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Section 61 Findings
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Redevelopment of the Former South Weymouth Naval Air Stations
Conservation and Management Permit 008-125.DFW (321 CMR 10.23)
EOEA No. 11085

A Conservation and Management Plan for the above-listed project has been prepared in consultation with the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP), in compliance with applicable performance standards of the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) and implementing regulations. Although the project will result in a Take of the Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*), Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*), and Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina*), the project meets the standards for issuance of a Conservation & Management Permit, pursuant to MESA (321 CMR 10.23), and the applicant has taken all feasible measures avoid and minimize damage to endangered species and their habitat.

The components of the Conservation and Management Permit as drafted in consultation with NHESP staff include:

- protection of +/-449 acres of open space through Grants of Restriction, in addition to +/-381 acres of land which will be owned by SSTITDC pursuant to a Public Benefit Conveyance ("PBC");
- restoration of +/-56 acres of grassland habitat and +/-30 acres of shrubland/ turtle nesting habitat, including removal of existing paved taxiways;
- long-term monitoring and management of grassland and shrubland/nesting areas;
- construction period monitoring and protection of state-listed birds and turtles;
- post-construction monitoring of on-site state-listed bird and turtle populations;
- construction of turtle crossing structures and barriers associated with parkway construction;
- funding for off-site acquisition, restoration, and/or management of grassland habitat for the benefit of grasshopper sparrow and upland sandpiper populations in Massachusetts

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