

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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| <i>For Office Use Only</i> <i>Executive Office of Environmental Affairs</i> | |
| EOEA No.: | 12917 |
| MEPA Analyst: | DEIRDRE BUCKLEY |
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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.

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| Project Name: Valley Mill Corporation - Construction and Demolition Waste Transfer Station | | |
| Street: Industrial Drive | | |
| Municipality: Pittsfield | Watershed: Housatonic River | |
| Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 1806 42 627E / 46 99 633N | Latitude: 42° 26' 16.22" N Longitude: 73° 15' 57.59" W | |
| Estimated commencement date: Spring 2003 | Estimated completion date: Winter 2003 | |
| Approximate cost: 1.5 Million | Status of project design: 80 %complete | |
| Proponent: Steve and Tom Garrity @ Valley Mill Corporation | | |
| Street: 95 Marble Street | | |
| Municipality: Lee | State: MA | Zip Code: 01238 |
| Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: James M. Scalise, P.E. | | |
| Firm/Agency: S-K Design Group, Inc. | Street: 2 Federico Drive | |
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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 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): 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: See ENF Report Section 1.3

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 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 checked="" 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 |
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| LAND | | | | <input checked="" 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 <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i> See ENF Report Section 1.3 |
| Total site acreage | 13.2 | | | |
| New acres of land altered | | 1.4 | | |
| Acres of impervious area | 0.8 | 1.4 | 3.2 | |
| 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 | | |
| STRUCTURES | | | | |
| Gross square footage | 9,600 | 16,700 | 26,300 | |
| Number of housing units | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Maximum height (in feet) | 35 | 0 | 35 | |
| TRANSPORTATION | | | | |
| Vehicle trips per day | 0 | ± 50 | ± 50 | |
| Parking spaces | 15 | 8 | 23 | |
| WATER/WASTEWATER | | | | |
| Gallons/day (GPD) of water use | 0 | 400 | 400 | |
| GPD water withdrawal | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| GPD wastewater generation/treatment | 0 | 300 | 300 | |
| Length of water/sewer mains (in miles) | 0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | |

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.*)

a. Valley Mill Corporation (VMC) is proposing the construction of a Construction and Demolition (C & D) Waste Transfer Station on Industrial Drive in Pittsfield, MA. The proposed facility will handle approximately 250 tons of C & D material per day. As there is a growing need in Berkshire County for a Transfer Station to handle C & D waste, VMC intends to submit an application to MDEP to construct and operate a new Large Handling Facility to receive 50 tons or more of waste per day.

Solid waste handled at the VMC transfer station will include C & D waste including asphalt, brick, and concrete (ABC material), wood waste, and scrap metal. VMC will be in compliance with restrictions imposed at 310 CMR 19.017 (3) which relates to the disposal of restricted materials in landfills or incinerators. VMC will not handle or dispose of hazardous waste. Sorted material will remain onsite for a maximum of three (3) days.

The proposed Transfer Station site consists of approximately thirteen (13) acres located in a light industrial area on Industrial Drive in Pittsfield, Massachusetts (See USGS Locust Map – Figure #1). According to the City of Pittsfield Assessors Map, the site is located on Map G6, Block 3, Lot 1 (See Assessors Map – Figure #2). The parcel is an elongated property that is approximately 300 feet wide (north/south) and 2,000 feet long (east/west). The property is bisected by an unpaved roadway. The parcel is bounded by the southwest branch of the Housatonic River and residential properties to the north; by the Housatonic Railroad tracks, undeveloped woodlands and residential properties to the south; and by commercial and residential properties to the east. Proposed development is limited to a small portion (approximately 2 acres) of the southern and eastern portions of the property. Nearly the entire site is located within the 200' riverfront area. The remaining portion of property consists of wetlands, woodlands, and a mowed open field. Currently, there is one (1) structure used as a warehouse located on the property.

