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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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CC: Board of Selectmen, East Longmeadow, MA
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RE: Elmcrest Country Club Public Notice: Water Management Act Permit Application

DATE: May 12, 2005

Attached you will find a copy of the Elmcrest Country Club Water Management Act Public Notice which is to appear in the next issue of the Environmental Monitor (May 25, 2005). If you have any questions with regard to this notice, please feel free to contact me at 413-755-2119.



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Water Management Act Permit Application
for the
Connecticut River Watershed
Received by the
Department of Environmental Protection, Western Region Office
Drinking Water Program
436 Dwight Street
Springfield, MA 01103

The Department of Environmental Protection, Western Regional Office, Drinking Water Program will accept written comments on the Water Management Act permit application recently filed for permitting water withdrawals in the Connecticut River Watershed under the Water Management Act (MGL c.21G). Comments will be accepted until June 14, 2005. A copy of the application is available for review from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, every Wednesday at DEP's Drinking Water Program, Western Region Office, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA (413) 784-1100.

The **Elmcrest Country Club** golf course, located in East Longmeadow, has been in existence and irrigating since the 1960s, however, the club does not have a Water Management Act Registration. **Elmcrest Country Club** has applied for a Water Management Act permit for its historic water withdrawal from the Connecticut River watershed for irrigation of the golf course. The permit application states that **Elmcrest Country Club** requests an authorized, seasonal withdrawal of 340,000 gallons per day for the permit duration. The permit if issued, would expire on November 30, 2013.

The withdrawal point is a man-made pond located on the **Elmcrest Country Club** property. The Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas, 2000-2001 Edition indicates no *Priority Habitats of Rare Species* and *Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Vernal Pools*¹ in the immediate vicinity of withdrawal point.

¹ Hampden quad.