

September 8, 2023

John Reilly, Chair Weymouth Conservation Commission 75 Middle Street Weymouth, MA 02189

#### Re: Request for Determination of Applicability Dwyer Mountain Test Pits and Monitoring Well Installation 420 Rear Washington St, Weymouth, MA

Dear Mr. Reilly and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Town of Weymouth, BETA Group, Inc. (BETA) respectfully submits this Request for a Determination of Applicability (RDA) for proposed test pits and groundwater monitoring well installation (the Project) at 420 Rear Washington Street in Weymouth, MA (the Site), an approximately 13-acre site made up of four (4) parcels located east of 440 Washington Street. Work proposed at the Site includes excavation of seventeen (17) test pits, installation of two (2) 1-inch diameter groundwater monitoring wells, and associated vegetation clearing necessary to allow for access to the work areas. Grubbing will not be required to complete the proposed work, which will minimize soil disturbance. The Project is proposed to determine existing and environmental conditions of the Site, including contaminants of concern, to inform future development (to be permitted separately once designed).

The Project will occur within Areas Subject to Protection and Jurisdiction under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. ch.131 s.40 – the Act) and its Regulations at 310 CMR 10.00, and the Town of Weymouth Wetland Protection Ordinance (Chapter 7, Section 301 of the Weymouth Code of Ordinances – the Bylaw), specifically, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), Isolated Vegetated Wetlands (IVW) (local), and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to onsite Resource Areas. Within Buffer Zones, test pits are considered a minor activity under 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)2.g and are therefore exempt from requiring a Notice of Intent. However, installation of one of the groundwater monitoring wells will require minor impacts to onsite BVW. Although work is proposed within Areas Subject to Protection and Jurisdiction under the Act and Bylaws, as detailed further in the attached narrative, the Project will not remove, fill, dredge or permanently alter these areas. A variance request from the *Town of Weymouth Wetlands Protection Regulations* has also been included in this Request in Section 4.1 of the Project narrative.

This RDA has been concurrently submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Southeast Regional Office. Abutter notifications has been sent to all abutters of the Project in accordance with the local Bylaw requirements, and legal advertisement will be submitted to the local newspaper by the Weymouth Conservation Department. As a municipal entity, the town is exempt from local filing fees.

We trust that the following application provides adequate information to facilitate the issuance of a Negative Determination stating that the filing of a Notice of Intent is not required under the Act or the Bylaw for the proposed test pits and installation of the proposed monitoring well.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Very truly yours, **BETA Group, Inc.** 

Elyse Jrupp

Elyse Tripp Staff Scientist

Laura Krause

Laura Krause Project Manager

cc: Robert Luongo, Director of Planning and Development MassDEP SERO, Division of Wetlands Craig Ellis, BETA Project Manager

Job No: 23.10947.00





## **Dwyer Mountain Test Pits and Monitoring** Well Installation

420 Rear Washington Street September 2023

# **REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY**



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## Dwyer Mountain Test Pits and Monitoring Well Installation

Weymouth, MA 420 Rear Washington Street

## **REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY**

Prepared by:BETA GROUP, INC.Prepared for:Town of Weymouth

September 2023

#### Dwyer Mountain Test Pits and Monitoring Well Installation

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WPA FORM 1 - REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

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## Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Resources - Wetlands

## WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability Weymouth

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

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#### Α. **General Information**

1. Applicant:		
Robert	Luongo	
First Name	Last Name	
75 Middle Street		
Address		
Weymouth	MA	02189
City/Town	State	Zip Code
781-340-5015	rluongo@wey	/mouth.ma.us
Phone Number	Email Address	
2. Property Owner (if differe	nt from Applicant):	
Town of Weymouth		
First Name	Last Name	
75 Middle Street		
Address		
Weymouth	MA	02189
City/Town	State	Zip Code
Phone Number	Email Address (if	f known)
3. Representative (if any)		
Elyse	Tripp	
First Name	Last Name	
Company Name		
BETA Group, Inc - 89 Shi	rewsbury Street, Suite 300	
Address	·	
Worcester	MA	01604
City/Town	State	Zip Code
844-800-2382 ex 7174	etripp@beta-i	nc.com
Phone Number	Email Address (if	known)

#### Β. **Project Description**

1. a. Project Location (use maps and plans to identify the location of the area subject to this request):

