



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Massachusetts Water Resources Commission

**Receipt of a Request for Determination of Insignificance
Under the Interbasin Transfer Act
MGL Chapter 21 Sections 8b-8d**

On February 16, 2006, the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission (WRC) received a request for determination of insignificance under the Interbasin Transfer Act (M.G.L. Chapter 21 §§ 8B-8D) from the Woodlands at Laurel Hill LLC to allow the proposed development of the same name to purchase water from the Littleton Water Department. The Woodlands at Laurel Hills is located in the towns of Westford and Acton in the Concord River basin. Littleton has agreed to sell the Westford portion of this development up to 0.015 mgd of potable water. Littleton's water supply sources are located within the Merrimack River Basin. The Acton portion of the development will be served by the Acton Water District and will not involve an interbasin transfer of water.

The request for determination of insignificance was submitted as an appendix to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for this project. In its comments on the Environmental Notification Form for this project, WRC Staff suggested that the proponent investigate the possibility of obtaining water from in-basin or in-town sources. The DEIR will be reviewed to determine if this alternative has been fully explored and to determine if all the information required for a determination of insignificance has been provided.

Once the all the information needed to review this project has been received and the MEPA process has been concluded, the WRC will have 90 days to make a decision on the request. The dates of the WRC discussions on this proposal will be published in the Environmental Monitor within 31 days of the receipt of any required additional information or the issuance of the Secretary's Final Certificate, whichever is last.

As required by the Interbasin Transfer Act regulations (313 CMR 4.00), copies of this notice have been sent to the municipalities directly affected. For further information, contact Michele Drury, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Water Resources, (617) 626-1366.