

# ENF Environmental Notification Form

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*Executive Office of Environmental Affairs*

EOEA No.: **13059**  
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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: South Slope Parking Lot Expansion		
Street: Off Western Avenue		
Municipality: Westfield	Watershed: Westfield River	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18 06 81 568 E; 46 66 218 N	Latitude: 042°07'45" N Longitude: 072°48'13" W	
Estimated commencement date: August 200	Estimated completion date: November 2003	
Approximate cost: \$800,000	Status of project design: 25 %complete	
Proponent: Westfield State College		
Street: 577 Western Avenue		
Municipality: Westfield	State: MA	Zip Code: 01086-1630
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: David J. Partridge, P.E.		
Firm/Agency: Tighe & Bond	Street: 53 Southampton Road	
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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):

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Informal Site Plan Review (Planning Board)  
NPDES Stormwater Permit (USEPA)

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

- |                                          |                                       |                                                                |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land | <input 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 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
<b>LAND</b>				<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Permits <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i> NPDES Stormwater Permit
Total site acreage	88			
New acres of land altered		8.4		
Acres of impervious area	4.8	5.6	10.4	
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		
<b>STRUCTURES</b>				
Gross square footage	0.08	0	0.08	
Number of housing units	1	0	1	
Maximum height (in feet)	35	0	35	
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Vehicle trips per day	0	0	0	
Parking spaces	525	600	1,125	
<b>WATER/WASTEWATER</b>				
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 \_\_\_\_\_)  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 \_\_\_\_\_)  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 proposed project involves the expansion of the South Campus parking lot to accommodate current students of Westfield State College. An existing parking lot on this site provides 525 parking spaces. The number of existing parking spaces does not meet the needs of the current student populations. Under existing conditions, students park on nearby residential streets and at designated areas throughout the City. In order to provide adequate parking to alleviate the parking in residential areas and to better serve the needs of the college campus, a new 600 car parking lot is proposed adjacent to the existing 525 car parking lot. The new parking lot will not result in an increase in college traffic. The college anticipates that the parking lot will be completed for the beginning of the school year in September 2003.

The project site is bordered to the north by Western Avenue, to the west and east by suburban residential development, and to the south by the Little River. See Figures 1 and 2 for the site location. While there are wetlands associated with Little River to the south of the proposed project, the project will not impact any wetland resource areas. In addition, the project has been designed outside of all wetland jurisdictional areas including resource area buffer zones. An existing parking lot is directly west of the proposed parking area. The existing access road will be used for vehicular access to the new parking area.

Alternatives to the proposed parking area were reviewed. The alternatives include the No-Build alternative, which would not alleviate the existing parking issues at the college. Alternative sites were reviewed within the Westfield State College campus. However, no other location on campus provided the necessary area required for a 600 car parking lot with no wetland resource area or buffer zone impacts. Other advantages to the proposed site includes proximity to the existing parking facility and the ability to utilize the existing access drive from Western Avenue.

The new lot has been designed with an outer loop road to provide access for security patrols for student safety purposes. A new shuttle bus stop will be provided in the central portion of the new parking area, allowing safer and more convenient student access to the transit system.

Additionally, the project will incorporate stormwater management Best Management Practice (BMPs) on-site to treat and infiltrate stormwater runoff from the new impervious surfaces. The stormwater management system will include oil/grit chambers sized to treat 80% total suspended solids and infiltration basins to recharge groundwater. As the site is relatively level, minor grading impacts will be required. Figure 3 depicts existing site conditions and Figure 4 depicts the proposed layout.