

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

EOEA No.: **12939**
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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: Baystate Medical Center Parking Garage		
Street: Walter and Birnie Streets		
Municipality: Springfield	Watershed: Chicopee	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: UTM 18 697489E 4666061N	Latitude: 42.1239° N Longitude: 72.6110° W	
Estimated commencement date: Spring, 2003	Estimated completion date: Fall, 2003	
Approximate cost: \$7.1 million	Status of project design: 75%complete	
Proponent: Baystate Medical Center		
Street: 759 Chestnut Street		
Municipality: Springfield	State: MA	Zip Code: 01199
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Richard Bourré		
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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 301CMR 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): This project does not entail any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Approvals from Springfield Redevelopment Authority, Dep't. of Public Works, and Water & Sewer Commission

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"/> Superceding 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 (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:
Total site acreage	3.77 ac.			
New acres of land altered		- 0 -		
Acres of impervious area	2.3 ac.	+0.16 ac.	2.46 ac.	
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	N/A	69,900	69,900	
Number of housing units	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	
Maximum height (in feet)	N/A	35 feet	35 feet	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Parking spaces	257	+553	810	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	
GPD water withdrawal	N/A	N/A	N/A	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	N/A	N/A	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?

- 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 project entails the construction of a 707-space Parking Garage that will be constructed on the site of an existing surface parking lot on a 1.39±-acre parcel on the west side of Main Street, abutting the southbound side of I-91, hereinafter referred to as the Walter Street Lot. Access to the Parking Garage will be provided via Walter Street and Birnie Avenue.

The Parking Garage will not generate new trips and does not exceed traffic generation thresholds. It will accommodate vehicles currently making trips to the Baystate Medical Center's Northern Edge Campus that park on local residential streets. The proposed Parking Garage is intended to serve three buildings on the Proponent's Northern Edge Campus, and to serve as satellite parking for the Proponent's North Campus. One building on the Northern Edge Campus, a 104,000 square foot Ambulatory Care Center, underwent MEPA review in 1996 as part of the Baystate Medical Center Improvements (EOEA #10661). The project entailed the construction of three buildings at three separate locations owned by the Proponent, including the Ambulatory Care Center, which has been constructed and is located at 3300 Main Street. The project received a Certificate on the Environmental Notification Form from the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on April 10, 1996, which stated that the project did not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report. In response to a Request for Advisory Opinion, the MEPA Office determined in a letter dated April 30, 2002 that the construction of a 65,000 square foot Cancer Care Center at 3350 Main Street, also located on the Northern Edge Campus, would not require the filing of an ENF. The Cancer Care Center is currently under construction. The third building on the Northern Edge Campus, at 3400 Main Street, is leased by the Proponent for patient care and administrative offices.

The proposed Parking Garage exceeds the MEPA review threshold at 301 CMR 11.03(6)(b)(15) for construction of 300 or more parking spaces at a single location. The Parking Garage will contain 707 spaces. The lot on which it will be located currently contains 257 surface parking spaces, 154 of which will be eliminated. A total of 103 surface spaces will remain on the site. The project does not exceed any other MEPA review thresholds.

The Walter Street Lot and the Northern Edge Campus both abut I-91 and any construction at these locations is subject to a MassHighway access permit. However, the Proponent has been working with the MassHighway District 2 Office to implement appropriate traffic mitigation at the intersection of Main Street and the I-91 Exit 10 northbound off-ramp, including signalization and geometric improvements. These improvements will mitigate the traffic impacts of the proposed Parking Garage, the Cancer Care Center, as well as other capital improvement projects that have been or will be undertaken by Baystate Medical Center. These improvements are currently under design.