<br>Load (D-E) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Deep Sump and Hooded Catch Basin | 0.25                                  | 1.00                       | 0.25                         | 0.75                         |
| Sediment Forebay                 | 0.25                                  | 0.75                       | 0.19                         | 0.56                         |
|                                  | 0.00                                  | 0.56                       | 0.00                         | 0.56                         |
|                                  | 0.00                                  | 0.56                       | 0.00                         | 0.56                         |
|                                  | 0.00                                  | 0.56                       | 0.00                         | 0.56                         |

Total TSS Removal =

44%

Separate Form Needs to be Completed for Each Outlet or BMP Train

Project:

Constructed Wetland Rehabilitation

Assistance

Prepared By:

THM

Date:

Apr-25

\*Equals remaining load from previous BMP (E)  
which enters the BMP

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In BMP Column, click on Blue Cell to Activate Drop Down Menu
2. Select BMP from Drop Down Menu
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Version 1, Automated: Mar. 4, 2008

# TSS Removal Worksheet

Location: Existing Treatment Train

| B<br>BMP <sup>1</sup>             | C<br>TSS Removal<br>Rate <sup>1</sup> | D<br>Starting TSS<br>Load* | E<br>Amount<br>Removed (C*D) | F<br>Remaining<br>Load (D-E) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Constructed Stormwater<br>Wetland | 0.80                                  | 1.00                       | 0.80                         | 0.20                         |
|                                   | 0.00                                  | 0.20                       | 0.00                         | 0.20                         |
|                                   | 0.00                                  | 0.20                       | 0.00                         | 0.20                         |
|                                   | 0.00                                  | 0.20                       | 0.00                         | 0.20                         |
|                                   | 0.00                                  | 0.20                       | 0.00                         | 0.20                         |

Total TSS Removal =

80%

Separate Form Needs to  
be Completed for Each  
Outlet or BMP Train

|                                    |
|------------------------------------|
| Constructed Wetland Rehabilitation |
| Assistance                         |
|                                    |
|                                    |

Project:

Prepared By:

Date:

Non-automated TSS Calculation Sheet

must be used if Proprietary BMP Proposed

1. From MassDEP Stormwater Handbook Vol. 1

\*Equals remaining load from previous BMP (E)  
which enters the BMP

Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection





## **Community Preservation Committee Littleton, Massachusetts**

The CPC was established by Town Meeting in 2007. The CPC has the powers and responsibilities specified by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44B, section 5(b), the Community Preservation Act.

## Community Preservation Application for Funding

Date: March 17, 2025

**Project Title:** Long Lake Frog Pond Walkway Improvements  
**Name of Applicant:** Littleton Conservation Commission  
**Name of Organization:** Town of Littleton  
**Address:** P.O. Box 1305 - Littleton, MA  
**Telephone:** 978-540-2403      **Email:** andrew\_sammarco@yahoo.com

**CPA Category (circle all that apply):** **Open Space** **Historic Preservation**  
**Recreation** **Community Housing**

**CPA Funding Requested:** \$ 88,880.00      **Total Project Cost:** \$ 88,880.00

**Please attach answers to the following questions. Include supporting materials as necessary.**

- Project Description:** Please give a detailed project description, including specific objectives.
- Goals:** How does this project accomplish the goals of the Community Preservation Plan for Littleton? (See Guidelines for Project Submission for general criteria)
- Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical milestones? Will this be a multi-year project?
- Budget:** Please provide a full budget including the following information, as applicable.  
(NOTE: CPA funds may not be used for maintenance):
  - Total amount of the project cost, with itemization of major components.
  - Additional funding sources. Please include those that are available, committed, or under consideration.
  - Describe the basis for your budget and the sources of information you used.
- Support:** Have the appropriate Town Boards and Commissions expressed support and/or approved the project? What is the nature and level of community support for this project?

## **Project Description:**

The Littleton Conservation Commission proposes replacing the existing cobblestone walkway at the Long Lake Frog Pond, located between Lake Drive, Beach Drive, and Lake Shore Drive, next to Long Lake. The current pathway, installed over 20 years ago, has significantly deteriorated, creating serious hazards due to uneven, shifting stones, surface erosion, and frequent flooding. The goal of this project is to improve public safety and accessibility by constructing a durable, ADA-compliant walkway that provides a stable, long-term solution for residents and visitors.

