



# WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

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**Note:**  
Before completing this form consult your local Conservation Commission regarding any municipal bylaw or ordinance.

## A. General Information

1. Project Location (**Note:** electronic filers will click on button to locate project site):

_____	_____	_____
a. Street Address	b. City/Town	c. Zip Code
Latitude and Longitude:		
_____	_____	_____
d. Latitude	e. Longitude	
_____	_____	
f. Assessors Map/Plat Number	g. Parcel /Lot Number	

2. Applicant:

_____	_____	
a. First Name	b. Last Name	
_____		
c. Organization		
_____		
d. Street Address		
_____	_____	_____
e. City/Town	f. State	g. Zip Code
_____	_____	_____
h. Phone Number	i. Fax Number	j. Email Address

3. Property owner (required if different from applicant):  Check if more than one owner

_____	_____	
a. First Name	b. Last Name	
_____		
c. Organization		
_____		
d. Street Address		
_____	_____	_____
e. City/Town	f. State	g. Zip Code
_____	_____	_____
h. Phone Number	i. Fax Number	j. Email address

4. Representative (if any):

_____	_____	
a. First Name	b. Last Name	
_____		
c. Company		
_____		
d. Street Address		
_____	_____	_____
e. City/Town	f. State	g. Zip Code
_____	_____	_____
h. Phone Number	i. Fax Number	j. Email address

5. Total WPA Fee Paid (from NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form):

_____	_____	_____
a. Total Fee Paid	b. State Fee Paid	c. City/Town Fee Paid



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## A. General Information (continued)

6. General Project Description:

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7a. Project Type Checklist:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Home                | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Subdivision                   |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Project Driveway Crossing | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Industrial                     |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Dock/Pier                         | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities                                 |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Engineering Structure     | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture (e.g., cranberries, forestry) |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                    | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                    |

7b. Is any portion of the proposed activity eligible to be treated as a limited project subject to 310 CMR 10.24 (coastal) or 310 CMR 10.53 (inland)?

1.  Yes  No If yes, describe which limited project applies to this project:

2. Limited Project

8. Property recorded at the Registry of Deeds for:

_____	_____
a. County	b. Certificate # (if registered land)
_____	_____
c. Book	d. Page Number

## B. Buffer Zone & Resource Area Impacts (temporary & permanent)

- Buffer Zone Only – Check if the project is located only in the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Inland Bank, or Coastal Resource Area.
- Inland Resource Areas (see 310 CMR 10.54-10.58; if not applicable, go to Section B.3, Coastal Resource Areas).

Check all that apply below. Attach narrative and any supporting documentation describing how the project will meet all performance standards for each of the resource areas altered, including standards requiring consideration of alternative project design or location.

For all projects affecting other Resource Areas, please attach a narrative explaining how the resource area was delineated.

<u>Resource Area</u>	<u>Size of Proposed Alteration</u>	<u>Proposed Replacement (if any)</u>
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Bank	_____	_____
	1. linear feet	2. linear feet
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Bordering Vegetated Wetland	_____	_____
	1. square feet	2. square feet
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways	_____	_____
	1. linear feet	2. linear feet
	_____	_____
	3. cubic yards dredged	



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B. Buffer Zone & Resource Area Impacts (temporary & permanent) (cont'd)

Resource Area, Size of Proposed Alteration, Proposed Replacement (if any)
d. Bordering Land Subject to Flooding
e. Isolated Land Subject to Flooding
f. Riverfront Area
2. Width of Riverfront Area (check one):
3. Total area of Riverfront Area on the site of the proposed project:
4. Proposed alteration of the Riverfront Area:
5. Has an alternatives analysis been done and is it attached to this NOI?
6. Was the lot where the activity is proposed created prior to August 1, 1996?

3. Coastal Resource Areas: (See 310 CMR 10.25-10.35)

Check all that apply below. Attach narrative and supporting documentation describing how the project will meet all performance standards for each of the resource areas altered, including standards requiring consideration of alternative project design or location.

