



**Environmental
Notification Form**

For Office Use Only
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
EOEA No.: 13747
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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: Redevelopment of former Bradlees Shopping Plaza		
Street: Merrill Road		
Municipality: Pittsfield	Watershed: Housatonic	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: 42° 27' 52"	
	Longitude: 73° 12' 25"	
Estimated commencement date: Spring, 2005	Estimated completion date: Spring, 2006	
Approximate cost: \$1.8 million	Status of project design: 25% complete (site design)	
Proponent: Berkshire Development, LLC		
Street: 41 Taylor Street		
Municipality: Springfield	State: MA	Zip Code: 01103
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: David Thompson		
Firm/Agency: Coler & Colantonio, Inc.	Street: 55 Bobala Road	
Municipality: Holyoke	State: MA	Zip Code:
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- 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): n/a

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Spec. Permit for use-City Council; Spec. Permit for constr. in flood plain-Comm. Dev. Board; Site Plan Appr. for use-Comm. Dev. Board; Wetlands NOI; Sign permits; Building permits; Site demo. permit-DPW; Utility conn. permits- DPW; Mass. Highway Access Permit; NPDES-US EPA

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 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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other Permits <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i>
Total site acreage	10.30			
New acres of land altered		0		
Acres of impervious area	9.83	-0.26	9.57	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	110,777	198	110,975	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	20	8	28	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	665	6,170	6,835	
Parking spaces	560	40	600	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	9,392	7,623	17,015	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/treatment	9,392	7,623	17,015	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0.1	0	0.1	

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.)

This project involves the renovation of an existing shopping center that was originally opened in the mid-1960's as a Bradlees Department Store. The site of this center is at the intersection of Routes 9 and 8, at the main entry point to the City from the east. The surrounding area is extensively developed with industrial and commercial uses. The Bradlees store closed approximately ten years ago. At approximately 88,400 s. f. of floor area, it represented the majority of retail space at the center. An additional retail space of approximately 13,200 s. f. was attached to the northern end of the Bradlees at a later date. Of this, approximately 5,000 s. f. is an active Papa Gino's pizza restaurant and the remainder is vacant. A freestanding 6,500 s. f. restaurant and 2,500 s. f. bank are also currently in operation on the site. The proposed renovation includes demolition of the 13,500 s. f. retail space at the north end of the Bradlees structure, plus about 11,500 s. f. of the Bradlees building shell; renovation of the remaining Bradlees structure into 3 new retail facilities; the addition of 15,000 s. f. of new retail space attached to the north end of the renovated Bradlees shell; and the construction of a new 3,900 s. f. freestanding structure. The existing freestanding restaurant and bank will remain. The existing parking lot and site utilities will be substantially reconstructed, and the main entrance to the new center will be signalized. A detailed traffic impact report has been prepared in cooperation with the Massachusetts Highway Department District 1 office, and is included with this filing. This shopping center is a prominent feature and currently an eyesore to those entering the city from the east and city officials are anxious that the renovations go forward for this reason. There are no off-site alternatives to this project.