



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 Bank Stabilization and Habitat Restoration in the Konkapot River, New Marlborough, MA

Anticipated date of submission: June 15, 2020

The proposed project is to stabilize a failing bank on the Konkapot River in New Marlborough, MA, by adding a toe-wood structure along 200' on the river-left side. The river-left bank has exhibited 15-20' of lateral migration (shearing) over the past two years, releasing over 12,000 ft³ of sediment into the river. Constructing a toe-wood structure under the bank will deflect the power of the river's high flows while stabilizing the sediment and bank above it, reducing or halting lateral migration. The project would also help protect road and bridge infrastructure behind the failing bank. 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 New Marlborough Conservation Commission. The Konkapot River is a good coldwater trout fishery with important groundwater inputs. The goal of this project is to improve coldwater habitat by reducing erosion and sediment input and increasing low-water natural habitat structures, while improving flood resilience for surrounding communities.

Reviewing Conservation Commission:
New Marlborough 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; 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.