

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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 Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
 EOEA No.: 12965
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The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: Vanderbilt Avenue Walking Path		
Street: Vanderbilt Avenue		
Municipality: Norwood	Watershed: Neponset River	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: N870,200 E2,319,300	Latitude: 42°-10'-05"	Longitude: 71°-11'-05"
Estimated commencement date: July 2003	Estimated completion date: November 2005	
Approximate cost: \$700,000.00	Status of project design:	25 %complete
Proponent: Town of Norwood		
Street: 566 Washington Street, P.O. Box 40		
Municipality: Norwood	State: MA	Zip Code: 02062
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Forrest C. Lindwall		
Firm/Agency: Mistry Associates, Inc.	Street: 315 Main Street	
Municipality: Reading	State: MA	Zip Code: 01867
Phone: (781) 944-6400	Fax: (781) 944-0180	E-mail: forrest@mistry.com

- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes No
- Has this project been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
- a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) Yes No
 - a Special Review Procedure? (see 301CMR 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

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):

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?
 Yes (Specify _____) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Norwood Conservation Commission – Notice of Intent

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACEC | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Other Permits <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i>
Total site acreage	90.1			
New acres of land altered		1.1		
Acres of impervious area	0.0	0.07	0.07	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		4,500		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0.0		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0.0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	0	0	0	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	N/A		N/A	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	2	20	22	
Parking spaces	5	9	14	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0	0	0	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	0	0	0	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0	0	0	

CONSERVATION LAND: Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

Yes (Specify _____) No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify _____) No

RARE SPECIES: Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify Exemplary Natural Communities) No

HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify _____) No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify _____) No

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog) No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (You may attach one additional page, if necessary.)

The project consists of the construction of a 5 foot wide walking path meandering through 90+ acres of Town owned land between the Neponset River and Vanderbilt Avenue to provide public access to open space resources. The site contains a variety of wetland resource areas and upland forest areas and is traversed by overhead electrical transmission lines. The majority of the area is within the flood plane of the Neponset River and is subject to seasonal flooding in the spring and fall. It is also designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

Much of the site has been previously disturbed with prior activities including the former Norwood Stock Car Race Track and dredging of the River, but is presently heavily vegetated.

The proposed walking pathways include stone dust surface through upland and stable soil areas; timber boardwalk sections through wetland resource and unstable soil areas and timber bridges at stream crossings. There will also be several areas of selective clearing with log benches strategically placed to afford views of the River and open marsh areas and a designated location for canoe/kayak landings from the River. A paved parking lot with 9 spaces and a bicycle rack will be constructed on uplands at the end of Vanderbilt Avenue.

Environmental impacts will be minimal, related to two small areas of fill designed to construct the stone dust path at a higher elevation and construction impacts related to equipment operations. The fill areas will be mitigated with on-site compensatory flood storage excavations and expansion of an existing wetland resource area.

Since the purpose of the project is to provide public access and enjoyment of the Town's open space resources, there was no consideration of off-site alternatives beyond the no build condition.