

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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 Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

EOEA No.: *14364*
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The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Northeast District Office Relocation		
Street: 53 Groton-Shirley Road		
Municipality: Ayer	Watershed: Nashua	
Universal Tranverse Mercator Coordinates: 28651 471728	Latitude: 71 36 0W Longitude: 42 34 49N	
Estimated commencement date: April 2009	Estimated completion date: June 2009	
Approximate cost: \$500,000	Status of project design: 50 %complete	
Proponent: MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife		
Street: 68 Harris Street		
Municipality: Acton	State: MA	Zip Code: 01720
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Patricia Huckery		
Firm/Agency: MDFW	Street: 68 Harris Street	
Municipality: Acton	State: MA	Zip Code: 01720
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- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes X No
- Has this project been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) X No
- Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) X No
- Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
- a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) Yes X No
 - a Special Review Procedure? (see 301CMR 11 09) Yes X No
 - a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11 11) Yes X No
 - a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11 11) Yes X No

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres): Capital funds expenditure, \$500,000.

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?
 Yes (Specify _____) X No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Ayer Planning Board Site Plan Review (prelim hearing completed), DEP On-Site Sewage Disposal Construction Permit, Nashoba Boards of Health Drinking Water Permit, State Building Permit for construction, Fire Protection Systems Permit, MA Historical Commission Project Notification Form.

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste |
| X ACEC | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Permits <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i> Ayer Planning Board Site Plan Review, DEP On-Site Sewage Disposal Construction Permit, Nashoba Boards of Health Drinking Water Permit, State Building Permit for Construction, Fire Protection System Permit, MHC Project Notification Form.
Total site acreage	56 acres			
New acres of land altered		2.1 acres		
Acres of impervious area	0.87 acres	1.01 acres	1.88 acres	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		NA		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		NA*		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		NA		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	18,000 sf	6,912 sf	24,912 sf	
Number of housing units	1	1	2	
Maximum height (in feet)	24 ft	NA	24 ft	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	10	15	25	
Parking spaces	5	20	25	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	90 gpd	275 gpd	365 gpd	
GPD water withdrawal	90 gpd	275 gpd	365 gpd	
GPD wastewater generation/treatment	90 gpd	275 gpd	365 gpd	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	NA	NA	NA	

* About 160 sf of the existing retention basin within 100 year floodplain.

CONSERVATION LAND: Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

Yes (Specify _____) No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify _____) No

RARE SPECIES: Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (PRIHAB and Estimated Habitat) No

HISTORICAL / ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify _____) No TBD. MHC Project Notification Form sent 1/13/09.

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify _____) No

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify Petapawag ACEC _____) No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project description should include **(a)** a description of the project site, **(b)** a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and **(c)** potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (*You may attach one additional page, if necessary.*)

The proposed project site is the former Ayer Game Farm purchased by MDFW in 1913 for use as a pheasant farm, which closed in 1999. The proposed Northeast District Office would be located within an area currently maintained as lawn, field and retention basin. Phase I construction includes the proposed office building (2,562 sf), on-site sewage treatment system, upgrade of existing retention basin, and appurtenances. Phase II includes the proposed construction of a garage (4,320 sf), associated parking, and demolition of existing pheasant pens and building. Phase I and Phase II construction are consolidated near existing parking and storage areas. This site was chosen because it is large enough to accommodate a district office, it was not purchased for conservation purposes, it is located within District boundaries, and would have minimal to no impacts upon environmental resources in the area.