

PUBLIC NOTICE

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Western Regional Office
Wetlands and Waterways Division
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Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c.21 s.26-53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for the reconstruction of approximately 2.8 miles of Leverett, Cooleyville and Prescott Roads, three roadways that form a continuous east-west route in Shutesbury, MA. Work will start at the intersection of Leverett and Pratt Corner Road, and end at the intersection of Cooleyville Road and Route 202. The project also includes replacing existing closed drainage systems with new asphalt berms and deep sump catch basins. In several areas, an open drainage scheme is being proposed, with vegetated water quality swales conveying and dissipating stormwater. A bio-retention basin is also proposed at the junction of Cooleyville and Prescott Roads. Additional work includes the replacement of existing cross culverts and headwalls. A portion of the work involves impacts to wetland resource areas associated with tributaries to the Quabbin Reservoir, an Outstanding Resource Water. The project will impact 15 square feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) and 482 ft² of Land Under Water. A 160 sf wetland replication is proposed to replace the BVW impacts. Temporary impacts to wetland resource areas will be restored in place. Haybales and siltfencing and dewatering basins will be used during construction to avoid and minimize impacts to adjacent resource areas. Additional information may be obtained from the Massachusetts Highway Department by contacting Lori Macdonald at 617-973-7764. Written comments should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection at the above address within twenty-one days of this notice. Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.