The processes within the enclosed building include the sorting and processing of C & D material in the unloading area of the building. Tipping will take place on the truck scale at the office building. Metals will be separated from the C & D material and stored in a bin for disposal at a licensed metal reclamation facility. C & D material will be processed (reduced in size with an excavator utilizing a hydraulic powered "claw") and loaded into a railcar. This process allows for efficient transportation as well as better landfilling properties. Asphalt, brick and concrete (ABC) material will be sorted from the C & D material and stored in a bin. This ABC material will then be transferred to a separate facility owned by the proponent to be crushed and recycled. This facility has already gained a Beneficial Use Permit (BUD permit) from the MDEP. A loader and skid steer will provide movement of C & D material from the tipping area to the loading area as well as movement of other materials such as metals, ABC material, or rubbish to their designated bins.

The project site has been historically used as a storage area by the railroad dating back to the 1950s. More recently the property owner has used the site as an equipment storage yard.

b.

The alternatives for the Project Site include the No-Build Alternative, which would maintain the use of the property as a previously developed storage scrap yard, and the Preferred Alternative, which is the redevelopment of the site as a C & D Material Transfer Station.

No Build Alternative – The site is currently a vacant pre-developed site. There is one (1) existing building on-site that is used as a warehouse. Under the No Build Alternative the site would remain vacant.

The Preferred Alternative - will alter the use of the site to include a transfer station for C & D material. The existing building will remain and a new 15,600 square foot building will be constructed to provide cover for tipping, sorting, processing and truck and rail loading activities. A separate 600' square foot, two-story office building and associated 500 square foot truck scale are also proposed for the facility. The Proposed Project will be serviced by rail and truck for transport of reclaimed materials and process residuals. The maximum capacity at the facility will be 250 tons per day. The Project Site is zoned for light industrial use and is accessible to a major arterial corridor (Route 7) through Berkshire County. Furthermore, the site has an existing railroad siding necessary for the facility operation.

The Proposed Project is consistent with *Beyond 2000 – Solid Waste Master Plan* prepared by the MDEP. Exhibit A provides a summary of the master plan. The Master Plan identifies a need for new C & D recycling facilities. Furthermore, this facility will be an important contribution to Berkshire County due to the inability of combustion facilities to handle C & D material and the need to provide an outlet for C & D waste generated in the region.

Alternative Sites – There is a scarcity of available industrial zoned property within Berkshire County and the project site is listed as a pre-developed industrial property. Also, the property is located along a major arterial corridor (Route 7) through Berkshire County and has a rare railroad track siding on-site. Therefore, other sites were not considered for the proposed project.

c. Due to the proposed project being located within the 200' riverfront area, this project will be performed in accordance with and will meet the performance standards of the Wetland Protection Act (WPA) 310 CMR 10.00. This project is considered a redevelopment project within a previously developed riverfront area and is designed to improve site conditions over existing conditions. This will be accomplished by making the following improvements:

- a. Stormwater will be managed in excess of the WPA requirements, including but not limited to, the installation of an oil/water separator for stormwater in the vicinity of the proposed building. Site grading will be performed to improve stormwater runoff. Other mitigation measures will include drainage structures such as catch basins and a detention basin.
- b. The limit of degraded area is defined at the site by the existing edge of woods (See Plan to Accompany Notice of Intent – Exhibit C). Thus, it is understood that no work will be closer to the southwest branch of the Housatonic River than currently exists.
- c. Restoration of 23,500 square feet of disturbed riverfront area is proposed. After completion of the project, the disturbed riverfront area will be reduced from 28.8% to 12.6%. All work is proposed outside of the 100-foot inner riparian zone. The existing disturbed areas within the 100-foot inner riparian zone will be restored in accordance with 310 CMR 10.58 (5) f. The proposed development area encompasses 1.4 acres while the existing disturbed area is 3.2 acres.

- d. Removal of existing debris on-site, covering disturbed surface areas with topsoil, and the seeding and planting of areas depicted on the project drawings are other examples of mitigation measures for improving the site.