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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:	1				
Wachusett Regional High Scho Street: 1401 Main Street	001				
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Municipality: Holden			Watershed: Nashua River Watershed		
Universal Tranverse Mercator Coordinates: 19 2 63 274E 46 92 744N		Latitude: 42d 21' 10.36N			
Estimated commencement date: Jan. 1, 2004		Longitude: 71d 52' 26.90W Estimated completion date: Jan. 1, 2007			
Approximate cost: \$52,000,000(Construction Cost)		Status of project design: 60 %complete			
Proponent: Wachusett Regional Hi			cot design. 90 %complete		
Street: 1401 Main Street	<u>g ooo</u>				
		State: MA	Zip Code: 01520		
Name of Contact Person From Who	m Copies				
Ben Gary, RLA		- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Firm/Agency: Moriece & Gary Street: 56 Roland Street		nd Street			
Municipality: Charlestown		State: MA	Zip Code: 02129		
Phone: (617) 776-7600	Fax: (61)	7) 776-1075	E-mail: bgary@mgary.com		
Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)? ———————————————————————————————————					
☐Yes (EOEA No)					
Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.0 a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CM a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CM a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11)	MR 11.09)	sting:	⊠No ⊠No ⊠No ⊠No		
Identify any financial assistance or land the agency name and the amount of fur State School Building Assistance Bur	nding or lai	nd area (in acres)	the Commonwealth, including		
Are you requesting coordinated review Yes(Specify	with any ot		, regional, or local agency? ⊠No		
List Local or Federal Permits and Appro Notice of Intent MDC Permit (WsPA-Form 3) Curb Cut/Utilities Installations Per	Noti Mas		Storm Water Discharge – EPA 18 Minor Sewer Connection		

Which ENF or EIR review thres	hold(s) does t	he project me	eet or excee	d (see 301 CMR 11.03):
	☐ Rare Spec ☐ Wastewate ☐ Air ☐ Regulation	er 🔲 s 🗍	Transportat Solid & Haz Historical & Resources	zardous Waste Archaeological
Summary of Project Size	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits &
& Environmental Impacts				Approvals
Total site acreage	LAND 108.12	Making grant to be a light Annual Common Commo		☑ Order of Conditions☐ Superseding Order of
New acres of land altered		14.33		Conditions Chapter 91 License
Acres of impervious area	10.75	6.74	17.49	│
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0		☐ MHD or MDC Access Permit
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0		☐ Water ManagementAct Permit☐ New Source
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		Approval DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/
STRI	JCTURES			Extension Permit Other Permits
Gross square footage	242,000	128,000	370,000	(including Legislative
Number of housing units	N/A	N/A	N/A	Approvals) - Specify:
Maximum height (in feet)	36'	0	36'	MDC Permit
TRANS	PORTATION			(WsPA For m 3)
Vehicle trips per day	1,000	245	1,245	
Parking spaces	325	525	850	
WATER/V	VASTEWATER	?		
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	41,756	9,394	51,150	
GPD water withdrawal	41,756	9,394	51,150	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	37,960	8,540	46,500	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	W .48 S .34	W 0 S 0	W .48 S .34	
CONSERVATION LAND: Will the propagatural resources to any purpose not i Yes (Specify	n accordance w ervation restrict	ith Article 97?) [ion, preservati	⊠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)
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)
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
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attach one additional page, if necessary.)

(a) The Wachusetts Regional High School is located on Main Street (Route 122A) in a residential neighborhood of Holden, Massachusetts.

The school property (site) consists of a 1 to 2 story structure, paved parking areas with access roads, athletic fields and a wooded area. The existing school building is situated in the northern portion of the site with athletic fields to the south of the school. The southern portion of the site is undeveloped.

The site topography ranges from elevation 790 feet at the northwestern corner along Main Street to elevation 960 feet at the southeastern corner. At the northern portion of the site, the topography gently slopes up in the southern direction from elevation 790 to about elevation 825 where the existing school building, parking lots, and access roads are located. In the central portion of the site, the topography slopes up approximately 20 feet to elevation 845 feet, where the tennis courts, a baseball diamond, and a football field are located. In this area, the topography slopes up to the south to about elevation 869 feet where a running track is located, and to elevation 877 to the west, where a soccer field is located. A rock outcrop is located at the western end of the football field at approximately 845 feet. The southern portion of the site is completely wooded with gentle slopes in the southwesterly direction where elevations range from 869 feet at the track to about 960 feet at the southeastern corner.

(b) Once it was determined, due to various factors, that expansion and/or improvements to Wachusett Regional High School were necessary, a feasibility study was performed exploring a selection of design options. The alternatives explored combinations of options including: additions & renovations of existing structures, constructing a new school on the existing site, constructing a new school on a new site, installing temporary modular classrooms, housing 2,075 students in one facility, dividing the student population between two sites, and expanding playfields and parking in various locations.

Each alternative results in various impacts. Expansion and/or improvements involving one versus two sites decreases construction and maintenance costs. Additions and renovations to an existing structure affects less undisturbed land as opposed to new construction. Dividing the student population between two sites requires an increase in staff and a duplication of certain facilities.

After considering the various design options it was decided to make additions and renovations to the existing Wachusett Regional High School.