

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Executive Office of Environmental Affairs ■ MEPA Office**  
**ENF Environmental Notification Form**

<i>For Office Use Only</i> <i>Executive Office of Environmental Affairs</i>	
EOEA No.:	<u>13597</u>
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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: McCoy Field/New Keith Middle School		
Street: 225 Hathaway Blvd.		
Municipality: New Bedford	Watershed: Buzzards Bay Watershed	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 19 337524E, 4612343N	Latitude: 41.6463 N	Longitude: 70.9510W
Estimated commencement date: September 2005	Estimated completion date: November 2005	
Approximate cost:	Status of project design:	100 %complete
Proponent: City of New Bedford		
Street: 133 William Street		
Municipality: New Bedford	State: MA	Zip Code: 02740
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Scott Alfonse		
Firm/Agency: City of New Bedford	Street: 133 William Street	
Municipality: New Bedford	State: MA	Zip Code: 02740
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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 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): none

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?  
 Yes (if yes, then list agencies)  No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: DEP Water Quality Certification, MA WPA Notice of Intent/Order of Conditions, Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit, EPA Risk Based Cleanup

Request \_\_\_\_\_

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

- |                                 |                                       |                                                                      |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <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
<b>LAND</b>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input checked="" 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 (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:
Total site acreage	~3.87 acres Wetland			
New acres of land altered		~0.87 acres wetland*		
Acres of impervious area	0	0	0	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		~38,000 sf*		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
<b>STRUCTURES</b>				<input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Permits (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:
Gross square footage	0	0	0	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	0	0	0	
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				<u>Army Corps Of Engineers</u> <u>Section 404 Permit</u>
Vehicle trips per day	0	0	0	
Parking spaces	0	0	0	
<b>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	

\*-Total of approximately 0.87 acres of wetlands to be disturbed during remedial activities, to be restored upon completion of work.

**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 project site contains approximately 3.87 acres of wetlands, and is part of a larger construction site, currently under construction for the building of a new middle school. Of the 3.87 acres of total wetland, this project is proposing to perform remedial actions on approximately 0.87 acres.

As part of ongoing site assessment and remediation activities at the Site, BETA has compiled results of sediment sampling in the wetlands. Results compiled to date indicate an average exposure point concentration of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in this wetland area of approximately 1.3 parts per million (ppm). Other contaminants of concern, including heavy metals and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, were detected at concentrations that did not pose an unacceptable level of risk to the environment.

Proposed remedial actions include the removal of up to six inches of PCB-impacted sediments at selected locations within the wetland area. Specific activities include (1) clearing of vegetation and physical removal of leaf litter, surface vegetation, and surface sediment/soil; (2) live loading, transportation, and disposal of sediment to an appropriately licensed receiving facility, and; (3) complete restoration of all disturbed areas, including replacement of the removed sediment/soil with clean soil and seeding with wetlands seed mix.

An alternative available to conducting the proposed remedial actions would be to not conduct any remedial actions. However, in recent consultation with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) representatives, it was determined that cleanup of sediments with residual concentrations of PCBs greater than 1 ppm is the appropriate remedy. Therefore, an alternative of no remedial action does not seem appropriate.

This project is regulated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). A Risk Based Cleanup Request has been submitted to EPA on June 17, 2005 as part of this regulation. The proposed remedial actions will have no impacts on adjacent properties. For additional information, please refer to the Risk Based Cleanup Plan, included as Attachment A.

**LAND SECTION – all proponents must fill out this section**

**I. Thresholds / Permits**

A. Does the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to **land** (see 301 CMR 11.03(1))  
 \_\_\_ Yes X No; if yes, specify each threshold:

**II. Impacts and Permits**

A. Describe, in acres, the current and proposed character of the project site, as follows:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Footprint of buildings	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Roadways, parking, and other paved areas	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Other altered areas (describe)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Undeveloped areas	<u>3.87</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3.87</u>

B. Has any part of the project site been in active agricultural use in the last three years?  
 \_\_\_ Yes X No; if yes, how many acres of land in agricultural use (with agricultural soils) will be converted to nonagricultural use?

C. Is any part of the project site currently or proposed to be in active forestry use?  
 \_\_\_ Yes X No; if yes, please describe current and proposed forestry activities and indicate whether any part of the site is the subject of a DEM-approved forest management plan:

D. Does any part of the project involve conversion of land held for natural resources purposes in accordance with Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97? \_\_\_ Yes X No; if yes, describe:

E. Is any part of the project site currently subject to a conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction or watershed preservation restriction? \_\_\_ Yes X No; if yes, does the project involve the release or modification of such restriction? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No; if yes, describe:

F. Does the project require approval of a new urban redevelopment project or a fundamental change in an existing urban redevelopment project under M.G.L.c.121A? \_\_\_ Yes X No; if yes, describe:

G. Does the project require approval of a new urban renewal plan or a major modification of an existing urban renewal plan under M.G.L.c.121B? \_\_\_ Yes X No; if yes, describe:

H. Describe the project's stormwater impacts and, if applicable, measures that the project will take to comply with the standards found in DEP's Stormwater Management Policy: Project is not subject to DEP stormwater policy. Project will not alter the volume of stormwater flow which currently enters the wetland.

I. Is the project site currently being regulated under M.G.L.c.21E or the Massachusetts Contingency Plan? Yes X No \_\_\_; if yes, what is the Release Tracking Number (RTN)? RTN # 4-15685

J. If the project is site is within the Chicopee or Nashua watershed, is it within the Quabbin, Ware, or Wachusett subwatershed? \_\_\_ Yes X No; if yes, is the project site subject to regulation under the Watershed Protection Act? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

K. Describe the project's other impacts on land: This project will have no adverse impacts on any adjacent properties. The portions of the wetland which are proposed to be disturbed will be fully restored upon completion of the site activities.