

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office

Environmental Notification Form

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EEA#:

MEPA Analyst:

The information requested on this form must be completed in order to submit a document electronically for review under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: Horton's Campground and North Truro Camping Area		
Street Address: 71 South Highland Road and 46 Highland Road		
Municipality: Truro	Watershed: Cape Cod Coastal Drainage Area	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: 42.034727	Longitude: -70.065490
Estimated commencement date: Summer 2021	Estimated completion date: Winter 2023	
Project Type: Recreation/Commercial	Status of project design: 90% complete	
Proponent: A/C Mobile Home Park, Inc. doing business as Adventure Bound Camping Resorts		
Street Address: 905 16th Place		
Municipality: Vero Beach	State: FL	Zip Code: 32960
Name of Contact Person: Kathryn S. Barnicle		
Firm/Agency: ILEX Environmental	Street Address: 35 Vernon Street	
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Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)? ☐ Yes ☒ **No**

If this is an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (ENF) (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) or a Notice of Project Change (NPC), are you requesting: ☐ Yes ☒ **No**

a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) ☐ Yes ☒ **No**
a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09) ☐ Yes ☒ **No**
a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) ☐ Yes ☒ **No**
a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) ☐ Yes ☒ **No**

(Note: Greenhouse Gas Emissions analysis must be included in the Expanded ENF.)

Which MEPA review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03)?

301 CMR 11.03(2)(b)2.State-listed Species under MGL c. 131A (Massachusetts Endangered Species Act) (ENF only)
Greater than two acres of disturbance of designated priority habitat, as defined in 321 CMR 10.02, that results in a take of state-listed endangered or threatened species or species of special concern.

Which State Agency Permits will the project require?

- **Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) Conservation and Management Permit (CMP)**
- **Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Renewal of Groundwater Discharge Permit No. 955 (BRP WP12)**

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an Agency of the Commonwealth, including the Agency name and the amount of funding or land area in acres: **Not applicable**

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total
LAND			
Total site acreage	63.4		
New acres of land altered		13.5 ¹	
Acres of impervious area	0	0	0
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0	
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0	
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0	
STRUCTURES			
Gross square footage	NA	NA	NA
Number of housing units	NA	NA	NA
Maximum height (feet)	NA	NA	NA
TRANSPORTATION			
Vehicle trips per day	No change	No change	No change
Parking spaces	No change	No change	No change
WASTEWATER			
Water Use (Gallons per day)	Varies Seasonally	No Change	No Change
Water withdrawal (GPD)	Approved for over 361,000 gpd ²	No Change	No Change
Wastewater generation/treatment (GPD)	³	57,010 ⁴	57,010
Length of water mains (miles)	0	0.5	0.5
Length of sewer mains (miles)	0	0	0
Has this project been filed with MEPA before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (EEA #_____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (EEA #_____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

¹ 11. 6 acres of cleared vegetation; 1.9 acres for WWTF

² On-Site Public Water Supply Wells approved for over 361,000 gpd

³ All existing title 5 septic systems will be discontinued once the WWTF is constructed.

⁴ The WWTF has been approved for this flow volume and is to be constructed.

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION – all proponents must fill out this section

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Describe the existing conditions and land uses on the project site:

The Site is comprised of two areas totaling approximately 63.4 acres as shown on Figures 1-3. The North Truro Camping Area located off of Highland Road is approximately 24.6 acres and is located to the north of Horton's Campground. Horton's Campground located off of South Highland Road and Old Dewline Road is approximately 39.3 acres and is located to the south of the North Truro Camping Area. Horton's is comprised of two parts, the southern portion of the Site is the "Lower Loop" east of South Highland Road and the "Upper Loop", located north of Old Dewline Road as shown on Figure 1. The dominant land use within both areas is camping and recreation. The Site is located within the Cape Cod National Seashore (CCNS) and is a pre-existing use, therefore the use is grandfathered. The campgrounds have been operational for at least 50 years and have pre-existing sewage disposal facilities.

Describe the proposed project and its programmatic and physical elements:

NOTE: The project description should summarize both the project's direct and indirect impacts (including construction period impacts) in terms of their magnitude, geographic extent, duration and frequency, and reversibility, as applicable. It should also discuss the infrastructure requirements of the project and the capacity of the municipal and/or regional infrastructure to sustain these requirements into the future.

The Proponent proposes to complete the previously approved Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) initially approved in 2015 and is presently awaiting the BRP WP12 (Groundwater Discharge Permit Renewal) permit from MassDEP. An Administrative Consent Order (ACO) was issued to the Applicant for the North Truro Camping Area by MassDEP on May 2, 2007, as the existing sewage treatment system was currently discharging a design flow of greater than 15,000 gallons per day (gpd) without a valid Groundwater Discharge Permit. The Applicant requested and received an amended ACO on December 21, 2012, which included both the North Truro Camping Area and Horton's Campground to be serviced by one WWTF.

The Project includes the construction of the WWTF, installation of piping associated with the WWTF to service camp sites including electrical, water, and sewer (collectively, utilities), and restoration of 11.6 acres of rare species habitat including the stabilization of soils and installation of landscaping in the altered areas. Utility connections to be installed between all of the campsites will be connected to the WWTF via the construction of a new force main located within the rights-of-way (ROWs) of Highland and South Highland Roads. Clearing and trenching associated with the utility expansion has altered approximately 11.6 acres in the Upper Loop. The remaining construction and installation of the WWTF and associated piping will be subject to conditions of the anticipated CMP. The WWTF is proposed to be constructed between 62 and 70 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Groundwater is mapped as being at 6 feet above MSL in this area.

The exact sequencing and timing are subject to contractor availability and conditions on the ground. The timing of the proposed work will be carefully considered to avoid conflicts with Eastern box turtle (*Terrapene c. carolina*) seasonal activity and the ongoing camping use. A Turtle Protection Plan (TPP) will be implemented for mortality avoidance measures for the construction phase of the Project. Work is anticipated to start as soon as possible in the summer of 2021 and will continue through to 2023.

Describe the on-site project alternatives (and alternative off-site locations, if applicable), considered by the proponent, including at least one feasible alternative that is allowed under current zoning, and the reasons(s) that they were not selected as the preferred alternative:

The ENF includes the following alternatives: no build, proposed Project (Preferred Alternative), "intended preferred", and residential development. Based on this analysis, alternative scenarios are not practical for the intended Project benefits as the proposed WWTF improvements are required by the MassDEP to meet state regulations and the rare species mitigation work is required by NHESP to meet MESA regulations based on vegetative clearing that has already occurred. No off-site alternatives were considered as the recreational campground use is already well established at the Site.