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NPC

Notice of Project Change

The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review of a NPC in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations (see 301 CMR 11.10(1)).

Project Name: Mount Greylock Historic Parkway Rehabilitation		EOEA #: 12843
Street: Notch, Rockwell & Summit Rds		
Municipality: Adams, North Adams, Cheshire, New Ashford, Williamstown, Lanesborough	Watershed: Hoosic and Hoosatic	
Universal Tranverse Mercator Coordinates: EAST: 650680 NORTH: 4722590	Latitude: Longitude:	
Status of project construction: 11 %complete		
Proponent: MA Department of Conservation and Recreation		
Street: 251 Causeway Street Suite 600		
Municipality: Boston	State MA:	Zip Code: 02114
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In 25 words or less, what is the project change? **The installation and operation of a temporary portable bituminous concrete batch plant on a site in the Mt Greylock State Reservation, Lanesborough.**

See full project change description beginning on page 3.

Date of ENF filing or publication in the Environmental Monitor: **July 31, 2002**

Was an EIR required? Yes No; if yes,
 was a Draft EIR filed? Yes (Date:) No
 was a Final EIR filed? Yes (Date:) No

was a Single EIR filed? Yes (Date:) No

Have other NPCs been filed? Yes (Date: 8/30/06) No

If this is a NPC solely for lapse of time (see 301 CMR 11.10(2)) proceed directly to "ATTACHMENTS & SIGNATURES" on page 4.

PERMITS / FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE / LAND TRANSFER

List or describe all new or modified state permits, financial assistance, or land transfers not previously reviewed: **A new state permit is required, namely a BWP AQ 02 permit for a non- major comprehensive plan approval for air quality by MassDEP.**

Are you requesting a finding that this project change is insignificant? (see 301 CMR 11.10(6))
 Yes No; if yes, attach justification.

Are you requesting that a Scope in a previously issued Certificate be rescinded?
 Yes No; if yes, attach the Certificate

Are you requesting a change to a Scope in a previously issued Certificate? Yes No; if yes, attach Certificate and describe the change you are requesting:

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Previously reviewed	Net Change	Currently Proposed
LAND			
Total site acreage	49 +/-	0	49 +/-
Acres of land altered	NA	NA	NA
Acres of impervious area	49 +/-	0	49 +/-
Square feet of bordering vegetated wetlands alteration	4,253 permnt 7,269 temp	0	4,253 permnt 7,269 temp
Square feet of other wetland alteration	0	0	0
Acres of non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways	NA	NA	NA
STRUCTURES			
Gross square footage	NA	NA	NA
Number of housing units	NA	NA	NA
Maximum height (in feet)	NA	NA	NA
TRANSPORTATION			
Vehicle trips per day	1162	0	1162
Parking spaces	267	0	267

WATER/WASTEWATER			
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	NA	NA	NA
GPD water withdrawal	NA	NA	NA
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	NA	NA	NA
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	NA	NA	NA

Does the project change involve any new or modified:

1. conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97? Yes No
 2. release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction? Yes No
 3. impacts on Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities? Yes No
 4. impact on 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 No; if yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources? Yes No
 5. impact upon an Area of Critical Environmental Concern? Yes No
- If you answered 'Yes' to any of these 5 questions, explain below:

PROJECT CHANGE DESCRIPTION (attach additional pages as necessary). The project change description should include:

- (a) a brief description of the project as most recently reviewed
- (b) a description of material changes to the project as previously reviewed,
- (c) the significance of the proposed changes, with specific reference to the factors listed 301 CMR 11.10(6), and
- (d) measures that the project is taking to avoid damage to the environment or to minimize and mitigate unavoidable environmental impacts. If the change will involve modification of any previously issued Section 61 Finding, include a proposed modification of the Section 61 Finding (or it will be required in a Supplemental EIR).

PROJECT CHANGE DESCRIPTION

(a) In 2002 MEPA reviewed an Expanded ENF for the Mount Greylock Historic Parkway Rehabilitation. At the time the project included pavement repair, rehabilitation of drainage system, repairs to retaining walls and culverts, rehabilitation of scenic overlooks, rehabilitation of vistas and protection of historic landscape character and natural resources. DCR (then the Department of Environmental Management) worked closely with the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) to avoid and mitigate impacts to rare and endangered species through the development of a Conservation and Management Plan. NHESP issued a Conservation Permit for the project in 2003. DCR (then DEM) also coordinated review with six (6) local conservation commissions, receiving Orders of Conditions from all (with extensions).

In 2006 a NPC was submitted for the installation of a permanent septic system for Bascom Lodge

and the replacement of overhead utilities from Adams Overlook to Bascom Lodge with an underground line. The road cross section from the intersection of Summit, Notch and Rockwell Roads to the Summit included a buried septic line to serve the current use of Bascom Lodge. From the Adams Overlook to Bascom Lodge the road section included an electric conduit to accommodate the lines currently running overhead to the Summit. Neither of these lines were proposed as part of an expansion of the summit in any way, and both lines will be capped at both ends, rendering them inactive. These projects are to be carried out in the future as separate contracts and are not a requirement in the current project. However the DCR determined it prudent to include the installation of the two, inactive, capped lines in the road section while construction was taking place. This will avoid the need to reopen the line in this fragile environment.

The Conclusion from The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs for the 2006 NPC is as follows:

Conclusion

The Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs concluded that the potential impacts of this project change do not warrant the preparation of an EIR and that no further MEPA review is required at this time.

