



Environmental Notification Form

For Office Use Only
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

EOEA No.: 14099
MEPA Analyst: Deirdre Buckley
Phone: 617-626-1044

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: Taunton High School and Parker Middle School Additions and Renovations New Pole Elementary School (refer to next page for Pole School)		
Street: 50 Williams Street		
Municipality: Taunton	Watershed: Taunton	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: N 4,640,688.99 E 328,179.06 (UTM NAD 27)	Latitude: 41° 54' 5"	Longitude: 71° 4' 17"
Estimated commencement date: June 2003	Estimated completion date: September 2006	
Approximate cost: \$104,000,000	Status of project design: 100% DD complete	
Proponent: City of Taunton, Department of Public Buildings, City Hall		
Street: 15 Summer Street		
Municipality: Taunton	State: MA	Zip Code: 02780-3464
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Mark F. Piermarini, PE		
Firm/Agency: Hamwey Engineering, Inc.	Street: 14 Manning Avenue	
Municipality: Leominster	State: MA	Zip Code: 01453
Phone: 978-840-2964	Fax: 978-840-3526	E-mail:

- 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(B)) Yes No
 - a Special Review Procedure? (see 301CMR 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):
Department of Education / School Building Assistance – Capital Grant High/Middle School (\$86,320,000)

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: local buiding permit, planning board and conservation commission approvals

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

Both Schools are included on all following pages.

- | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land – ENF | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superceding 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	105.24 Ac.			
New acres of land altered		41.90 Ac.		
Acres of impervious area	19.43 Ac.	8.01 Ac.	27.44 Ac.	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		N/A		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		N/A		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		N/A		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	515,418	162,474	677,892	
Number of housing units	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Maximum height (in feet)	60	N/C	60	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	2208	986	3194	
Parking spaces	755	60	815	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	66,175	38,395	104,570	
GPD water withdrawal	66,175	38,395	104,570	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	52,940	30,716	83,656	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0.83 (water) 0.20 (sewer)	0.27 (water) 0.78 (sewer)	1.10 (water) 0.98 (sewer)	

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 N/A

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 site includes the existing Taunton High School and Parker Middle School building with associated parking and athletic fields and the New Pole Elementary School. The site is located on the northeast corner of the Honorary Gordon M Owen Riverway and Williams Street east of downtown Taunton. The site is 105.24 acres and is partially developed with the existing school building, skating rink, driveways, parking areas, athletic fields, tennis courts and other smaller support buildings. The northern edge of the property is located along the Taunton River.

The proposed construction includes the renovation of the existing High School and Middle School building and the construction of new buildings and additions. The new addition to the Taunton High School will be 64,474 square feet (S.F.) for the Parker Middle School, the renovated building including this addition will have a total of 579,892 S.F. The proposed construction will allow the high school and middle school population to expand to 3,200 students and 660 staff. The new Pole elementary school will have a total of 98,000 S.F. and have a population of 770 students and 87 staff. In addition to the building renovations and new construction, the site will also have the existing track and field removed and replaced with a new track and field. The site utilities will also be upgraded with new drainage facilities, sewer, water, electric and gas services.

The planned on-site renovations, additions and new construction allow the schools, and associated playfields, to remain centrally located in the community. The current on-site plan is the most cost-effective solution. It incorporates the most compact building footprint and preserves the most open space. Off-site alternatives would not be central to the community and would require new, more costly, construction. There are no existing suitable buildings off-site that might be candidates for renovations and additions. Off-site alternatives entail land acquisition costs that are not reimbursable. All-new construction for off-site alternatives would possibly allow less compromise.

The proposed construction will include a 64,474 S.F. addition to the present Taunton High School and Parker Middle School building and a new 98,000 S.F. elementary school building. All new construction will have associated new parking areas, utilities and new play fields. The utility design includes new drainage facilities that will be designed in accordance with the DEP Storm Water Management Guidelines. The drainage system will include the use of best management practices (BMP's) to the greatest practicable extent. Some of these BMP's include deep sump hooded catch basins and detention facilities to control peak rates of runoff. The detention systems will be designed so that post development runoff rates from the site will be less than or equal to pre development runoff rates. During construction, erosion control measures will be taken to ensure no siltation will leave the limit of work area.

Pole Elementary School

Commencement Date: October 3, 2005

Estimated Completion Date: March 14, 2008

Approximate Cost: \$22,663,000

Status of Project Design: 100%

Funding: Department of Education / School Building Assistance – Capital Grant (\$18,810,290)