

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Executive Office of Environmental
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**Environmental
Notification Form**

For Office Use Only Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
EOEa No.: 13213 MEPA Analyst: Ann Canada Phone: 617-626- 1035

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: Long Pond Reservoir Dam and Road Improvements		
Street: off Gibbs Road		
Municipality: Blandford	Watershed: Westfield	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 1806 64 445 E, 46 74 520 N	Latitude: 042° 12' 27" N	Longitude: 073° 00' 30" W
Estimated commencement date: March 2004	Estimated completion date: October 2005	
Approximate cost: \$3,000,000	Status of project design: 85 % complete	
Proponent: Blandford Board of Water Commissioners		
Street: 102 Main Street – Town Hall		
Municipality: Blandford	State: MA	Zip Code: 01008
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: David Cameron		
Firm/Agency: Tighe & Bond, Inc.	Street: 53 Southampton Road	
Municipality: Westfield	State: MA	Zip Code: 01085
Phone: (413) 572-3218	Fax: (413) 568-9764	E-mail: djcameron@tighebond.com

- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes No
- Has this project been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
- a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) Yes No
 - a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09) Yes No
 - a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No
 - a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes 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): **USDA Rural Development**

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Order of Conditions per M.G.L. Ch 131 § 40

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" 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> Chapter 253 Dam Safety
Total site acreage	238			
New acres of land altered		1.65		
Acres of impervious area	0	0.46	0.46	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		2630		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		2690		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	10,000	10,000	20,000	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	0	20	20	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	< 1	1	< 2	
Parking spaces	0	3	3	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	81,000	0	81,000	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/treatment	0	0	0	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0.19	0.25	0.06	

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 (Specify _____) 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

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 _____) 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 intent of this project is to upgrade the existing gravel road that leads to Long Pond Reservoir off of Gibbs Road and to rehabilitate the existing dam that dictates water levels in the reservoir. The 10-foot wide road will remain gravel, but will be widened by an average of two feet. Road drainage will also be improved. No change in the size of the dam is proposed.

A series of Administrative Consent Orders issued by MADEP starting in September of 2000 mandates construction of a water treatment facility at this site. Though the treatment plant will itself be sited outside of wetland resource areas, the upgrade of the access road and dam will result in unavoidable impacts. Both elements of the project are critical for construction of a viable water treatment plant to commence.

The footprint of disturbance for the water treatment plant will be approximately 61,000 square feet. It will be sited entirely out of wetland resource areas.

LAND SECTION – all proponents must fill out this section

I. Thresholds / Permits

A. Does the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to land (see 301 CMR 11.03(1))
___ Yes No; if yes, specify each threshold: