

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Executive Office of Environmental Affairs ■ MEPA Office**

**ENF Environmental Notification Form**

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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: Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Station		
Street: 196 Old Webster Road		
Municipality: Oxford	Watershed: French River Basin	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 261250E 4665800 N	Latitude: 42° 06' 36" N	Longitude: 71° 53' 45" W
Estimated commencement date: late 2002	Estimated completion date: early 2003	
Approximate cost:	Status of project design: 10 % complete	
Proponent: Little River Recycling Inc. a/k/a Pratt Trucking Company		
Street: 151 Thompson Road (P.O. Box 795)		
Municipality: Webster	State: MA	Zip Code: 01570-0795
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Samuel Chapin, P.E.		
Firm/Agency: Brown and Caldwell	Street: 48 Leona Drive, Suite C	
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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):

Development loan from Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, \$23,000.00

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:

Town of Oxford: site assignment, special permit, site plan approval, disposal works construction permit (Title 5 septic system), building permits.

Federal: NPDES Multi-Sector General Permit for storm water, NPDES General Permit for Storm Water from Construction Activities

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

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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>  Site Suitability (310 CMR 16.00) Authorization to Construct (310 CMR 19.000) Authorization to Operate (310 CMR 19.000)
Total site acreage	12.55			
New acres of land altered		5.8		
Acres of impervious area	0	3.4	3.4	
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		
<b>STRUCTURES</b>				
Gross square footage	0	26,000	26,000	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	0	35 Approx.	35 Approx.	
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Vehicle trips per day	0	440	440	
Parking spaces	0	70	70	
<b>WATER/WASTEWATER</b>				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0	1,500 Approx.	1,500 Approx.	
GPD water withdrawal	0	1,500	1,500	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	0	1,500	1,500	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0	0	0	



**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.)

Little River Recycling Inc. of Webster, Massachusetts, also known as Pratt Trucking Company (Pratt) is proposing to consolidate its waste and recyclables collection and hauling business and to construct a solid waste and recyclables transfer facility on Old Webster Road in Oxford, Massachusetts. Pratt currently collects municipal solid waste and recyclables from residential and commercial customers in the Oxford-Webster-Dudley area and transports waste material directly to disposal facilities. Pratt currently maintains three separate locations for business headquarters, vehicle storage and maintenance, and container storage. The proposed facility will enable Pratt to operate its business at a single site and to expand the business to accommodate a growing service area. The proposed facility will include a maintenance garage for the Pratt truck fleet, office space to serve as the company's headquarters, and a transfer building for the trans-shipment of municipal solid waste and recyclables. Pratt intends to serve its existing customer base at 50 to 100 tons per day in a 10,000 square foot transfer building. The building will be expandable to 20,000 square feet to accommodate future growth, to a maximum of 250 tons of waste transferred per day. This ENF presents the full potential project build-out of 250 tons per day.

The site is a 12.5 acre parcel on the east side of Old Webster Road, approximately 2,000 feet north of the intersection of Dudley Road and Old Webster Road. The eastern portion of the property was previously used as an earth borrow pit and is vegetated with pioneer species such as poplar, birches, and Russian olive. The Little River is approximately 400 feet northeast of the property, and the confluence of the Little and French Rivers is approximately 800 feet east of the property. Land use in the vicinity of the site is mixed residential and industrial, with industrial uses surrounding the site on the east side of Old Webster Road and residential use on the west side of Old Webster Road. An asphalt batching plant (Oxford Asphalt) is located immediately to the west and southwest. The American Stone Mix plant, which assembles bags of ready-mix concrete, and a building housing a Dart Trucking terminal and part of Pratt's waste collection business is located in a building to the north. Robbins Sand and Gravel is to the northeast. Vacant land, also part of the former borrow pit, is to the east and south. Project development will require an on-site water supply well to serve the project and on-site wastewater disposal.

*Alternative Analysis:*

The alternative to the proposed project consists of Pratt continuing to operate its business out of three locations in Webster and Oxford, and continuing to transport waste to disposal facilities in the same vehicles in which it is collected at the curbside. Consolidation of Pratt facilities in a single location will reduce the amount of truck travel by eliminating truck trips between the current locations, and transfer of collected waste into trailers for transport to disposal facilities will reduce the number of truck trips into and out of the Pratt market area. In addition, Pratt investigated a number of other potential sites in the Oxford-Webster-Dudley area, and settled on the proposed site as the most suitable considering re-use of a degraded site, access, neighborhood, and ability to accommodate growth.