

Public Notice

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Wetlands and Waterways

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26 - 53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for the replacement of an existing bridge crossing the North Branch of the Manhan River on Kings Highway in the Town of Westhampton, Massachusetts by the MassDOT Division of Highways, Ten Park Plaza, Room 4260, Boston, MA 02116. The purpose for the project is to improve safety and address deterioration of the existing structure and therefore, maintain roadway access over the North Branch of the Manhan River in Westhampton. The proposed design will replace the existing 32-ft span bridge with a wider single-span structure providing two traffic lanes, one in each direction, to match the lane configurations of the existing roadway approaches. The project also includes replacement of existing guardrail and resurfacing of approximately 100 feet of the Kings Highway roadway approaches on either side of the bridge. Additional information may be obtained from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division at the above address, Attention Susan McArthur at (857) 368-8807. Written comments should be sent to DEP, Division of Wetlands and Waterways, Christopher Ross, Southeast regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347 within 21 days of this notice.

Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.