

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
 Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office

Environmental Notification Form

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EEA#: 16039

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The information requested on this form must be completed in order to submit a document electronically for review under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: Strassler, Robert		
Street Address: 102 West Road, Alford, MA 01230		
Municipality: Alford	Watershed: Housatonic	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18N630587 4678867	Latitude: 42 15'03.888 N	Longitude: 73 25'01.128 W
Estimated commencement date: 7/1/2019	Estimated completion date:	
Project Type: maintenance dredge	Status of project design: 100 %complete	
Proponent: Robert B. Strassler		
Street Address: 102 West Road		
Municipality: Alford	State: MA	Zip Code: 01230
Name of Contact Person: Alexander Thorp		
Firm/Agency: ACCORD Engin & Surveying	Street Address: 631 Main St Suite 102	
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Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes No

If this is an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (ENF) (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) or a Notice of Project Change (NPC), are you 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
 (Note: Greenhouse Gas Emissions analysis must be included in the Expanded ENF.)

Which MEPA review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
301CMR 11.03 (b) (f) – alteration of ½ acre or more LUW
 Which State Agency Permits will the project require?
 NOI, 401 WQ WW08, and NHESP review
 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:

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total
Total site acreage	57.1	1.48	57.1
New acres of land altered	0	0	0
Acres of impervious area	0	0	0
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration	250	250	250
Square feet of new other wetland alteration	64,346	64,346	64,346
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gross square footage	n/a		
Number of housing units	n/a		
Maximum height (feet)	n/a		
TRANSPORTATION			
Vehicle trips per day	n/a		
Parking spaces	n/a		
WASTEWATER			
Water Use (Gallons per day)	n/a		
Water withdrawal (GPD)	n/a		
Wastewater generation/treatment (GPD)	n/a		
Length of water mains (miles)	n/a		
Length of sewer mains (miles)	n/a		
<p>Has this project been filed with MEPA before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (EEA # _____) X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
<p>Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Yes (EEA # 12225 _____) <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION – all proponents must fill out this section

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Describe the existing conditions and land uses on the project site: __This is a single family home recreational pond on Alford Brook. The pond is approximately 120' from the house across open lawn. _____

Describe the proposed project and its programmatic and physical elements: __ This project involves the maintenance dredge of a small recreational pond on Alford Brook which was last dredged in 2001 (DEP# 88-40/ WCQ# 008783). Installation of a 30" by-pass pipe in 2001 now allows Alford Brook to be redirected around the pond while maintaining free movement of fish and other organisms in the brook. The pond will be drained, the remaining standing water pumped out to a settling basin (sump), and the pond sediments removed with standard excavation equipment. Volume of sediment proposed to be removed from pond is calculated to be 3,940 cubic yards. The proposed upland disposal area is located outside of delineated NHESP priority wood turtle habitat, and is directly adjacent to, and on the north side of, the existing driveway which leads from West Road to the residence and pond. The project is scheduled to begin in July 2019 and completed before October 15th, 2019. Direct impacts extend to the LUW and the temporary impact on the 250 ft² of pond bank and BVW for the entrance of equipment to the pond. _____

NOTE: The project description should summarize both the project's direct and indirect impacts (including construction period impacts) in terms of their magnitude, geographic extent, duration and frequency, and reversibility, as applicable. It should also discuss the infrastructure requirements of the project and the capacity of the municipal and/or regional infrastructure to sustain these requirements into the future.

Describe the on-site project alternatives (and alternative off-site locations, if applicable), considered by the proponent, including at least one feasible alternative that is allowed under current zoning, and the reasons(s) that they were not selected as the preferred alternative: _____ Alternative is to allow the pond to fill in with sediments which is inconsistent with the purpose of the pond. _____

NOTE: The purpose of the alternatives analysis is to consider what effect changing the parameters and/or siting of a project, or components thereof, will have on the environment, keeping in mind that the objective of the MEPA review process is to avoid or minimize damage to the environment to the greatest extent feasible. Examples of alternative projects include alternative site locations, alternative site uses, and alternative site configurations.

Summarize the mitigation measures proposed to offset the impacts of the preferred alternative: Before any work will commence a full pond survey for wood turtles will be completed and any turtles found will be reported to NHESP and relocated up stream of the project. To mitigate impacts on the cold water stream and its fauna the diversion of Alford Brook using the existing by-pass pipe will be done prior to the beginning of any excavation work. In addition silt fences will be placed between the sediment storage area and the pond and Alford Brook. _____