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**Notification for Submission of Notice of Intent, Ecological Restoration Limited
Project: Cherry Street Outfall Restoration/Bank Stabilization**

Expected NOI Submission Date: April 12, 2021

Municipality where Proposed Project is located: Easthampton

Location of Proposed Project: 99 Mount Tom Ave, within the Brickyard Brook Conservation Area

Project Description: The City of Easthampton is proposing repair of a failing stormwater outfall and restoration of the surrounding slope and adjacent stream area where the stormwater drainage system from Cherry Street outfalls into Brickyard Brook. A Notice of Intent (NOI) for an Ecological Restoration Limited Project (WPA Form A and Appendix A: Ecological Restoration Limited Project Checklists) will be submitted to the City of Easthampton Conservation Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Bureau of Resource Protection in April 2021. Once filed, copies of the NOI application will be available for review by contacting the City's conservation agent, Cassie Tragert at CTragert@easthamptonma.gov. A public hearing for the project is expected to be scheduled for April 26, 2021.

Key elements of the proposed restoration will include:

- Removal of debris from the stream and surrounding area, including a collapsed former headwall and sections of vitreous clay pipe.
- Repair/replacement of the existing outfall at the same diameter as existing.
- Reconstruction of the embankment with fabric-encapsulated soil lifts vegetated with native plantings to stabilize the slope against erosion.
- Stabilization of the embankment immediately downstream of the outfall with native live stakes to quickly vegetate and stabilize the slope.
- Stabilization of stream banks upstream of the outfall using brushwood or evergreen tree revetments set into the undercut bank and staked with live stakes to protect the bank from further erosion and prevent the undercut from progressing along the base of the embankment toward the outfall.
- Installation of interpretive signage about the project along the adjacent existing recreational trail.
- Green infrastructure improvements are also proposed in the contributing drainage area to decrease stormwater flows to the outfall (work will occur in the surrounding upland areas and is non-jurisdictional).

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