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**NOTICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of the **Rights of Way Management Regulations, 333 CMR 11:00**, in order to apply herbicides to control vegetation along rights of way, a 5 year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) must be approved by the (DAR) Department of Agricultural Resources. Therefore, notice of receipt of a YOP and procedures for public review is hereby given as required by Section 11.06 (3).

A Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) has been submitted for: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Division of Urban Parkways

This plan has been prepared by and submitted to the Department by:

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Areas identified in the YOP as locations where treatment of Rights of Way with herbicides will be carried out in calendar year 2007 are:

Town	DCR Property South District	Treatment Target	Treatment Method
Boston	VFW West Roxbury Pkwy Enneking Pkwy Turtle Pond Pkwy	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Boston	Stony Brook Reservation Mother Brook Reservation Chestnut Hill Reservation	Brush and invasives Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack
Brookline	Lost Pond Reservation Hammond Pond Pkwy	Poison Ivy Grass and Weeds	Low pressure backpack
Wellesley	Leo J Martin Golf Course	Poison Ivy Invasives	Low pressure backpack

Weston	Leo J Martin Golf Course Norumbega Road	Grass and Weeds Poison Ivy, Invasives	Low pressure backpack Low pressure boom
Waltham	Charles River Reservation MetFern Cemetery	Poison Ivy Grass, Weeds	Low pressure backpack
Dedham	Wilson Mountain Reservation Cutler park Reservation Mother Brook Reservation	Poison Ivy Grass, Weeds	Low pressure backpack
Newton	Hammond Pond Reservation Saw Mill Brook Reservation Quinobequin Road Hammond Pond Pkwy	Grass and Weeds Poison Ivy, Invasives	Low pressure backpack Low pressure boom
Needham	Needham Pathway Hemlock Gorge Reservation	Brush and invasives Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack

<b>Town</b>	<b>DCR Property North District</b>	<b>Treatment Target</b>	<b>Treatment Method</b>
Belmont	Beaverbrook	Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack
Arlington	Mystic Valley Pkwy Mystic River Reservation	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Somerville	Alewife Brook Pkwy Mystic River Reservation McGrath Obrien Hwy	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Winchester	Mystic Valley Pkwy Hillcrest Pkwy Mystic River Reservation	Grass and Weeds Poison Ivy	Low pressure boom Low pressure backpack
Lynn	Lynnway, Carroll Parkway Nahant Beach Blvd	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Milton	Blue Hills Reservation	Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack
Medford	Fellsway East and West Mystic Valley Pkwy South Border Rd East Border Rd Woodland Rd	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Stoneham	Fellsway North Border Rd Woodland Rd Pond St. Ravine Rd Middlesex Fells Reservation	Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack

Melrose	Lynn Fells Pkwy Middlesex Fells Reservation	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Saugus	Breakhart Reservation	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Malden	Fellsway Fellsway East	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Everett	Revere Beach Pkwy	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Chelsea	Mary OMalley Park	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Revere	Revere Beach Pkwy Ocean Avenue Winthrop Pkwy	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Winthrop	Winthrop Shore Drive	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Boston	Constitution Beach Rd Storrow Dr Park Dr Fenway Soldiers Field Rd Birmingham Pkwy Nonantum Rd	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Boston	Charles River Reservation	Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack
Cambridge	Memorial Drive Land Blvd Obrien Hwy Fresh Pond Pkwy Alewife Brook Pkwy	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Watertown	Charles River Rd Greenough Blvd Charles River Reservation	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom

<b>Town</b>	<b>DCR Property Harbor District</b>	<b>Treatment Target</b>	<b>Treatment Method</b>
Hull	Hull Shore Drive Nantasket Beach Fort Revere	Grass and Weeds Poison Ivy	Low pressure boom Low pressure backpack
Hingham	Stodders Neck	Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack

Quincy	Quincy Shore Dr Furnace Brook Pkwy Quincy Shore Reservation	Poison Ivy Grass and Weeds	Low pressure Backpack Low pressure boom
Boston	Morton St Gallivan Blvd Morrissey Blvd Day Blvd Arborway Jamaica Way	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
Boston	Southwest Corridor Park	Poison Ivy Grass, Weeds	Low pressure backpack
Boston	Harbor Islands	Brush and invasives  Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack

**Public Review**

The Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR) in particular seeks the verification of sensitive area locations reported in the Yearly Operational Plan (YOP). The Department itself has a limited ability to survey the geography, land use, and the water supplies in all the communities through which the rights of way are located. Municipalities, however, have most of this information readily available, and the particular knowledge with which to better certify the sensitive areas in their communities. Therefore, the Department requests, and urges, the assistance of the "affected" municipality in reviewing the completeness and accuracy of the maps contained in the submitted document. The DAR has established the following procedures for this review.

Yearly Operational Plans (YOP) and a copy of this notice will be sent by the applicant to the Conservation Commission, Board of Health (or designated health agent), and to the head of government (Mayor, City Manager, Chair of the Board of Selectmen) of the municipality where herbicides are to be applied along the rights of way during the calendar year 2007. Municipal agencies and officials will have forty-five (45) days following receipt of the YOP to review the maps contained in the document that indicate the location of "sensitive areas not readily identifiable in the field" for inaccuracies and omissions. "Sensitive areas" will be defined as in Section 11.02 a-f.

Municipal agencies and officials are requested to forward the YOP to other appropriate official(s) in their municipality qualified to certify the accuracy of sensitive area locations as indicated on the maps. The maps should be "corrected" and returned to the applicant, also a copy of the maps with these corrections indicated should be sent to the DAR to the address listed below, within the forty-five day review period. If the city or town needs more time to carry out this review, it should send a written request for an extension to the DAR and cite why there is a "good cause" for requesting additional time.

All corrections will be required to be made by the applicant, and corrected maps sent back to the city/town before the YOP can be considered "approved" by the Department for vegetation maintenance in that municipality. Any dispute on the part of the applicant regarding corrections made by municipal authorities should be indicated in writing to the Department and to the city/town which requested the disputed changes within (15) fifteen days of receipt of the request. The Department will decide whether

or not YOP should be approved with or without the requested changes. The DAR will consider the "final approval" of a YOP individually for the municipality.

The final (21) twenty-one days of the public review period can serve concurrently to provide public notification as required by section 11.07 of the Rights of Way Management regulations, if the applicant has an approved VMP and if all the requisite city/town offices which have received copies of the YOP have completed their review and corrections have been duly made by the applicant and approved by the Department.

A failure by the city/town to respond to the applicant's submission of the YOP within the forty-five day public review period will be considered by the DAR to indicate agreement by municipal officials with the sensitive area demarcations as provided by the applicant in their YOP.

Any questions or comments on the information provided in this Notice and the procedures established for the municipal review as outlined above, should be addressed to:

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Right of Way Program  
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources  
Pesticide Bureau  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Any additional questions or comments on any information provided as part of the proposed YOP should be addressed in writing to:

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A copy should be sent to the Right of Way program at the above address.

**COMMENT PERIOD ENDS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, Friday, May 4, 2007**