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# ENF Environmental Notification Form

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: 143-153 Border Street		
Street: Border Street		
Municipality: Boston	Watershed: Boston Harbor	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 4832.66E, 5998.52N, Zone 19	Latitude: 42°22'28"N	Longitude: 71°2'30"W
Estimated commencement date: 10-02	Estimated completion date: 12-03	
Approximate cost: \$2.5 million	Status of project design: 25% complete	
Proponent: Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH), Inc.		
Street: 22 Paris Street		
Municipality: Boston	State: MA	Zip Code: 02128
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Nancy E. Phillips		
Firm/Agency:	Street: 1950 Mass. Ave.	
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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 DEP)  No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: (STATE) CH.91 WATERWAYS LICENSE

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
<b>LAND</b>				<input type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input checked="" 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	0.258			
New acres of land altered		0		
Acres of impervious area	0.253	-0.006	0.247	
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		0.119		
<b>STRUCTURES</b>				
Gross square footage	21,000	-435	20,565	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	35.5	0	35.5	
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Vehicle trips per day	90	-62	28	
Parking spaces	10	3	13	
<b>WASTEWATER</b>				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	1575	-832	743	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/treatment	3,150	-1,665	1,485	
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.*)

The project is the demolition of an industrial building in East Boston and construction of a replacement building for office use. The existing building is structurally unsound. The site is about 11,000 square feet. Almost all of the non-built part of the site is currently a paved parking lot. The new building, which is substantially smaller in footprint and somewhat smaller in gross area than the existing building, will occupy 46 per cent of the total site. The project will result in a slight reduction of total built and paved area and a slight increase in landscaped area.

The project is subject to the Waterways Act, M.G.L.ch.91, because the site is filled tidelands and is across the street from land that is adjacent to Boston Harbor; a small portion (about 900 square feet, or 8 per cent) of the site appears to be within 250 feet of the current high water mark. Therefore, the proponent is applying for a Chapter 91 Waterways License.

There are no practicable off-site alternatives to the proposed project. On-site, the impacts of the existing building will be reduced: gross square footage of the building is being reduced slightly as is total impervious area; the change of use from industrial to office will reduce the number of people working at the site. This will reduce the number of vehicle trips and the amount of water used and wastewater generated.