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**Environmental
Notification Form**

For Office Use Only
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
EOEA No.: 13219
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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: "River Oaks"		
Street: Anna Way and Shelly Road		
Municipality: Norton	Watershed: Taunton River Basin	
Universal Tranverse Mercator Coordinates: 46-48000 N 315-500W	Latitude: 41-57-54N	Longitude: 71-13-41W
Estimated commencement date: 7-04	Estimated completion date: 7-07	
Approximate cost: \$2,500,000.00	Status of project design: 90% %complete	
Proponent: Easecat Inc.		
Street: 555 Pleasant Street		
Municipality: Attleboro	State: Ma	Zip Code: 02703
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Daniel Aguiar		
Firm/Agency: Sitec Inc.	Street: 12 Welby Road	
Municipality: New Bedford	State: Ma	Zip Code: 02745
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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): _____

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?
 Yes (Specify _____) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:
Local: Definitive Subdivision Approval, Cluster Development Special Permit, Order of Conditions (all obtained)
State: Superseeding Order of Conditions (pending), NPDES Permit required

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 type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Other Permits (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:
Total site acreage	105.9			
New acres of land altered		27		
Acres of impervious area	0	4.9	4.9	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		4825		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways				
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	0	48,944	48,944	
Number of housing units	0	46	46	
Maximum height (in feet)	0	30	30	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	0	460	460	
Parking spaces	0	92	92	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0	15180	15180	
GPD water withdrawal	0	15180	15180	
GPD wastewater generation/treatment		15180	15180	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0	0/6000+-	0/6000+-	

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 (Specify _____) 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 (Specify _____) 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.)

Proposed Project

The proposed "River Oak" project consists of a 46 lot single family cluster residential subdivision situated on 105.9 acres of land preserving 76 +/- acres of open space. The development will require the construction of 5,000 linear feet of roadway with two (2) bridged wetland crossings and associated stormwater management ponds.

Project Site

The "River Oaks" site is situated between Anna Way and Shelly Road, both approved and accepted roadways within the Town of Norton. The property is comprised of mainly hardwood canopy with good ground cover and is traversed by three bordering vegetated wetland systems, two of which contain an Intermittent stream.

Permitting Status

1. Preliminary Subdivision (approval completed)
2. Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (approval completed)
3. Army Corp of Engineers Wetland (approval completed)
4. Zoning Board of Appeals Variance (Lot size) (approval completed)
5. Cluster Development Special Permit (approval completed)
6. Definitive Subdivision (approval completed)
7. Order of Conditions (approval completed)
8. Superseeding Order of Conditions (approval pending)

Project Alternatives/ Mitigation

Through an extensive permitting process with the Town of Norton and its consultants several project alternatives have been discussed. The project was initially file as a conventional subdivision requiring disturbance equalling 90% of the project's upland area and greater than 10,000 sf of wetland alteration. During the permitting process the proponent was asked to seek the cluster development alternative. The proponent took the advice of town agencies and has submitted and obtained approval for this design from the Town of Norton Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

Project Alternatives/ Mitigation cont'd

The project has been designed in a manner to keep the total site disturbance (28 acres) and impervious areas (4.8 acres) as low as possible and preserve most of the property's natural characteristics (76 acres of open space to be held under a conservation restriction granted to the Town of Norton).

The proposed roadway and drainage system has been found, by the Norton Conservation Commission to be designed in accordance with the D.E.P. Stormwater guidelines. The project's two bridged wetland crossings consist of (2), 45' clear span bridges at one location and a 10' open bottom box culvert at another. These wetland crossings and bridging will require the alteration of 4,825 s.f. of bordering vegetated wetland with 2:1 replication proposed.

The project proponent has gone to great lengths to submit a project which has been designed with a conservation mindset while still provided a quality residential neighborhood for the people of the Town of Norton.