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Resource Area, Size of Proposed Alteration, Proposed Replacement (if any)
a. Designated Port Areas
b. Land Under the Ocean
c. Barrier Beach
d. Coastal Beaches
e. Coastal Dunes



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## B. Buffer Zone & Resource Area Impacts (temporary & permanent) (cont'd)

	<u>Size of Proposed Alteration</u>	<u>Proposed Replacement (if any)</u>
f. <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Banks	_____	
	1. linear feet	
g. <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Intertidal Shores	_____	
	1. square feet	
h. <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Marshes	_____	_____
	1. square feet	2. sq ft restoration, rehab., creation
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Land Under Salt Ponds	_____	
	1. square feet	
	_____	
	2. cubic yards dredged	
j. <input type="checkbox"/> Land Containing Shellfish	_____	
	1. square feet	
k. <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Runs	Indicate size under Coastal Banks, inland Bank, Land Under the Ocean, and/or inland Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways, above	
	_____	
	1. cubic yards dredged	
l. <input type="checkbox"/> Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage	_____	
	1. square feet	

4.  Restoration/Enhancement  
 If the project is for the purpose of restoring or enhancing a wetland resource area in addition to the square footage that has been entered in Section B.2.b or B.3.h above, please enter the additional amount here.

\_\_\_\_\_ a. square feet of BVW

\_\_\_\_\_ b. square feet of Salt Marsh

## C. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements

### Streamlined Massachusetts Endangered Species Act/Wetlands Protection Act Review

1. Is any portion of the proposed project located in **Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife** as indicated on the most recent Estimated Habitat Map of State-Listed Rare Wetland Wildlife published by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP)? To view habitat maps, see the *Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas* or go to <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhosp/nhregmap.htm>.

a.  Yes  No **If yes, include proof of mailing or hand delivery of NOI to:**

**Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program  
 Division of Fisheries and Wildlife  
 Route 135, North Drive  
 Westborough, MA 01581**

\_\_\_\_\_ b. Date of map

If yes, the project is also subject to Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) review (321 CMR 10.18). To qualify for a streamlined, 30-day, MESA/Wetlands Protection Act review, please complete Section C.1.C, and include requested materials with this Notice of Intent (NOI); OR complete Section C.1.d, if applicable. *If MESA supplemental information is not included with the NOI, by completing Section 1 of this form, the NHESP will require a separate MESA filing which may take up to 90 days to review (unless noted exceptions in Section 2 apply, see below).*



**C. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements (cont'd)**

1. c. Submit Supplemental Information for Endangered Species Review \*

- 1.  Percentage/acreage of property to be altered:
  - (a) within wetland Resource Area \_\_\_\_\_  
percentage/acreage
  - (b) outside Resource Area \_\_\_\_\_  
percentage/acreage
- 2.  Assessor's Map or right-of-way plan of site
- 3.  Project plans for entire project site, including wetland resource areas and areas outside of wetlands jurisdiction, showing existing and proposed conditions, existing and proposed tree/vegetation clearing line, and clearly demarcated limits of work \*\*
  - (a)  Project description (including description of impacts outside of wetland resource area & buffer zone)
  - (b)  Photographs representative of the site
  - (c)  MESA filing fee (fee information available at: <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhosp/nhenvmesa.htm>)  
 Make check payable to "Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Fund" and **mail to NHESP** at above address  
  
*Projects altering 10 or more acres of land, also submit:*
  - (d)  Vegetation cover type map of site
  - (e)  Project plans showing Priority & Estimated Habitat boundaries

d. OR Check One of the Following

- 1.  Project is exempt from MESA review.  
 Attach applicant letter indicating which MESA exemption applies. (See 321 CMR 10.14, <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhosp/nhenvexemptions.htm>; the NOI must still be sent to NHESP if the project is within estimated habitat pursuant to 310 CMR 10.37 and 10.59.)
- 2.  Separate MESA review ongoing.
 

a. NHESP Tracking Number	b. Date submitted to NHESP
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- 3.  Separate MESA review completed.  
 Include copy of NHESP "no Take" determination or valid Conservation & Management Permit with approved plan.

