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Water Management Act Permit Application Public Hearing
To be held by the
Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Regional Office
For the Taunton River Basin

The Department of Environmental Protection will hold an information meeting and public hearing for the City of Brockton Water Department's Water Management Act permit application on Wednesday, July 24, 2002 in the GAR Room on the 2nd floor of Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street, Brockton. The informational meeting, including question and answer period, will begin at 7:00 pm, immediately followed by the public hearing.

The Department of Environmental Protection will accept written comments on the Water Management Act application filed for permitting in the Taunton River Basin. The permit requested will authorize water withdrawals through February 28, 2010 under Water Management Act (M.G.L. c. 21G). Comments should be submitted by July 31, 2002 to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, Massachusetts 02347, Attention: Jack Hamm.

The City of Brockton Water Department has applied for a WMA permit to withdraw an additional 0.75 million gallons per day (MGD) on an annual average daily basis from the Taunton River Basin. In addition the City has applied to add the Pleasant Street Wellfield as a permitted source. Under the Water Management Act, the City of Brockton is currently registered to withdraw 0.04 MGD from the Hubbard Street Well and 0.83 MGD from the Avon Reservoir; both of these sources are located in Brockton, in the Taunton River Basin. The City is also registered to withdraw 11.11 MGD from Silver Lake, Kingston, in the South Coastal Basin. The Pleasant Street Wellfield site is located in the Town of Hanson at Latitude 42° 00' 94" and Longitude 70° 51' 32". This wellfield site is located adjacent to areas listed as Priority Habitats of Rare Species and Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife by the 2000-2001 Edition of the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas.

A copy of the application is available for review at the Department's Southeast Regional Office, Lakeville; please contact the Service Center at (508)946-2772 to schedule an appointment. Copies are also available for review at the Brockton Main Library (155 West Elm Street, Brockton) and the Hanson Library (132 Magman Street, Hanson).