

**ENF**

**Environmental  
Notification Form**

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| <i>For Office Use Only</i><br>Executive Office of Environmental Affairs |             |
| EOEA No.:   | 12757       |
| MEPA Analyst:   | DICK FOSTER |
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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.

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| Project Name:<br>Eliot & Pond Street Sewer District                                 |                                      |                             |
| Street: Various – See Attached Figure   |                                      |                             |
| Municipality: Town of Ashland   | Watershed: Sudbury                   |                             |
| Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  | Latitude:                            | Longitude:                  |
| Estimated commencement date: Aug 2002   | Estimated completion date: Dec. 2003 |                             |
| Approximate cost: \$4.0 million   | Status of project design: 60         | %complete                   |
| Proponent: Department of Public Works   |                                      |                             |
| Street: 20 Ponderosa Road   |                                      |                             |
| Municipality: Ashland   | State: MA                            | Zip Code: 01721             |
| Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained:<br>Robert Sims |                                      |                             |
| Firm/Agency: Haley & Ward   | Street: 25 Fox Road                  |                             |
| Municipality: Waltham   | State: MA                            | Zip Code: 02451             |
| Phone: 781-890-3980   | Fax: 781-890-1491                    | E-mail: rsims@haleyward.com |

- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?  
 Yes X No
- Has this project been filed with MEPA before?  
 Yes (EOEA No. \_\_\_\_\_) X No
- Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?  
 Yes (EOEA No. \_\_\_\_\_) X No
- Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
- a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8))  Yes X No
  - a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09)  Yes X No
  - a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11)  Yes X No
  - a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11)  Yes X 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): N/A

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Notice of Intent – Ashland Conservation Commission

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

- |                                 |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land   | <input 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  |
|--|-----------|--------|-----------|--|
| <b>LAND</b>  |           |        |           | <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License<br><input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification<br><input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit<br><input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval<br><input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/Extension Permit<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other Permits<br>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify: |
| Total site acreage   |           |        |           |  |
| New acres of land altered                                      |           |        |           |  |
| Acres of impervious area                                       |           |        |           |  |
| Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration     |           |        |           |  |
| Square feet of new other wetland alteration                    |           |        |           |  |
| Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways |           |        |           |  |
| <b>STRUCTURES</b>  |           |        |           |  |
| Gross square footage   |           |        |           |  |
| Number of housing units  |           |        |           |  |
| Maximum height (in feet)                                       |           |        |           |  |
| <b>TRANSPORTATION</b>  |           |        |           |  |
| Vehicle trips per day  |           |        |           |  |
| Parking spaces   |           |        |           |  |
| <b>WATER/WASTEWATER</b>  |           |        |           |  |
| Gallons/day (GPD) of water use                                 |           |        |           |  |
| GPD water withdrawal   |           |        |           |  |
| GPD wastewater generation/treatment                            | 1,080,000 | 86,790 | 1,166,790 |  |
| Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)                         | 30.0      | 5.6    | 35.6      |  |

**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.*)

The project involves constructing sewers for the Pond Street District in Ashland, Massachusetts, and two previously designed projects (Hilldale/Green & Downtown). The Hilldale and Downtown projects are being included to entice a more competitive bid for the Town.

The 1989 Sewer Master Plan identified the Pond Street District as the next priority for providing sewer service in the Town of Ashland. The Pond Street project includes approximately 24,840 linear feet of gravity sewers in the Pond Street District. The Hilldale and Downtown projects add an additional 4,700 linear feet to bring the project total to 29,540 linear feet. The total length of 5.59 miles exceeds a criteria for an ENF.

Easements totaling 4,700 linear feet are necessary for the completion of the project. The easement length exceeds the criteria for an ENF.

Title V restrictions and lot sizes do not permit the continued use of subsurface disposal of wastewater in the Pond Street District and sewer extension is warranted. The Hilldale (petition) and Downtown (DPW) projects were added at Town Meeting. The Pond Street District project will add approximately 200 residences (average daily flow of 66,000 gpd). The Hilldale project will add approximately 42 residences (average daily flow of 13,860 gpd). The Downtown project will add 21 residences (average daily flow of 6,930 gpd). The total project will add approximately 263 residences (average daily flow of 86,790 gpd).

In conjunction with this project is the replacement of the Brackett Road Pumping Station. The new pumping station will transport the flow through the Town of Framingham system towards the Arthur Street intake into the MWRA system. The new pumping station will also allow three existing pumping stations in Ashland to be abandoned and the flow redirected from the Chestnut Street pumping station. The redirection of flow requires modifications to the Inter-municipal agreement (IMA) between the two towns. Negotiations are currently underway to modify the IMA.

An archaeological survey has been instituted. See attached MHC correspondence. No rare and endangered species locations are identified in the project area.

The project does involve work in the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW), but work within the BVW is limited to one isolated stream crossing.