\* Some projects **not** in Estimated Habitat may be located in Priority Habitat, and require NHESP review (see [www.nhosp.org](http://www.nhosp.org) regulatory review tab). Priority Habitat includes habitat for state-listed plants and strictly upland species not protected by the Wetlands Protection Act.

\*\* MESA projects may not be segmented (321 CMR 10.16). The applicant must disclose full development plans even if such plans are not required as part of the Notice of Intent process.



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## C. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements (cont'd)

2. For coastal projects only, is any portion of the proposed project located below the mean high water line or in a fish run?

a.  Not applicable – project is in inland resource area only

b.  Yes  No If yes, include proof of mailing or hand delivery of NOI to either:

South Shore - Cohasset to Rhode Island, and the Cape & Islands:

North Shore - Hull to New Hampshire:

Division of Marine Fisheries - Southeast Marine Fisheries Station  
Attn: Environmental Reviewer  
838 South Rodney French Blvd.  
New Bedford, MA 02744

Division of Marine Fisheries - North Shore Office  
Attn: Environmental Reviewer  
30 Emerson Avenue  
Gloucester, MA 01930

Also if yes, the project may require a Chapter 91 license. For coastal towns in the Northeast Region, please contact MassDEP's Boston Office. For coastal towns in the Southeast Region, please contact MassDEP's Southeast Regional Office.

3. Is any portion of the proposed project within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)?

a.  Yes  No If yes, provide name of ACEC (see instructions to WPA Form 3 or MassDEP Website for ACEC locations). **Note:** electronic filers click on Website.

b. ACEC

4. Is any portion of the proposed project within an area designated as an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW) as designated in the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314 CMR 4.00?

a.  Yes  No

5. Is any portion of the site subject to a Wetlands Restriction Order under the Inland Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40A) or the Coastal Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 130, § 105)?

a.  Yes  No

6. Is this project subject to provisions of the MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards?

a.  Yes. Attach a copy of the Stormwater Report as required by the Stormwater Management Standards per 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k)-(q) and check if:

- 1.  Applying for Low Impact Development (LID) site design credits (as described in Stormwater Management Handbook Vol. 2, Chapter 3)
- 2.  A portion of the site constitutes redevelopment
- 3.  Proprietary BMPs are included in the Stormwater Management System.

b.  No. Check why the project is exempt:

- 1.  Single-family house
- 2.  Emergency road repair
- 3.  Small Residential Subdivision (less than or equal to 4 single-family houses or less than or equal to 4 units in multi-family housing project) with no discharge to Critical Areas.

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## D. Additional Information

Applicants must include the following with this Notice of Intent (NOI). See instructions for details.

**Online Users:** Attach the document transaction number (provided on your receipt page) for any of the following information you submit to the Department.

1.  USGS or other map of the area (along with a narrative description, if necessary) containing sufficient information for the Conservation Commission and the Department to locate the site. (Electronic filers may omit this item.)
2.  Plans identifying the location of proposed activities (including activities proposed to serve as a Bordering Vegetated Wetland [BVW] replication area or other mitigating measure) relative to the boundaries of each affected resource area.
3.  Identify the method for BVW and other resource area boundary delineations (MassDEP BVW Field Data Form(s), Determination of Applicability, Order of Resource Area Delineation, etc.), and attach documentation of the methodology.
4.  List the titles and dates for all plans and other materials submitted with this NOI.

_____	
a. Plan Title	
_____	
b. Prepared By	c. Signed and Stamped by
_____	
d. Final Revision Date	e. Scale
_____	
f. Additional Plan or Document Title	g. Date

5.  If there is more than one property owner, please attach a list of these property owners not listed on this form.
6.  Attach proof of mailing for Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, if needed.
7.  Attach proof of mailing for Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, if needed.
8.  Attach NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form
9.  Attach Stormwater Report, if needed.