(b) The current NPC being submitted involves no changes to the current project plans or proposed work. The NPC is required for the temporary installation and operation of a portable bituminous concrete plant in Staging Area R-01B and to secure the required MassDEP Air Quality Permit for this plant. This staging area has already been environmentally protected with haybales, a detention basin and fencing as designed and directed by the DCR for other Contract uses. Storage and processing of project materials is already on going at this location. No further increases in the size of this Staging Area are proposed. The proposed plant is new and operates under the latest in emission control technology. A reduction in emissions will result from placement and operation of the plant at this location. A MassDEP Air Quality Permit will be obtained. The proposed use is for the year 2008 only.

In May J.H. Maxymillian, Inc. provided the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) with a submittal for establishment of an on-site bituminous concrete plant on staging area R-01B which is on state land below the Mt. Greylock State Reservation Visitor Center. DCR in review of the submittal determined additional information was required in order to make an informed decision on the submittal.

For the submittal filing to be complete DCR is requiring J.H. Maxymillian, Inc. to provide the following:

1. Certificate of the Secretary of Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs certificate on the Notice of Project Change (NPC).
2. Air Pollution Permit from the Department of Environmental Protection in fulfillment of permit requirements found in the Air Pollution Control requirements found in Air Pollution Control Regulations, 310 CMR 7.00.
3. Local permits and approvals received as required by the Town of Lanesborough.

No decision by DCR on the submission will be made until after issuance of a certificate of finding for the NPC by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. It also should be noted that the DCR must follow the Secretary's Certificate for the NPC.

(c) The above sole change should be determined to be insignificant because:

- There is no expansion to the project with this current NPC. There is no proposed change to the physical work on the project. The proposed portable bituminous concrete plant is the ADM – Milemaker 160. This facility is new and includes the latest environmental features, including – Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for operation and emissions. It is the smallest new plant available.
- There is no generation of further impacts, including any increase in release or emission pollutants or contaminants during or after completion of the project. The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) new policy on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions requests that projects identify and take measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate GHG emissions. This current NPC takes this action and follows that directive. The proposed change will result in a reduction of GHG emissions. Although this project change is not a requirement for the implementation of the project, it will greatly reduce GHG emissions.
- The temporary placement and operation of the portable bituminous concrete plant on site will reduce trucking, fuel usage and GHG, including NOx, CO, PM, and THC.
- There is an estimated 50,000 tons of bituminous concrete to be installed on the project from this location. It is estimated that locating the facility on site will save up to approximately 5,000 truckload deliveries. These deliveries represent approximately 20,000 gallons of fuel that would be saved.
- This facility would save:
 - Up to an estimated savings of 4,900 lbs. of NOx emissions.
 - Up to an estimated savings of 38,000 lbs. of CO emissions.
 - Up to an estimated savings of 125 lbs. of PM emissions.
 - Up to an estimated savings of 1,230 lbs. of THC emissions.
- The installation and operation of this portable bituminous concrete plant at this location will significantly assist in maintaining the schedule of this project. The proposed time period of temporary use requested for this plant is for the 2008 year only of the project.
- All of the product from this plant at this location will be used for the Mount Greylock Project only.
- There is no change to the project work site. The proposed plant will easily fit into a currently approved and active staging area.
- This NPC does involve the requirement to obtain a Mass DEP Air Quality Permit. J.H. Maxymillian, Inc. has had discussions with the MassDEP regarding this facility, and they favor the on site facility. MassDEP personnel have visited the site and have indicated that they would grant the air quality permit after the MEPA approval is granted.
- The project as originally reviewed did not specify any net benefits to environmental quality and resources or public health, although the project represents significant positive environmental impact in the rehabilitation of critical park infrastructure and enhancement of a significant historic parkway. The proposed change has no impact.

- There are no apparent changes to the ambient environment since the original ENF filing. The DCR has obtained and implemented a Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (G.L. c.131A) Conservation and Management Permit. This permit was issued to take effect July 1, 2007. There are no endangered species or wetlands identified at the proposed plant location.
- The location of the proposed plant is in the Town of Lanesborough. The Town Manager and Selectmen have been informed of this proposed use. A letter from the Town of Lanesborough stating their position regarding the plant is attached.
- The Greylock Advisory Council in their July 5th meeting voted unanimously in favor of recommending that DCR approve a temporary batch processing plant to facilitate the completion of the Mt. Greylock road construction. An email copy of their resolution is attached.

(d) The original scope of work for this project included extensive assessment, analysis and protections for the historic and natural resources of the Mount Greylock State Reservation. All of the previous conditions for avoidance, protection and enhancement of these resources remain a part of the project. In addition, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife issued a Conservation and Management Permit to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation on June 28, 2007 to be in effect on July 1, 2007 to further protect endangered species on this project.

As previously mentioned, the proposed temporary location of portable bituminous concrete plant is within the boundaries of Staging Area R-01B which is already in use. The Staging Area is protected with haybales, a detention basin and perimeter fencing as designed by the DCR. The restoration of this area will be completed to the condition it existed, prior to the start of this Contract.

The use of the proposed temporary portable bituminous concrete plant at the proposed location will greatly reduce local truck traffic and decrease GHG emissions as stated above. A Mass DEP Air Quality Permit will be obtained for the plant prior to installation and operation.

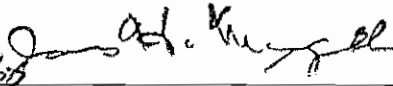
The proposed change does not result in any additional environmental impacts. This change will in fact reduce environmental impacts.


ATTACHMENTS & SIGNATURES

Attachments:

1. Secretary's most recent Certificate on this project
2. Aerial Photo of Existing Field prior to use in location of Staging Area R-01B
3. Aerial Photo of Proposed Plant in Staging Area R-01B
4. USGS Map location of proposed site
5. List all agencies and persons to whom the proponent circulated the NPC
6. Lanesborough Selectmen letter of support
7. Greylock Advisory Board email letter of support

Signatures:

8/17/07 
Date Signature of Responsible Officer

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Date Signature of person preparing
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