This project will also complement ongoing improvement efforts on site, aligning and working collaboratively with the Invasive Plant Control Proposal and the DPW's Dredging Initiative at Frog Pond to improve overall conditions in the area.

### **Specific Objectives:**

- Remove the deteriorating cobblestone walkway.
- Install a new, safer pathway using durable, low-maintenance pavers on a stable, well-compacted base.
- Improve accessibility to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards, ensuring usability for all community members, including individuals with mobility challenges.
- Address ongoing flooding and erosion issues, stabilizing the path to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Incorporate boardwalk sections in wetter areas to enhance stability and accessibility.

The new walkway will be approximately 0.10 miles (528 feet) long and 4 feet wide, providing a safe and enjoyable route through the 1.3-acre Frog Pond area.

## **Project Goals:**

- Enhancing Public Safety and Accessibility: The improved walkway will eliminate hazardous conditions and ensure compliance with ADA standards, making the area safer and more accessible for all users.
- Supporting Public Recreation: Walkers, joggers, and nature enthusiasts will benefit from a stable, well-maintained pathway.
- Preserving and Enhancing Open Space: The project will upgrade infrastructure while maintaining the natural character of Frog Pond and Long Lake.
- Mitigating Flooding and Erosion: Site improvements will prevent water damage, ensuring a longer-lasting and more resilient pathway.
- Aligning with Conservation and Infrastructure Improvements: This project complements the Invasive Plant Control Proposal and the DPW's Dredging Initiative, contributing to broader environmental restoration and infrastructure enhancement efforts.

## Project Timeline:

The project is contingent on funding approval at Town Meeting in Spring 2025, with funds becoming available on July 1, 2025. Construction will begin after the DPW Frog Pond Dredging Project is completed, which is projected to be performed in the summer months, to avoid disruption from heavy machinery.

## Proposed Timeline:

| Milestone                            | Estimated Completion |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Finalization of walkway design       | July 2025            |
| Permitting process                   | Summer 2025          |
| Procurement of materials and labor   | Late Summer 2025     |
| Removal of existing cobblestone path | Early Fall 2025      |

|                                                       |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Site work                                             | Mid-Fall 2025  |
| Installation of new paver path and boardwalk sections | Late Fall 2025 |
| Inspection and public opening                         | Late Fall 2025 |

## Project Budget:

### Total Project Cost (Approximate):

| Project Component                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Estimated Cost  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Walkway Installation (2,200 sq. ft.) – Dig and install paver walkway on 10 inches of ¾-inch stone, compacted in layers with 1 inch of chipstone. Includes poly sand and mortar edging. Base excavation depth estimated at 12 inches (deeper excavation or filter fabric may incur additional costs). | \$65,500        |
| Boardwalk Sections (Three 10' x 4' sections on helical piles, with ends set in concrete)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$5,500         |
| Silt Fence Installation (approximately 800 feet)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$5,300         |
| Demolition of Existing Walkway (approximately 40 tons of material removed and disposed of)                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$4,500         |
| Subtotal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$80,800        |
| 10% Construction Contingency                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$8,080         |
| <b>Total Estimated Project Cost</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>\$88,880</b> |

Note: The estimated project cost includes \$500 for permitting and is based on professional contractor quotes.

## Project Support:

- Littleton Conservation Commission
- Littleton Disability Commission
- Long Lake Neighborhood Association

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**Photos Demonstrating Walkway Degradation/Flooding (Courtesy of Rob Rounce):**





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### Community Preservation Application for Funding

Date: 2/13/2025

Project Title: Long Lake Frog Pond Invasive Plant Control

Name of Applicant: Littleton Conservation Commission

Name of Organization: Town of Littleton

Address: P.O. Box 1305 - Littleton, MA 01460

Telephone: 978-540-2403 Email: andrew\_sammarco@yahoo.com

CPA Category (circle all that apply):

Open Space       Historic Preservation  
 Recreation       Community Housing

CPA Funding Requested: \$ 30,000      Total Project Cost: \$ 30,000

Please attach answers to the following questions. Include supporting materials as necessary.

