



To: The Environmental Monitor

From: Trout Unlimited

Date: May 21, 2020

Re: Notification of filing an Ecological Restoration Limited Project Appendix A to Form 3, Notice of Intent for In-Stream Habitat Restoration in Rice Brook, Charlemont, MA

Anticipated date of submission: June 15, 2020

The proposed project is to enhance up to one mile of in-stream woody habitat in Rice Brook in Charlemont, MA, by adding approximately 150 pieces of large wood per stream mile from the surrounding forest. Increasing large instream wood improves riffle-pool formation important for trout habitat, thermal refugia, and resilience. The project would also help reconnect the river floodplain and restore the hydrologic and habitat connectivity within the forested watershed. This project seeks approval under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40; and 310 CMR 10.00) by the filing of a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the Charlemont Conservation Commission. Rice Brook is an excellent coldwater brook trout fishery with full connectivity to the Deerfield River. The goal of this project is to improve coldwater habitat, groundwater exchange, and sediment transport, while improving flood resilience for downstream communities.

Reviewing Conservation Commission:  
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Copies of the NOI may be examined or acquired from the Conservation Commission, or by contacting the applicant's representative, Erin Rodgers of Trout Unlimited at [erin.rodgers@tu.org](mailto:erin.rodgers@tu.org); or 603-852-8110 Monday and Friday between 9AM and 4PM.

See Conservation Commission website for the meeting schedule for exact dates and agendas on all public hearings.