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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: Ashland High School		
Street: East Union Street (Former Kadra Property)		
Municipality: Ashland, MA	Watershed: Sudbury River	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 19 02 98 247 E 46 81 413 N	Latitude: 42d 15' 38 N Longitude: 71d 26' 45 W	
Estimated commencement date: February 2003	Estimated completion date: September 2005	
Approximate cost: \$30,000,000	Status of project design: 25%complete	
Proponent: Town of Ashland School Building Expansion Committee		
Street: 90 Concord Street		
Municipality: Ashland	State: MA	Zip Code: 01721
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Ben Gary, RLA		
Firm/Agency: Moriece & Gary, Inc.	Street: 56 Roland Street	
Municipality: Charlestown	State: MA	Zip Code: 02129
Phone: (617)776-7600	Fax: (617)776-1075	E-mail: bgary@mgary.com

- 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 301CMR 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): School Building Assistance Bureau, \$30,000,000

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:

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

- Land
- Rare Species
- Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands
- Water
- Wastewater
- Transportation
- Energy
- Air
- Solid & Hazardous Waste

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Regulations

Historical & Archaeological Resources

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input 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 <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i>
Total site acreage	52.68			
New acres of land altered		29.08		
Acres of impervious area	0	7.4	7.4	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	N/A	FP 152,839 T 210,560	FP 152,839 T 210,560	
Number of housing units	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Maximum height (in feet)	N/A	+/-35	+/-35	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	0	750	750	
Parking spaces	N/A	500	500	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0	21,000	21,000	
GPD water withdrawal	0	21,000	21,000	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	0	21,000	21,000	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	W - 0 S - 0	.51 .21	.51 .21	

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.*)

- (a) **The 52.68 acre site of the proposed Ashland High School lies within Middlesex County. The project site, adjacent and on the south side of East Union Street, consists of rolling terrain/wooded with some boulders and wetlands (10 acres of the 52.68 will be allocated for expansion of the adjacent Wildwood Cemetery).**
- (b) **After considering several options for the new high school the Town of Ashland voted with option II- to build the new school on East Union Street site (See Attached List).**
- (c) **On-site mitigation measures include preservation of wetlands and providing a 100ft. buffer of natural vegetation between neighbors and the school.**

Summary of the Options

Option	Description	Preliminary Estimated Costs
Option I	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-establish Mindess as a 6-8 Middle School with addition and renovation• Construct New 3-5 Elementary School	\$13.0 mil.
Option II	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convert Curr. Middle/H.S. to 5-8 Middle School• Construct New High School	\$24.2 mil.
Option III	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convert Curr. Middle/H.S. to (9-12) High School• Construct New 5-8 Middle School• Two 1-4 Elementary Schools...Mindess and Warren	\$23.5 mil.
Option IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move Pre-K to Mindess• 275 Pupil Addition to Middle/High School• Renovate Mindess• 4 Classroom Addition on Warren	\$10.4 mil.