1. **Project Description:** Please give a detailed project description, including specific objectives.
2. **Goals:** How does this project accomplish the goals of the Community Preservation Plan for Littleton? (See Guidelines for Project Submission for general criteria)
3. **Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical milestones? Will this be a multi-year project?
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  - c. Describe the basis for your budget and the sources of information you used.
5. **Support:** Have the appropriate Town Boards and Commissions expressed support and/or approved the project? What is the nature and level of community support for this project?

## **1. Project Description**

The proposed project seeks to restore and preserve the natural habitat at the 1.3-acre Long Lake-Frog Pond site through a phased approach to invasive plant management. This effort aligns with open space preservation objectives and will be coordinated with ongoing site improvements, including the Department of Public Works (DPW) dredging project for Frog Pond and a walkway replacement project.

### **Key Activities:**

- Conducting an initial assessment and inventory of invasive plant species.
- Developing and implementing a multi-phase invasive plant management plan.
- Removing invasive plants using mechanical methods and targeted herbicide applications.

### **Target Invasive Plant Species:**

- Glossy Buckthorn
- Bittersweet
- Japanese Knotweed
- Burning Bush
- Japanese Barberry
- Multi-Flora Rose
- Autumn Olive

Efforts will focus on affected areas across the site surrounding the Frog Pond, ensuring long-term ecological stability and supporting native plant and wildlife species.

### **Specific Objectives:**

1. Assess the extent and impact of invasive species.
2. Develop a comprehensive, phased management plan for invasive species control.
3. Execute initial and follow-up removal efforts to restore ecological health.
4. Coordinate with DPW dredging and walkway projects to maximize efficiency.
5. Reintroduce native vegetation to promote biodiversity and improve public access.

## 2. Goals

- **Preserving Open Space:** Protect native habitats and maintain the site's ecological value.
- **Protecting Natural Resources:** Restore native ecosystems to support wildlife, enhance biodiversity, and improve water quality.
- **Promoting Community Use:** Enhance the natural landscape to encourage public engagement and recreational use.

## 3. Timeline

The project will begin upon funding approval at the 2025 Spring Town Meeting, with funds available on July 1, 2025. Work will occur in coordination with concurrent dredging and walkway improvement efforts.

### **Proposed Milestones:**

| <u>Objective</u>                                                                                                                    | <u>Estimated Completion/Cost</u>          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Phase 1: Site Assessment and Planning</b><br>Invasive species survey and inventory<br>Drafting of invasive plant management plan | Summer 2025<br>~\$2,500                   |
| <b>Phase 2: Initial Removal Efforts</b><br>Mechanical removal of invasive plants<br>Herbicide application (cut-stem/fall treatment) | Summer–Fall 2025<br>~\$10,000<br>~\$5,000 |
| <b>Phase 4/5: Ongoing Follow-Up Treatments</b><br>Targeted herbicide application                                                    | Summer-Fall / 2026–2027<br>~\$4,750/year  |

**Permitting Fees:** Approximately \$300 is allocated for associated permitting.

### **Long-Term Vision:**

This multi-year project will include follow-up treatments and monitoring to ensure sustained ecological health. Strategies will adapt based on ongoing assessments and progress.

## 4. Budget

**Total Estimated Cost: ~\$30,000**

### **Breakdown:**

- **Assessment and Planning:** ~\$2,500
- **Mechanical Removal/Cutting (2025):** ~\$10,000
- **Initial Herbicide Applications (2025):** ~\$5,000
- **Follow-Up Treatments (2026–2027):** ~\$9,500 (total for two years)
- **Permitting Fees:** ~\$300
- **Contingency (10%):** ~\$2,700

### **Funding Sources:**

- CPA funding (primary source).
- Additional grants and partnerships with environmental organizations will be pursued to support follow-up phases.

## **5. Support**

Littleton Conservation Commission

Long Lake Neighborhood Association

**Site Overview of the Long Lake Frog Pond (Parcels 15 and 22)**



**Examples of Invasive Plant Thickets Surrounding the Frog Pond**  
(Photos Courtesy of Rob Rounce.)



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