## E. Fees

1.  Fee Exempt: No filing fee shall be assessed for projects of any city, town, county, or district of the Commonwealth, federally recognized Indian tribe housing authority, municipal housing authority, or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

Applicants must submit the following information (in addition to pages 1 and 2 of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form) to confirm fee payment:

_____	_____
2. Municipal Check Number	3. Check date
_____	_____
4. State Check Number	5. Check date
_____	_____
6. Payor name on check: First Name	7. Payor name on check: Last Name



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## F. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Notice of Intent and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Conservation Commission will place notification of this Notice in a local newspaper at the expense of the applicant in accordance with the wetlands regulations, 310 CMR 10.05(5)(a).

I further certify under penalties of perjury that all abutters were notified of this application, pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 131, § 40. Notice must be made by Certificate of Mailing or in writing by hand delivery or certified mail (return receipt requested) to all abutters within 100 feet of the property line of the project location.

1. Signature of Applicant

2. Date

3. Signature of Property Owner (if different)

4. Date

5. Signature of Representative (if any)

6. Date

### For Conservation Commission:

Two copies of the completed Notice of Intent (Form 3), including supporting plans and documents, two copies of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form, and the city/town fee payment, to the Conservation Commission by certified mail or hand delivery.

### For MassDEP:

One copy of the completed Notice of Intent (Form 3), including supporting plans and documents, one copy of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form, and a **copy** of the state fee payment to the MassDEP Regional Office (see Instructions) by certified mail or hand delivery.

### Other:

If the applicant has checked the "yes" box in any part of Section C, Item 3, above, refer to that section and the Instructions for additional submittal requirements.

The original and copies must be sent simultaneously. Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Notice of Intent.



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 Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands  
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**A. Applicant Information**

1. Applicant:

a. First Name \_\_\_\_\_ b. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

c. Organization \_\_\_\_\_

d. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

e. City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ f. State \_\_\_\_\_ g. Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

h. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ i. Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ j. Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. Property Owner (if different):

a. First Name \_\_\_\_\_ b. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

c. Organization \_\_\_\_\_

d. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

e. City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ f. State \_\_\_\_\_ g. Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

h. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ i. Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ j. Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

3. Project Location:

a. Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ b. City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Fees**

The fee should be calculated using the following six-step process and worksheet. **Please see Instructions before filling out worksheet.**

**Step 1/Type of Activity:** Describe each type of activity that will occur in wetland resource area and buffer zone.

**Step 2/Number of Activities:** Identify the number of each type of activity.

**Step 3/Individual Activity Fee:** Identify each activity fee from the six project categories listed in the instructions.

**Step 4/Subtotal Activity Fee:** Multiply the number of activities (identified in Step 2) times the fee per category (identified in Step 3) to reach a subtotal fee amount. Note: If any of these activities are in a Riverfront Area in addition to another Resource Area or the Buffer Zone, the fee per activity should be multiplied by 1.5 and then added to the subtotal amount.

**Step 5/Total Project Fee:** Determine the total project fee by adding the subtotal amounts from Step 4.

**Step 6/Fee Payments:** To calculate the state share of the fee, divide the total fee in half and subtract \$12.50. To calculate the city/town share of the fee, divide the total fee in half and add \$12.50.

To calculate filing fees, refer to the category fee list and examples in the instructions for filling out WPA Form 3 (Notice of Intent).



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**B. Fees** (continued)

Step 1/Type of Activity	Step 2/Number of Activities	Step 3/Individual Activity Fee	Step 4/Subtotal Activity Fee

**Step 5/Total Project Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 6/Fee Payments:**

Total Project Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. Total Fee from Step 5

State share of filing Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. 1/2 Total Fee **less** \$12.50

City/Town share of filing Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. 1/2 Total Fee **plus** \$12.50

**C. Submittal Requirements**

- a.) Complete pages 1 and 2 and send with a check or money order for the state share of the fee, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Department of Environmental Protection  
 Box 4062  
 Boston, MA 02211

- b.) **To the Conservation Commission:** Send the Notice of Intent or Abbreviated Notice of Intent; a **copy** of this form; and the city/town fee payment.

**To MassDEP Regional Office** (see Instructions): Send a copy of the Notice of Intent or Abbreviated Notice of Intent; a **copy** of this form; and a **copy** of the state fee payment. (E-filers of Notices of Intent may submit these electronically.)