

Environmental ENF Notification Form

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: East Gloucester Shopping Center		
Street: 6 Thatcher Road		
Municipality: Gloucester	Watershed: MA Bay & Ipswich Bay	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 19365306E / 4719749N	Latitude: : 042° 37' 6.64" N Longitude: 070° 38' 33.84" W	
Estimated commencement date: April 2004	Estimated completion date: September 2004	
Approximate cost: \$10 million	Status of project design:	100%complete
Proponent: WJG Realty Trust		
Street: 1385 Hancock Street		
Municipality: Quincy	State: MA	Zip Code: 02169
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Gene Crouch		
Firm/Agency: Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.	Street: 101 Walnut Street	
Municipality: Watertown	State: MA	Zip Code: 02472
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- 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 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

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): **None**

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: **Order of Conditions, Gloucester Conservation Commission; Order of Conditions will serve as the state Water Quality Certification; Category I Programmatic General Permit for U.S. ACOE, City of Gloucester City Council Special Permit.**

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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/Extension Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Other Permits <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i>
Total site acreage	14.75 acres			
New acres of land altered		0		
Acres of impervious area	11.47 acres	-0.62 acres	10.65 acres	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		388 Linear Feet* Coastal Bank 303,425 Sq.ft.* Other Wetlands		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	94,747 sq.ft.	-15,064sq.ft.	79,683 sq.ft.	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	N/A	N/A	33 ft. – 4 in.	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	6,910	+965	7,875	
Parking spaces	308	+68	376	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	9,222 GDP	-2,313 GDP	6,909 GDP	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/treatment	0	+6,909 GDP	6,909 GDP	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	N/A	N/A	Water: 0.37ml. Sewer: 0.15 MI.	

* previously altered wetland resources

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 _____) 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

A review of the *State Register of Historic Places* and the Massachusetts Historical Commission's *Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth* revealed no listed or inventoried properties or archaeological sites within the immediate vicinity of the project site.

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 _____) 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.*)

WJG Realty Trust is proposing to redevelop the property currently occupied by the East Gloucester Shopping Center at 6 Thatcher Road in Gloucester, Massachusetts (see Figure 1). Currently, there are two buildings on the site consisting of 94,747 square feet. Redevelopment will consist of phased demolition of existing buildings and structures and their replacement with the construction of an approximately ±68,803-square foot supermarket building, ±10,880-square foot retail/pharmacy building, and associated parking fields and an updated stormwater management system. Once the development is complete, building area on the site will be reduced by approximately 17,160 square feet and pavement area will be reduced by approximately 19,030 square feet

Portions of the proposed work are within Coastal Bank, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Land Subject to Tidal Action, the 200-foot Riverfront Area, and the 100-foot buffer zone to coastal wetlands, as regulated under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the City of Gloucester General Wetlands Ordinance. The proposed redevelopment will reduce impervious surfaces on the site and will significantly improve the site's stormwater management system

In addition, WJG Realty Trust, proposes to construct a sidewalk along the north side of an existing access driveway to the East Gloucester Shopping Center in Gloucester, Massachusetts, as requested by the Gloucester Planning Board and incorporated into the Special Permit decision of the City of Gloucester City Council. Construction of the 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk will extend approximately 420 feet from Thatcher Road to the parking lot of the shopping center. Additionally, two existing outfall pipes located on the northern property boundary are to be replaced. Also, existing utility lines and poles in the salt marsh adjacent to the Thatcher Road entrance and around the perimeter of the site will be removed and the required wiring will be placed underground within paved areas as required in the Special Permit decision from the City of Gloucester City Council. A Notice of Intent was filed with the Gloucester Conservation Commission on November 21, 2001, for the redevelopment of the shopping center (DEP File #028-1441) and a Superseding Order of Conditions was issued on July 16, 2002.

The sidewalk project has been designed to avoid direct disturbance of the adjacent salt marsh. Due to the proximity of the existing driveway to wetland resource areas, portions of the sidewalk are proposed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Coastal Bank, Riverfront Area, and the 100-foot buffer zone. The outlet pipe replacement will temporarily impact Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Land Subject to Tidal Action, Salt Marsh, Coastal Bank, Riverfront Area, and the 100-foot buffer zone.

An erosion and sedimentation control program will be implemented prior to the start of the project to eliminate short-term construction-related impacts to the wetland resource areas. The surface of the sidewalk will be graded to allow flow into the access driveway where the driveway stormwater management system will control the runoff.