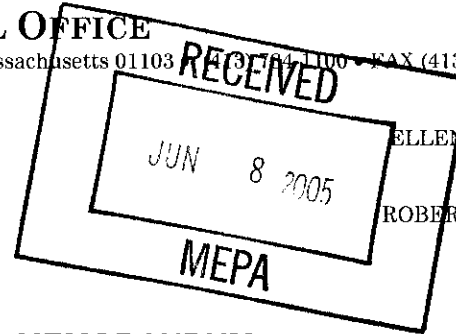




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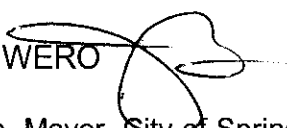
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**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM**

TO: Secretary Ellen Roy Herzfelder, Attn: MEPA Office, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston MA 02114

FROM: Jim Bumgardner, DEP WERO 

CC: Honorable Charles Ryan, Mayor, City of Springfield, 36 Court St. Springfield, MA 01103  
Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission, 26 Central Street, Suite 34 West Springfield, MA 01089-2787  
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Twin Hills Country Club, 700 Wolf Swamp Road, Longmeadow, MA 01106  
Hampden Country Club, 128 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, MA 01036  
Dauphinais & Son Inc., Route 20, Wilbraham, MA 01095  
Wilbraham Water Department, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095

RE: Franconia & Veterans Golf Course, Water Management Act Permit Application: MEPA Notice

DATE: June 6, 2005

Attached you will find a copy of the Franconia & Veterans Golf Course, Water Management Act Permit Application, MEPA Notice which is to appear in the next issue of the Environmental Monitor, June 22, 2005. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please feel free to contact me at (413) 755-2270.



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**Water Management Act Permit Application  
 for the Connecticut River Watershed  
 Received by the  
 Department of Environmental Protection, Western Region Office  
 Drinking Water Program  
 436 Dwight Street  
 Springfield, MA 01103**

The Department of Environmental Protection, Western Regional Office, Drinking Water Program will accept written comments on the Water Management Act permit application recently filed for permitting water withdrawals in the Connecticut River Watershed under the Water Management Act (MGL c.21G). Comments will be accepted until July 12, 2005. A copy of the application is available for review from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, every Wednesday at DEP's Drinking Water Program, Western Region Office, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA (413) 784 -1100.

**The City of Springfield, Parks and Recreation Department** has applied for a Water Management Act permit for its historic withdrawal of water for golf course irrigation at Veterans and Franconia golf courses from the Connecticut River watershed. The application requests a total of **0.2 MGD** on average over the operating season. The WMA permit, if approved, would be valid through May 31, 2013.

Sources and Locations:	Latitude	Longitude
Pecousic Brook (Franconia)	N 42° 03' 56"	W 72° 32' 20"
South Branch Mill River (Veterans)	N 42° 06' 12"	W 72° 30' 25"

A formal submittal of an Environmental Notification Form is not necessary because the withdrawal is historic, unpermitted, and no new construction is required to make the withdrawal.

The Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas indicates that an area designated as *Priority Habitats of Rare Species* and an area designated as *Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Vernal Pools* exists in the vicinity of the withdrawal for Veterans Golf Course. No areas of *Priority Habitats of Rare Species* or *Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Vernal Pools* exist in the vicinity of the withdrawal for Franconia Golf Course.