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## Water Management Act Permit Application Department of Environmental Protection Southeast Regional Office For the Taunton River Watershed

The Department of Environmental Protection will accept written comments on the Water Management Act application filed for permitting in the Taunton River Watershed. The permit requested will authorize water withdrawals through February 28, 2010, under the Water Management Act (WMA) (M.G.L. c. 21G). Comments must be submitted by close of business on Monday, February 13, 2006, to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, Massachusetts, 02347, Attention: Jim McLaughlin, or via e-mail to james.m.mclaughlin@state.ma.us. A copy of the application is available for review at the Department's Southeast Regional Office, Lakeville; please contact the Service Center at (508) 946-2718 to schedule an appointment.

South Street Realty Trust, Richard and Barbara Duncan, Trustees, of Hanson has applied for a WMA permit to withdraw water for cranberry bog irrigation. The applicant has requested a permit for 0.16 million gallons per day (MGD) on an average daily basis to irrigate approximately fourteen and one-half (14.5) acres of existing, unregistered bog. The permit also requests a possible addition of up to three and one-half (3.5) acres of bog at the same site. The requested water allocation of 0.16 MGD is for both the existing and proposed bog. The permit application is for surface water withdrawals off South Street in Hanson at Latitude 42 ° 2' 5" and Longitude 70 ° 51' 13". The water source is an existing, on-site reservoir on White Oak Brook.

The site is not within an area listed as a Priority Habitat of Rare Species, or an Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife by the July 1, 2003 Edition of the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas (Hanover Quad).