

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs ■ MEPA Office
ENF Environmental Notification Form

<i>For Office Use Only</i> <i>Executive Office of Environmental Affairs</i>	
EOEA No.:	<u>12908</u>
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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: <i>New Plymouth Trial Court</i>		
Street: <i>Obery Street</i>		
Municipality: <i>Plymouth</i>	Watershed: <i>South Coastal Shore</i>	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: <i>41° 94' 02" N</i> Longitude: <i>70° 65' 07" W</i>	
Estimated commencement date: <i>November, 2002</i>	Estimated completion date: <i>July, 2004</i>	
Approximate cost: <i>\$31.5 million</i>	Status of project design: <i>60 %complete</i>	
Proponent: <i>Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management</i>		
Street: <i>One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor</i>		
Municipality: <i>Boston</i>	State: <i>MA</i>	Zip Code: <i>02108</i>
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: <i>Daniel M. Lanier</i>		
Firm/Agency: <i>The Louis Berger Group, Inc.</i>	Street: <i>295 Promenade Street</i>	
Municipality: <i>Providence</i>	State: <i>RI</i>	Zip Code: <i>02908</i>
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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))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
a Special Review Procedure? (see 301CMR 11.09)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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): *Commonwealth project on land acquired from Plymouth County (12.9 acres)*

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: *None*

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

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| <input checked="" 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 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 (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:
Total site acreage	12.9 ac.			
New acres of land altered		9.62 ac.		
Acres of impervious area	3.28	5.32	8.6 ac.	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0.0		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0.0		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0.0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	29,000*	106,000	135,000	
Number of housing units	1	-1	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	25 +/-	35	64	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	100 +/- adt	1,540 +/- adt	1640 +/- adt	
Parking spaces	17	559	576	
WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0.0	12,100	12,100	
GPD water withdrawal	0.0	0.0	0.0	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	0.0	11,000	11,000	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	unknown	.18/.10 miles	.18/.10 miles	

*Note: All existing abandoned structures will be completely demolished. The Project consists of new construction.

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 Plymouth County Jail) No

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

Yes (Specify The 1908 portion of the County Jail was previously demolished. This project involves demolition of the 1966 portion of the County Jail. See Memorandum of Agreement and correspondence from Massachusetts Historical Commission in Appendices C and D for further information.)

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.)

(a) *Description of the Project Site:*

The proposed project site (the "project site") consists of 12.9 acres of a larger 141-acre parcel of land owned by the County of Plymouth. The land is located roughly 250 feet southeast of Obery Street, halfway between Sandwich Street and South Street, and approximately one mile north of the Route 3 intersection. The project site is located on the site of the former Plymouth County Jail (Attachment 1). The proposed project consists of the construction of a three-story, 46,000-square-foot (135,000 gross square feet) New Plymouth Trial Court building on approximately 12.9 +/- acres of land. The proposed project site will also be improved by 223,000 square feet of paved parking area located adjacent to the proposed building. A bituminous concrete driveway serving two-way traffic is provided from the Obery Street access road, and access to the service and secure areas of the Court building shall be by an access road wholly contained on Court Property. Abutting properties include agricultural land owned by the County to the northwest and southwest, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office to the northeast, and the County Operated Dairy Farm to the southeast. The Plymouth Carver High School and Jordan Hospital are also located within a 0.5-mile radius of the project site.

There is an urgent need for expanded trial court facilities in Plymouth County because of overcrowding, poor infrastructure, and inadequate parking. Growth in the local population fueled by new home sales and increases in court caseload will exacerbate the inadequacy of the existing facilities. It is impractical to expand the existing Superior and District Courthouse building in downtown Plymouth owing to physical constraints of the existing structure and the limited land area for new construction in the historic downtown area. The best option to meet the growing needs of Plymouth County is to design and build a new facility.