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To: The Environmental Monitor
From: Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife
Date: April 9, 2019

RE: Notification of filing an NOI for an Ecological Restoration Project for Habitat Restoration and Management at Rainbow Beach in Northampton, MA

NOI Submission Date: MassWildlife will file the Notice of Intent with the Northampton Conservation Commission and MA DEP in April 2019.

The proposed project is seeking approval for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, associated landowners, and contractors under DFW's supervision to use several vegetation management techniques in the wetlands associated with Rainbow Beach. Rainbow Beach Conservation Area supports one of the largest and most intact examples of Major River Floodplain Forest in Massachusetts, which is considered to be amongst the highest natural community conservation priorities for MassWildlife. The Major River Floodplain Forest of Rainbow Beach Conservation Area also supports several highly specialized and quite rare plants and animals that are dependent upon high integrity Floodplain Forest communities. The goal of this project is to restore and maintain this community through the use of vegetation cutting and invasive species control. These actions are necessary to restore/enhance the important landscape features at the site that have been degraded due to the disruption of natural processes.

Reviewing Conservation Commission

Northampton Conservation Commission
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Copies of the Notice of Intent may be acquired from the project leader,
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