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Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

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ENF Environmental Notification Form

The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: Red Mill Village		
Street: White Street and Newland Street		
Municipality: Norton	Watershed: Taunton	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: 41° 59' 30" Longitude: 71° 09' 30"	
Estimated commencement date: Spring 2004	Estimated completion date: June 2008	
Approximate cost: 35 million	Status of project design: 25 %complete	
Proponent: Thorndike Delevopment Corporation		
Street: 123 Godfrey Drive		
Municipality: Norton	State: MA	Zip Code: 02766
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Nicole M. Hayes		
Firm/Agency: Sanford Ecological Services	Street: 30 Turnpike Road	
Municipality: Southborough	State: MA	Zip Code: 01772
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Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?

Yes No

Has this project been filed with MEPA before?

Yes (EOEA No. _____) No

Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?

Yes (EOEA No. _____) No

Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:

a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) Yes No

a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09) Yes No

a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No

a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres): _____

NONE

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?

Yes (Specify _____) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation-9/30/03

See section 1.3 of ENF Report

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACEC | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions - need <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality - need Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit - need <input type="checkbox"/> Other Permits (including Legislative Approvals) - Specify:
Total site acreage	53.6 Acres			
New acres of land altered		34+/- Acres		
Acres of impervious area	0 Acres	17.0 Acres	17.0 Acres	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0 Acres		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0 Acres		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0 Acres		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	0	370,000+/- sf	370,000+/-	
Number of housing units	0	155	155	
Maximum height (in feet)	0	35 ft	35ft	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day				
Parking spaces				
WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0 GPD	26,000	26,000	
GPD water withdrawal	0	46,500	46,500	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	0	26,000	26,000	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0	2 m. Sewer 1 m. Water		

CONSERVATION LAND: Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

- Yes (Specify _____) No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation

restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify _____) No

RARE SPECIES: Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (See ENF Report_Section 5.0 and 6.0 _____) No

HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify _____) No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify _____) No

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Canoe River Aquifer _____ See ENF Report Section 5.0 _____) No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (You may attach one additional page, if necessary.)

The Red Mill Village Site is a disturbed gravel pit that is currently utilized by off road vehicles. The proposed project will utilize the disturbed area for the construction of a 55 and over active adult community, which will include the construction of 155 homes, a meeting house, a small country store, pool and pool house and associated construction of road and stormwater appurtenances.

The Canoe River abuts the western section of the site. Resources associated with the Canoe River include: Riverfront, Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Habitat of Rare and Endangered Species. Since the Canoe River and the surrounding watershed recharges the Canoe River Aquifer the site is within an Area of Critical Concern. The site is also located near several municipal wells and therefore is within land classified as Zone II. All proposed work will be located within disturbed areas due to past gravel pit operations. The only resources located within the disturbed area are Federal Non-State Wetlands, which are un-vegetated depressions located in the center of an existing gravel roadway. All work and work related impacts to Riverfront, BVW, the ACEC and Zone II have been avoided. Rare species habitat within the Canoe River and potential prime spotted turtle habitat has also been avoided.

If no work were proposed, the current site conditions would remain. The off road vehicles currently compacting the land and impacting potential rare species habitat would continue. The applicant has designed the project to protect the onsite resources and to focus the construction within the disturbed gravel area. Since the largest impact to the local resources is septic tank leakage and failure it is important for the proposed project to have the opportunity to connect to municipal water and sewer. With this in mind, the proponent has worked diligently to secure ample sewerage and municipal water sources by negotiations with local business and town municipalities. Although the applicant has secured ample sewer gallons it is unlikely that a future developer would be presented such an opportunity. Furthermore, the proposed project will create a higher tax base for the town of Norton as well as benefit on site natural resources by the creation of a 15-acre conservation preserve.