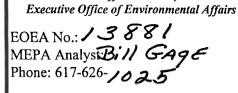
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Environmental Notification Form



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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: Johnson's Pond Land Sale						
Street: 0 Lakeshore Road						
Municipality: Boxford		Watershed: Merrimack				
Universal Tranverse Mercator Coordin	nates:	Latitude: 42d 4	3m 55s N			
		Longitude: 71d	03m 32s V	V		
Estimated commencement date: 9/1/2006		Estimated completion date: 12/31/2006				
Approximate cost: \$1,200,000		Status of project	t design:	N/A	%complete	
Proponent: City of Haverhill						
Street: 4 Summer Street						
Municipality: Haverhill		State: MA	Zip Code:	01830		
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Robert E. Ward						
Firm/Agency: City of Haverhill		Street: 40 S. Porter St.				
Municipality: Haverhill		State: MA	Zip Code:	: 01835		
Phone: 978-374-2382	Fax: 978	3-374-2400	E-mail: rwa	rd@haverhillv	vater.com	
Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?						
Has this project been filed with MEPA before?						

⊠No
⊠No
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):

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency? Yes(Specify _DEP Transmittal # W095666, Local Con Com, City Council) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Unanimous Conservation Commission Approval, 2/3 City Council Approval Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

				a (see 501 OMIC 11.05).			
Land Water Energy ACEC	Wastewater Transport Air Solid & H Regulations Historical		Transportat Solid & Haz	zardous Waste & Archaeological			
Summary of Project Size	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits &			
& Environmental Impacts				Approvals			
t Total site acreage	_ AND _14			Order of Conditions			
New acres of land altered		0		Conditions Chapter 91 License			
Acres of impervious area	0	0	0	401 Water Quality			
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0		Certification MHD or MDC Access Permit			
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0		Water Management Act Permit			
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		 New Source Approval DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit 			
STRU	JCTURES			Other Permits			
Gross square footage	N/A			(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:			
Number of housing units	N/A			DEP - BRPWS26			
Maximum height (in feet)	N/A			2/3 Legislative Approval			
TRANS	PORTATION						
Vehicle trips per day	N/A						
Parking spaces	N/A						
WATER/M	VASTEWATE	ER					
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	N/A						
GPD water withdrawal	N/A						
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	N/A						
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	N/A						

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?

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Yes (Specify

⊠No

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

□Yes (Specify_

⊠No

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

Yes (Specify_Included in 2005 NHESP Priority Habitat for State Protected Rare Species Area)

HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE	S: Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed
in the State Register of Historic Place or the inver	tory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?
Yes (Specify) 🛛 No
If yes, does the project involve any demolition or eresources?	lestruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological
Yes (Specify) ⊠No

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

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 City of Haverhill (City) owns an 11.4-acre parcel of land along Lakeshore Road in the Town of Boxford (Town) bordering Johnson's Pond. The parcel is currently forest with some areas of wetlands. Approximately 1,390 feet of the easterly border of the parcel is along the pond shoreline.

The City purchased this land through its Board of Water Commissioners in 1903 to protect Johnson's Pond, which was an active public drinking water supply for the City. The City has not used Johnson's Pond for public drinking water since 1980. The City has no other use for this property other than drinking water supply protection.

The Town has approached the City and expressed an interest in purchasing this parcel of land for open space. Subsequently, the City seeks approval to release its interest in this parcel for watershed preservation purposes. Once approved the City wishes to sell this parcel to the Town.

The Town is planning to fund some portion of the purchase using open space/recreation funds from the Community Preservation Act. The Town has indicated that the use of the land will be consistent with the CPA statute and the appropriate open space and/or recreation deed restriction would be put in place.

The City does not plan to re-activate Johnson's Pond in the future for public drinking water. There is adequate supply to meet existing water supply demands without Johnson's Pond. To meet future demands, the City is evaluating the feasibility of the utilizing the Merrimack River. Prior preliminary studies have concluded the Merrimack River is more feasible than Johnson's Pond. The current study includes evaluating possible sites along the Merrimack River, and recently completed preliminary test borings and water quality samples.

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