

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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ENF Environmental Notification Form

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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: Mount Greylock Historic Parkway Repair & Rehabilitation		
Street: Rockwell, Notch, and Summit Roads		
Municipality: Adams, Cheshire, New Ashford, North Adams, Lanesborough, Williamstown		Watershed: Hoosic and Housatonic
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: EAST: 650680 NORTH: 4722590		Latitude: Longitude:
Estimated commencement date: 4/01/03		Estimated completion date: 11/15/04
Approximate cost: \$10 million		Status of project design: 25 % Design
Proponent: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management		
Street: 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600		
Municipality: Boston	State: MA	Zip Code: 02114
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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. 12694) 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): DEM Capital Funding in the amount of \$10 million dollars

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?
 Yes (Specify MA NHESP, MADEP MHC, USACE) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Army Corps Programmatic General 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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: <u>Conservation Permit (MESA)</u> <u>Mass Historic Commission</u> _____ _____
Total site acreage	49+/-			
New acres of land altered		0		
Acres of impervious area	49+/-	0	49+/-	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		4,253 permnt 7,269 temp		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		NA		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	NA			
Number of housing units	NA			
Maximum height (in feet)	NA			
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day				
Peak summer weekend	1162	0	1162	
Average weekday	780	0	780	
Parking spaces	267	0	267	
WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	NA			
GPD water withdrawal	NA			
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	NA			
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	NA			

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 See Section 2.0 in expanded ENF) 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 See Section 6.0 in expanded ENF) No

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

Yes No (Specify See Section 6.0 in expanded ENF)

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

Yes (Class A watersheds. See Sections 3.0 and 4.0 in Expanded ENF) 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.)

Proposed Project: See Section 1.0 in Expanded ENF

a) Project Site

The project is located in the 12,000 acre Mt. Greylock State Reservation.

b) Alternatives

The proposed project consists of safety repairs and rehabilitation of 13.5 miles of Parkways in the Mt. Greylock State Reservation including Notch, Summit, and Rockwell Roads. The project is intended to preserve and/or restore historic character of the Parkway including features that were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

The features to be preserved and/or restored include the drainage system, retaining walls, culverts, scenic overlooks and vistas and landscape character. The major impact categories which the project will affect include wetlands, rare and endangered species, watersheds and access roadway conditions. The project is expected to restore historic context to the Parkway, landscape features and vistas, and to enhance visitor safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. The project will also improve understanding of the cultural resources on Mt. Greylock through interpretive signs, trail crossing enhancements, and related improvements.

Two alternatives were considered:

1) No-Build: Not repairing the road in any way was rejected because it would endanger public safety.

2) Build: Rehabilitation and improvement of the Parkway and its associated infrastructure for functional and safety enhancements. The project will also preserve and restore features which contribute to the historic and/or cultural character of the Parkway. In addition, the project includes the permanent rehabilitation of the 14 sites proposed for immediate safety repairs in EOE #12694, seven are currently under construction. For more detail, see Section 3.0 in the Expanded ENF.

c) Mitigation Measures

It has been agreed with MA DEP that wetland impact mitigation will consist of improving and restoring the wetland areas and banks of Greylock Glen Pond off Gould Road in Adams.

To protect rare plant and/or animal species, a number of special construction techniques will be integrated into the repair contracts and supervised by environmentalists in the field. A MESA permit may be required in several cases; final requirements will be established during 75% design. For more detail, see Section 2.0 in the Expanded ENF.

Since this is a limited project with respect to stormwater, the project is required to improve runoff over existing conditions. Given the topography, swales will be grassed or paved to improve runoff quality over existing conditions. This will be done wherever the roadway grade is 5% or less or approximately, 24,000+/- lf out of a total of 74,000+/- lf. For more detail, see Section 4.0 in the Expanded ENF.

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 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	N/A	_____	_____
Roadways, parking, and other paved areas	<u>49+/- acres</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49+/- acres</u>
Other altered areas (describe)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Undeveloped areas	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

B. Has any part of the project site been in active agricultural use in the last three years?
 ___ Yes 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 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 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 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 No; if yes, describe: