

To: The Environmental Monitor
From: MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife
Date: July 16, 2019

RE Notification of filing an NOI for a Project of Habitat Restoration and Management at Fairfield Brook Wildlife Management Area in Richmond, MA

NOI Submission Date: July 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 Fairfield Brook. This site is a complex of calcareous wetlands that support a diverse flora, including many rare and imperiled species. Calcareous wetlands are very unusual in Massachusetts, and the Black Ash-Red Maple-Tamarack Calcareous Seepage Swamp Community on the property is considered to be one of the best examples in the state. The site also supports a very good example of the unusual Calcareous Seepage Marsh community. The groundwater that forms both of these special communities coalesces to create the headwaters of Fairfield Brook. The goal of this project is to restore and maintain these communities through the use of vegetation cutting, invasive species control, beaver mitigation, grazing, and prescribed fire. 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:

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