Applicant: Mark Germanowski, City of Pittsfield, Airport Commission Project Location: Pittsfield Municipal Airport, 832 Tamarack Road, Pittsfield MA Scheduled Public Hearing: Monday, December 15, 2008, 10:00 AM Public Comments Deadline: Friday, January 9, 2009

Public notice is hereby given of the Wetlands Variance application by Mark Germanowski of the City of Pittsfield Airport Commission on behalf of the Pittsfield Municipal Airport. The City of Pittsfield Airport Commission is proposing to construct the following improvements at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport: (1) runway safety areas on Runway 8-26; (2) extension of the runway 26 end by 790-feet; (3) relocation of South Mountain Road; (4) addressing vegetative obstructions to navigable airspace; (5) installation of an approach lighting system; and (6) construction of four wetland replacement areas. The project will result in (1) permanent impact to 3.75 acres and temporary impact to 10.78 acres of Bordering Vegetated Wetland; (2) Permanent impact to 5.78 acres of pristine and 0.87 acres of degraded Riverfront Area; (3) Permanent impact to 1882 cubic-feet of bordering land subject to flooding; (4) Permanent impact to 2,014 linear feet of bank; and (5) Permanent impact to 5,495 square feet of land under water.

The Department of Environmental Protection, Wetlands Program, will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid project proposal on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the Pittsfield City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd floor, 70 Allen Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. The Department will conduct this public hearing in order to receive information to be used in its decision on whether to grant a Wetlands Variance pursuant to 310 CMR 10.05 (10).

The Department will consider all additional written comments on this Wetlands Variance application received by Friday, January 9, 2009 (Public Comments Deadline). Within ten days of the date of issuance of the Commissioner's decision on the variance, any person who submitted comments during the public comment period may, according to the procedures specified in 310 CMR 10.05 (7)(j), request an adjudicatory hearing on the decision.

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting Mark Germanowski at 413-448-9790; Fax 413-448-8006; <u>mgermanowski@pittsfieldch.com</u> Project plans and documents are available for public viewing on weekdays at the MassDEP Western Regional Office Service Center, Suite 500, Fifth Floor, Springfield State Office Building, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield MA 01103. Project plans and documents are also available for review by appointment only at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Lisa Rhodes, Environmental Analyst, MassDEP Wetlands Program, One Winter Street – 5th Floor, Boston MA 02108. Phone (617) 292-5512. Lisa.Rhodes@state.ma.us Deleted: 8 Formatted: Highlight