

To: The Environmental Monitor

From: Town of Amherst Department of Conservation

Date: February 8, 2021

Re: Notification of filing of a Notice of Intent (NOI), Belchertown Rd., Amherst, MA

Anticipated date of submission: February 17, 2021

The proposed project is seeking approval to conduct an Ecological Restoration Limited Project off Belchertown Rd (behind #44) in Amherst, MA. The project will create a floodplain along the southern bank of Fearing Brook adjacent to the confluence with the Fort River in order to slow flow and improve water quality. By lowering the southern stream bank and creating a floodplain, stormwater will be able to overtop its banks more frequently, increasing the residence time of surface water for sediment deposition and nutrient assimilation via vegetation. The project will also involve the removal of invasive plant species along the southern bank and replanting with native vegetation for habitat improvement.

Reviewing Conservation Commission:

Amherst Conservation Commission
Amherst Town Hall
4 Boltwood Ave
Amherst, MA 01002

Due to COVID-19, copies of the NOI may only be reviewed by visiting the town of Amherst Conservation Commission web page (<https://www.amherstma.gov/273/Conservation-Commission>) and clicking on "Current Applications". Or by contacting Beth Willson, Environmental Scientist Amherst DPW, at 413-259-3104 or willson@amherstma.gov.