

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
WETLANDS PROGRAM**

**Notice of Wetlands Variance Application pursuant to  
M. G. L. Chapter 131 Section 40  
DEP File Number 103-0635**

**Applicant: Thomas W. Ennis, Massachusetts Port Authority**  
**Project Location: L.G. Hanscom Field Runway 5/23, Bedford, MA**  
**Scheduled Public Hearing: Monday December 17, 2007, 4:00 P.M.**  
**Public Comments Deadline: Monday January 14, 2008**

**NOTIFICATION DATE:** December 10, 2007

Public notice is hereby given of the Wetlands Variance application by Thomas W. Ennis of the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) for work proposed at L.G. Hanscom Field. Massport is proposing to construct improvements to runway safety areas (RSA) at the ends of Runways 5 and 23. The improvements will not affect existing runways, runway operations, or capacity in any way, and no additional pavement is proposed.

Within the Runway End 5 RSA, in the Towns of Concord and Lincoln, Massport proposes to retain the size and shape of the existing RSA, and regrade areas of turf to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards for longitudinal and transverse slopes. No work in wetland resource areas or buffer zone is proposed in Concord or Lincoln. For the Runway End 23 RSA, in the Town of Bedford, Massport proposes to widen the existing RSA from 300 feet to 500 feet, to grade the RSA to conform to FAA standards, and to relocate portions of the perimeter access road and perimeter security fence to the edge of the RSA. The proposed improvements at Runway End 23 will result in permanent direct impact to 92,108± s.f. (2.11± acres) of Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and 180± s.f. (0.01± acres, 60± linear feet) of bank, with an additional 19,485± s.f. (0.45± acres) of temporary BVW impact and 1,545± s.f. (0.04± acres, 515± linear feet) of temporary bank impact associated with construction of two wetland mitigation sites. A comprehensive wetland compensation plan involving the restoration and creation of wetlands at two locations on airport property, also within the Town of Bedford, (at a 1.8:1 ratio of restored/created wetlands to impacted wetlands) is proposed.

The Department of Environmental Protection, Wetlands Program, will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid project proposal on Monday, December 17, 2007, at 4:00 PM in the conference room on the second floor of the Civil Air Terminal Building, which is on Hanscom Drive at L.G. Hanscom Field. The Department will conduct this public hearing in order to receive information to be used in its decision on whether to grant a Wetlands Variance pursuant to 310 CMR 10.05 (10).

The Department will consider all written comments on this Wetlands Variance application received by Monday, January 14, 2008 (Public Comments Deadline). Within ten days of the date of issuance of the Commissioner's decision on the variance, any person who submitted comments during the public comment period may, according to the procedures specified in 310 CMR 10.05(7)(j), request an adjudicatory hearing on the decision.

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting Mr. Thomas W. Ennis, Senior Project Manager, at (617) 568-3546 or via e-mail at [tennis@massport.com](mailto:tennis@massport.com). Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Wetlands Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Lisa Rhodes, Environmental Analyst, MassDEP Wetlands Program, One Winter Street - 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.