

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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 Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

EOEA No.: **12784**
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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: Northwoods Crossing		
Street: Bay Street at U.S. Route 495		
Municipality: Taunton	Watershed: Taunton	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: N4647567.643 E324429.039	Latitude: 41°57'38"	Longitude: 71°07'07"
Estimated commencement date: 09/02	Estimated completion date: 09/03	
Approximate cost: \$10 million	Status of project design:	50 %complete
Proponent: Koffler / GID Taunton Development, LLC		
Street: 45 Broad Street		
Municipality: Boston	State: MA	Zip Code: 02109
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Mr. Jeffrey Curley		
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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))	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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): N/A

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:
Departmental Site Plan Review by Planning Board, Order of Conditions by Conservation Commission, Building Permit from Building Department, ACOE review and confirmation of coverage under 404 Programmatic General Permit (PGP), NPDES NOI Notification with USEPA.

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input checked="" 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 - <i>TBD</i>
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 checked="" 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	51.5 acres			
New acres of land altered		±2.85 acres		
Acres of impervious area	±4.46 acres	±18.58 acres	±23.04 acres	
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	±90,000 sf	±231,094 sf	±321,094sf	
Number of housing units	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Maximum height (in feet)	<40 feet	<40 feet	<40 feet	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	1,900 vpd	10,190 vpd	12,090 vpd	
Parking spaces	191	1,265	1,456	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	3,375 gpd	9,776 gpd	13,151 gpd	*
GPD water withdrawal	N/A	N/A	N/A	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	6,750 gpd	19,551 gpd	26,301gpd	**
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	

* Water use is based on 50% of Title V design sewer flows

** Sewer flows are based on Title V

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 *Spotted Turtle (Clemmys Guttata)* _____) 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 *Several Pre-Historic Sites were identified*) No

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

Yes (Specify: *To Be Determined* _____) No

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

Yes (*The entire site is within the Canoe River Aquifer, Snake River, Watson Pond, and Lake Sabbatia ACEC*) 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.)

Koffler / GID Taunton Development, LLC. proposes to construct ±231,000 square feet of mixed use retail and restaurants with ±1,418 parking spaces, and associated utilities and site improvements on a ±51.5 acre parcel of land located on Bay Street, south of Exit 9 off of Route 495, in a business zoned portion of Taunton, Massachusetts (see Figure 1-2 - Proposed Site Plan). Much of the site is currently disturbed as a result of a previous development project that began construction but was not completed. The project also involves modifications to the existing Northwoods Medical Center facility (±90,000 sf, two stories) located in the southwestern portion of the property. The site is bounded to the North by U.S. Route 495, to the south by residential property, to the east by land N/F of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to the west by Bay Street. There are state-jurisdictional bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW) present at the northeastern and northwestern portions of the site. The Taunton Conservation Commission issued an Order of Resource Area Delineation on April 18, 2002 that confirmed the state wetland jurisdiction. The entire project site is located within the Canoe River Aquifer, Snake River, Watson Pond, and Lake Sabbatia Area of Critical Environmental Concern, however, the wetlands on site within the ACEC are not designated as Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW). According to the Natural Heritage's 2000-2001 Atlas map, and correspondence with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, the site does contain habitat of the spotted turtle. The site is also located within a Zone II Aquifer Protection Area established with reference to public water supply wells associated with the Paul Dever State School located approximately ¼ mile southwest of the site.

Currently, there are three driveways that provide access to the site from Bay Street. Under proposed conditions, the northernmost site driveway will remain in its current location with minor reconfiguration. The southernmost site driveway is located immediately south of the Northwoods Medical Center but is currently closed off by a chain-linked fence. The southern site driveway will be maintained as a secondary access point to the site. Between these two curb cuts is a third driveway providing access for the Northwoods Medical Center. This driveway will be relocated approximately 240 feet to the north and will be used as the main driveway to the site. The main site driveway will provide shared access between the Northwoods Medical Center and the proposed retail development and will be placed under traffic signal control.

Current site elevations range from ±65 feet above sea level at the northwest corner of the site to isolated high points between 90-95 feet at various locations throughout the site. Evidence of past earthwork activity associated with the previous development is apparent and includes a large loam stockpile near the northwest corner of the site. As currently proposed, the development will not require any wetlands filling however some work is proposed within the 100' jurisdictional buffer zone.

The stormwater management system will be designed in accordance with the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Guidelines for water quality and runoff discharge. Proposed wastewater flows will be discharged to a regional wastewater treatment facility that currently serves the towns of Taunton and Raynham, as well as portions of Bridgewater and Dighton. The project will require a Sewer Connection Permit (Regulatory Authority 314CMR7.00) from the Massachusetts DEP to allow for a connection to the existing sewer system.