



Environmental Notification Form

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Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
EOEA No.: **13268**
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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: Wahconah Park Renovation		
Street: 105 Wahconah Street		
Municipality: Pittsfield	Watershed: Housatonic	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18 06 43 730 E 47 02 515 N	Latitude: 42° 27' 41.65" N Longitude: 73° 15' 8.18" W	
Estimated commencement date: July 2004	Estimated completion date: April 2005	
Approximate cost: \$1 – \$1.5 million	Status of project design: 50 %complete	
Proponent: Wahconah Park, Inc.		
Street: 39 Alford Road		
Municipality: Gt. Barrington	State: MA	Zip Code: 01230
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Matthew Puntin		
Firm/Agency: SK Design Group, Inc.	Street: 2 Federico Drive	
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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): **N/A**

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: **Notice of Intent (310 CMR 10.00)**
Special Permit from Zoning Board of Appeals
DEP Sewer Connection Permit (BRP WP 68)

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Other Permits <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i>
Total site acreage	18			
New acres of land altered		1.8		
Acres of impervious area	3.1	1.8	4.9	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		3560±		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	12,000	19,000	31,000	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	25	0	25	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	1772	1416	3188	
Parking spaces	225±	275±	500±	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	12,000±	10,000±	22,000±	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	10,000±	8,000±	18,000±	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	220	0	220	

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: See Historical & Archaeological Section) No

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

Yes (Specify: See Historical & Archaeological Section) 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 proposed project involves a major renovation of Wahconah Park, a fully-functional, sanctioned semi-professional baseball field, which has been utilized as such since 1950. The park is owned and operated by the City of Pittsfield Parks Department. Under a new lease agreement with the Applicant, Wahconah Park, Inc., the park is planned to be completely renovated. The key features of the plan include almost doubling the seating capacity from 2500 to 4500; increasing the restroom facilities and concession stands; and creating a new walk of fame and food court.

The current clubhouses – squat cinder-block add-ons to the originally symmetrical façade of the grandstand – will be demolished. The current concession facilities, restrooms, and office that have been built haphazardly under the grandstand will be demolished. Before replacing them with large new restrooms under both wings of the grandstand, the steel understructure of the stands will be sandblasted, primed and painted and steel and wood will be replaced or reinforced where necessary. The bottom ten feet of the old asbestos composite corrugated siding, which is dented in many places, will be overlaid with new wood siding.

The existing gravel parking area will be enlarged from approximately 225 spaces to 500 spaces.

The property is 18 acres in size. It is bounded to the north and west by the West Branch of the Housatonic River and to the south and east by dense residential and commercial development. The entire property is located in the 100-year floodplain (the actual ball field is partially protected from flood waters by a 4'-0" to 5'-0" high earthen berm constructed by the City a number of years ago.

The park has undergone a series of renovations over the years, most recently in 1996 when a \$300,000 investment was made by the Parks Department to improve certain drainage problems, improve handicap accessibility and repair structural weaknesses.

See continuation sheet attached.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION - Attachment

There is a long history of attempts to relocate the park to another portion of the City, all of which have failed for one reason or another. There have been equal attempts to preserve the rich history of the park, which is one of the oldest known ball fields in the country. This application is about preserving that history.

It is believed that the historical aspects of the park will be preserved and enriched through this application. Furthermore, the impacts to the environment, namely the 100-year floodplain are planned to be mitigated either entirely on-site or a combination of on and off site. A dialogue has already been formed between the Applicant, the local Conservation Commission, the Massachusetts DEP, the Mayor's Office, the Parks Department, and several other interested parties. At this time, the project has been well received.

The tentative schedule for construction is such that all of the major improvements are completed in time for the Spring 2005 baseball season.

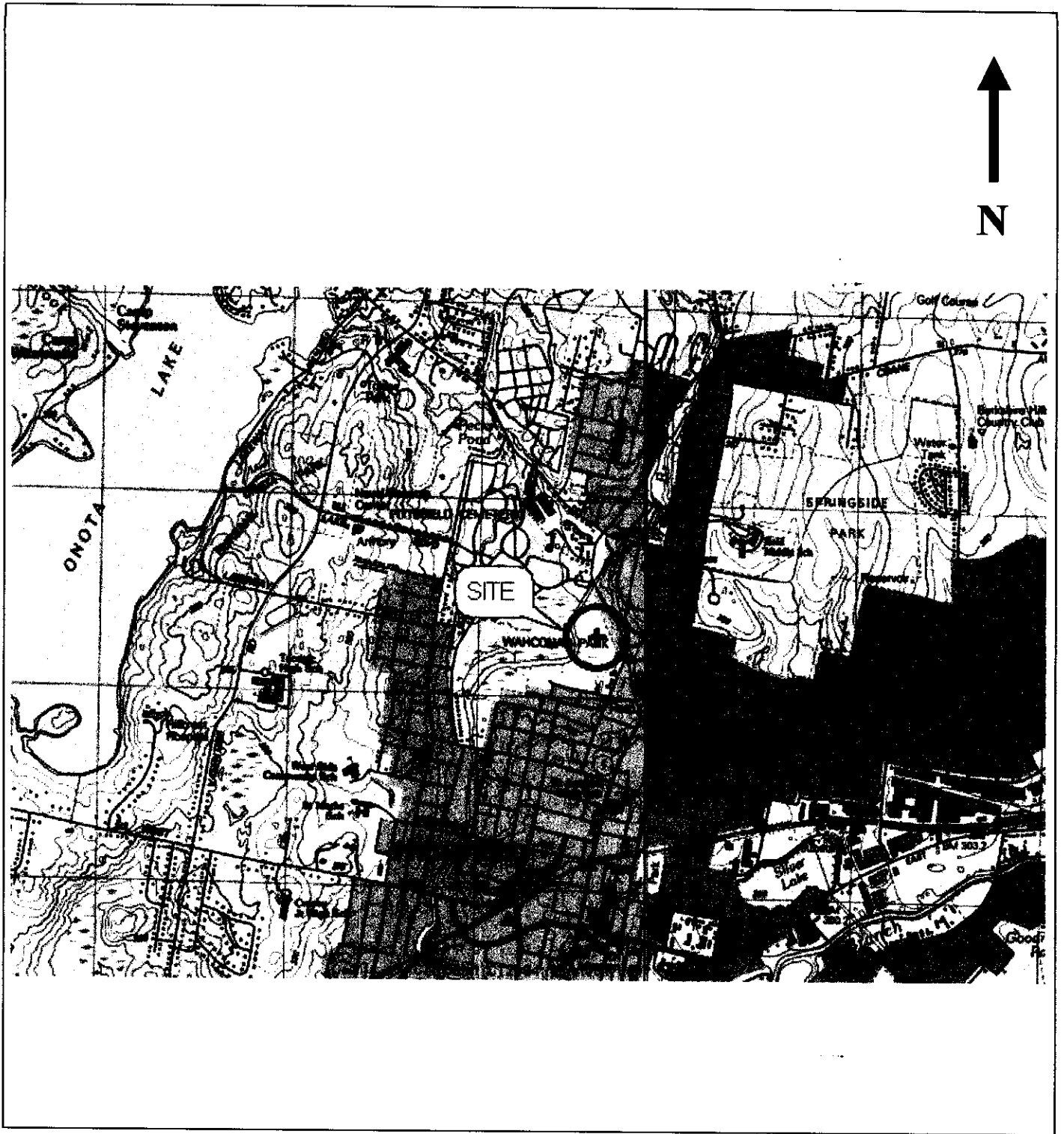


Figure #1

USGS Locus Map
Wahconah Park
Pittsfield, MA



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