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ON THE
ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM

PROJECT NAME : Brockton Hospital Satellite Parking
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Brockton
PROJECT WATERSHED : Taunton River
EOEA NUMBER : 14016
PROJECT PROPONENT : **Brockton Hospital, Inc.**
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : May 9, 2007

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L. c. 30, ss. 61-62H) and Section 11.06 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I hereby determine that this project **does not require** the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The proposed project consists of construction of a paved parking area, with 343 spaces, and associated utilities and stormwater management system. The purpose of the project is to provide additional parking for employees to use so that parking areas near the hospital buildings, which currently experience congestion and overflow, can be made available for patients. The project will also include a small security building and a bus stop, which will provide a shuttle service between the parking area and the hospital. A pedestrian footpath is also proposed. The project involves alteration of approximately 4 acres of land, including 3.34 acres of impervious area.

The project is undergoing MEPA review because it is receiving financial assistance from an agency of the Commonwealth and it exceeds a threshold for filing of an Environmental Notification Form (ENF). The project is under review pursuant to Section 11.03(6)(b)(15) because it involves construction of more than 300 parking spaces at a single location. The project requires an Order of Conditions from the Brockton Conservation Commission (and on appeal only, a Superseding Order from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)). The project requires a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction Activities Permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



The project will receive financial assistance from the Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority Bonds. Therefore, MEPA jurisdiction is broad and extends to all aspects of the project with the potential to cause Damage to the Environment as defined in the MEPA regulations.

The project involves work in the buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) but will not result in direct alteration of wetlands resources. The project received an Order of Conditions from the Brockton Conservation Commission in May 2006, which was amended in August 2006. Most of the project, including work closest to the BVW, has already been completed. The proposed access driveway on the west side of the site has yet to be completed. Based on information obtained during the MEPA site visit, it appears that the driveway component of the project has been addressed in the Order of Conditions, and no further amendment will be required.

Mitigation

The proponent has committed to measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate environmental impacts, which include:

- the project will be designed to meet MassDEP's Stormwater Management Policy Standards;
- native vegetation will be re-established on the slopes of the proposed detention basins; and
- erosion controls, including siltation fencing and haybales, will be implemented to protect wetlands resources during and after construction.

The ENF has defined the nature and general elements of the project and proposed measures to avoid and minimize, or mitigate environmental impacts. I am satisfied that any remaining issues can be adequately addressed during the state and local permit and review processes. The proposed project requires no further review under MEPA.

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Ian A. Bowles, Secretary

Comments Received:

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