

# Collins Cove Salt Marsh Restoration Project Ecological Restoration Limited Project Notification

This notification is made pursuant to the 310 CMR 10.11(1) to advertise that the project described below is filed as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project.

**Project Applicant:** City of Salem, Massachusetts

**Project Description:** The Applicant proposes to restore approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre of salt marsh along an approximately 800 linear foot long section of Collins Cove in Salem, Massachusetts. The project area is comprised primarily of coarse sandy beach with small patches of salt marsh. Salt marsh has been documented along the entire Collins Cove shoreline dating back to the late 1800's.

The purpose of this project is to restore salt marsh and its associated the interests described in the Wetlands Protection Act, specifically targeting the interests of: protection of wildlife habitat, protection of fisheries, and storm damage prevention. Salt marshes provide important nursery habitat for commercially and recreationally important shellfish and finfish species, and food and cover sources for birds and other wildlife (protection of wildlife & fisheries interests); additionally stabilizing the unconsolidated sediment with vegetation will provide shoreline stabilization from incoming wave action, as compared to existing conditions (protection of storm damage prevention interest).

**Anticipated NOI Submission Date:** June 28, 2018

**Conservation Commission:** Salem, Massachusetts

**Availability of NOI for Review:** The NOI will be available for review at the Salem Conservation Commission Office during normal business hours located at:

Salem Conservation Commission  
Department of Planning & Community Development  
City Hall Annex  
98 Washington Street, 2nd floor  
Salem, MA 01970  
Tel: 978-619-5685

Copies may be requested from:

Epsilon Associates, Inc. (Attn.: Dwight Dunk)  
3 mill & Main Place, Suite 250  
Maynard, MA 01754  
Tel: 978-710-7100

The location, date and time of the Public Hearing will be noticed in City Hall, and published in the **Salem News** at least five (5) days before the scheduled hearing date.

**Public Hearing:** Anticipated Public Hearing date is July 12, 2018