

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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 Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

EOEA No.: 13283
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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: William Couto		
Street: Kingman, Seekell, Staple, Holloway Streets, Taunton & Myricks Street, Berkley		
Municipality: Taunton & Berkley	Watershed: Taunton River Basin	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: See Attached Longitude:	
Estimated commencement date: Present	Estimated completion date: 2011	
Approximate cost: Unknown	Status of project design: Berkley 25 %complete	
Proponent: William Couto		
Street: 11 Kingman Street, P.O. Box 17		
Municipality: East Taunton	State: MA	Zip Code: 02718
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Glenn D. Amaral, P.L.S.		
Firm/Agency: G.A.F. Engineering, Inc.	Street: 266 Main Street	
Municipality: Wareham	State: MA	Zip Code: 02571
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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: *The applicant is filing with Department of Environmental Protection for a Water Withdrawal Permit.*

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 checked="" 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 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 (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:
Total site acreage	176±Acres			
New acres of land altered		43±Acres		
Acres of impervious area	None	None	None	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		None		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		None		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		None		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	None	None	None	
Number of housing units	None	None	None	
Maximum height (in feet)	None	None	None	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	None	None	None	
Parking spaces	None	None	None	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use				
GPD water withdrawal	0.60 MGD	0.37 MGD	0.97 MGD	
GPD wastewater generation/treatment	None	None	None	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	None	None	None	

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 See Attached Habitat Maps) 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 consists of water withdrawal permitting of 0.97 mgd of water associated with the cultivation of cranberries and the alteration of land. An Environmental Notification Form is required to be submitted for withdrawals that exceed the threshold volume of 100,000 gpd according to 301 CMR 11.03(4)(b) 1 and the direct alteration of 25 or more acres of land per 301 CMR 11.03 (1)(b) 1.

William Couto's farm consists of 67.0 acres of existing cranberry bogs in production and permitting of water withdrawal volumes associated with the existing acreage and the future expansion of an additional 41.7 acres of cranberry bogs in the Taunton River Basin. All withdrawals will originate at surface water owned and operated by the Proponent. By order of Massachusetts D.E.P. Water Management Program, the Proponent is required to register the unpermitted water withdrawal volumes that exceed threshold quantities.

The existing water withdrawal points are surface waters at William Couto's farm located off of Seekell and Kingman Streets in the City of Taunton. The proponent is also proposing to construct a reservoir at his farm in the Town of Berkley known as the Berkley Bog. Alternate withdrawal points are not feasible as all infrastructure pumps and distribution piping is in place.

This project also consists of the future expansion of the Couto's farm with approximately 41.7 acres of cranberry bog. Total alteration of land that will be approximately 50 acres.