

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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 Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

EOEA No.: **13856**
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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: T.G.I. Friday's		
Street: Mozzone Boulevard at County Street		
Municipality: Taunton	Watershed: Taunton River Basin	
Universal Tranverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: 41°52'30" N Longitude: 71°03'34"W	
Estimated commencement date: 1 Nov 06	Estimated completion date: July 07	
Approximate cost: \$1.5 Million	Status of project design: 100 %complete	
Proponent: Stan DeMille, T.G.I. Friday's, Carlson Restaurants Worldwide		
Street: 4201 Marsh Lane		
Municipality: Carrollton	State: TX	Zip Code: 75007
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Jerome B. Carr, PhD.		
Firm/Agency: Carr Research Laboratory, Inc.	Street: 251 W Central Street, Suite D-36	
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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): None

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:
Wetlands Protection Act
City of Taunton Conservation Ordinance Regulations

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 checked="" 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 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 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	4.7±			
New acres of land altered		0		
Acres of impervious area	0	1.25	1.25	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		25,523		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	0	5,520	5,520	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	0	25	25	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	0	920	920	
Parking spaces	0	132	132	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use		8,000	8,000	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	0	8,000	8,000	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0	0	0	

*NOTE: Vehicle trips/day estimated based upon the average of the seat count projection and size projection of the restaurant.

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.*)

SEE ATTACHED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION - T.G.I. FRIDAY'S , Mozzone Blvd., Taunton

A. Site Description: The 5,520 sq. ft. T.G.I. Friday's restaurant and parking area is on a 4.7 ± acres of undeveloped land at the corner of Mozzone Boulevard and Route 140. The site is located only 1,000 feet from the southbound exit of Route 24. The site contains bordering vegetated wetland (BVW) of 1.87 acres or 40% of the total lot area. The rest of the site consists of an unused detention basin and young second growth shrub and upland woods which resulted from clearing the land about 15 years ago. The site borders a gas station, a railroad line, a large industrial building, and commercial building across Mozzone BLVD.

The wetlands drain to the Route 140 drainage system which discharges just on the other side of Route 140. 0.66 acres of the wetlands was created when earth moving began on the site prior to the 1998 economic slowdown. The upland was cleared of trees, the topsoil was removed, and the existing detention basin was constructed. Because the work stopped and the topsoils were not replaced, wetlands quickly expanded into the newly excavated area. The wildlife habitat evaluation showed the current site to have habitat which in general scores just below or just above the average habitat value for wetlands New England. The project proposes a permanent pond - marsh complex on the Route 140 side of the site which will serve as a permanent view corridor and which will enhance both wildlife habitat and all other wetland functions. Most of the pond is in an upland area, and 100% replication will be provided for any wetland altered.

B. Alternatives: On-site alternatives are restricted by the significant area of wetlands and their configuration on the site. The building and parking lot are already located in the largest upland area on site, while minimizing the impacts to the BVW, so there is no better alternative for the locations of any activity on this site. Off-site alternatives would cause the client to suffer a double economic loss. (1) there would be the loss of the engineering design costs to date; and (2) the proposed site is superior for a restaurant which will draw business from long distance travelers using Route 24. The site is located 1,000 feet from the south bound traffic exit from Route 24. There are no other available parcels of land closer to a Route 24 Exit in this immediate neighborhood. Moving the location of the site or removing the view corridor to the restaurant from Country Street would result in a financial penalty for the business.

C. Mitigation Plans:

The wetland alteration for the parking area is 5,770 square feet. The remainder of the wetland alteration is for pond excavation and conversion of wooded swamp to marsh for the view corridor from Route 140. The wetland to be converted to pond is 7,950 sq. ft., so the total wetland requiring replication is 15,520 sq. feet. There are 4 wetland replication areas close to the project of 12,700 sq. ft., plus another 14,600 sq. ft. on the southeast side of the site. Thus the total available replication area is 27,300 sq. ft. or a ratio of 2.76 to 1. The new pond marsh complex will offer a substantial improvement in habitat value, and water quality. Off-site mitigation is not needed.

The flood control for the project uses both the existing detention basin, and in the case of an extreme flooding event, the marsh-pond complex will offer added flood storage to help keep Route 140 from flooding. Storm water quality is managed by a new sediment forebay in the detention area, as well as roof runoff recharge.