	420 Rear Washington Street	Weymouth
	Street Address	City/Town
How to find Latitude	42.21077	-70.95514
and Longitude	Latitude (Decimal Degrees Format with 5 digits after decimal e.g.	Longitude (Decimal Degrees Format with 5 digits after
	XX.XXXXX)	decimal e.gXX.XXXXX)
and how to convert	Map 25	Block 328 Lots 4, 10, 11, and 12
to decimal degrees	Assessors' Map Number	Assessors' Lot/Parcel Number
	b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessa	ry):
	The 13-acre Site is an existing historic dumping area.	See attached narrative.
	c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s): (use additional pap	per if necessary)
	Site Plan	7/11/2023
	Title	Date
	Title	Date



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## B. Project Description (cont.)

2. a. Activity/Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of Activity, if necessary):

Work proposed at the Site includes advancement of seventeen (17) test pits, installation of two (2) 1-inch diameter groundwater monitoring wells, and associated vegetation clearing necessary to allow for access to the work areas. Of the proposed work, seven (7) test pits and one monitoring well are proposed in the buffer zone to BVW and locally protected IVW, and one monitoring well is proposed within BVW. The objective of the proposed test pits and monitoring wells is to determine the contaminants of concern that currently exist within the soil and groundwater on the site.

b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)2.g

- 3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.
  - Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96
  - Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
  - Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
  - Project, other than a single-family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96
  - New agriculture or aquaculture project
  - Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96
  - Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision
  - Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project
  - Municipal project
  - District, county, state, or federal government project
  - Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.
  - b. Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification above (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.)



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## C. Determinations

- 1. I request the <u>Weymouth</u> make the following determination(s). Check any that apply: Conservation Commission
  - a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced above is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
  - b. whether the **boundaries** of resource area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced above are accurately delineated.
  - C. whether the **Activities** depicted on plan(s) referenced above is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations.
  - d. whether the area and/or Activities depicted on plan(s) referenced above is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands' ordinance** or **bylaw** of:

Weymouth

Name of Municipality

e. whether the following **scope of alternatives** is adequate for Activities in the Riverfront Area as depicted on referenced plan(s).

## D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

Signatures:

I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Representative (if any)

Date

## Dwyer Mountain Test Pits and Monitoring Well Installation

Weymouth, MA

LOCAL FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS



## SITE ACCESS AUTHORIZATION

DATE: September 7, 2023

PROJECT: Dwyer Mountain Test Pit and Monitoring Well Installation

### TO: Weymouth Conservation Commission and Conservation Administrator

FROM: Town of Weymouth

Dwyer Mountain - 420 Rear Washington Street

(Hereafter referred to as the property)

I (We) hereby authorize the individual members of the Conservation Commission and its agents to enter upon the property for the purpose of gathering information prior to issuing a Determination of Applicability or an Order of Conditions and for the purpose of enforcing the Order of Conditions prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

TIME: FROM THE PRESENT TO DATE OF ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

PROPERTY OWNER:\_\_\_\_\_\_DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOJ3 LLC 116 FALL LANE FRANKLIN, MA, 02038

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MEREDITH WOODS LLC 190 OLD DERBY STREET HINGHAM, MA, 02043 MEREDITH WOODS LLC 190 OLD DERBY STREET HINGHAM, MA, 02043

RMLE REALTY LLC P O BOX 333 WEYMOUTH, MA, 02188

462 WASHINGTON ST, LLC 160 GREENTREE DR., SUITE 101 DOVER, DE, 19904 DIVERSIFIED STORAGE FUND II DEPT PT MA 26604 GLENDALE, CA, 91201-5025

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY P O BOX 270 HARTFORD, CT, 06141

GUARDIAN LEDGES LLC 100 GRANDVIEW RD STE 205 BRAINTREE, MA, 02184

#### TOWN OF WEYMOUTH

## NOTIFICATION TO ABUTTERS UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT AND LOCAL WETLANDS PROTECTION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 7, SECTION 301

In accordance with the second paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, you are hereby notified of the following:

- A. The name of the applicant is <u>Town of Weymouth</u>
- B. The applicant has filed: □ Notice of Intent, *or* □ OOC Amendment Request, *or* ☑ Request for Determination with the <u>Conservation Commission for the municipality of Weymouth</u> seeking permission to remove, fill, dredge or alter an Area Subject to Protection under the Wetlands Protection Act (General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40).
- C. The <u>address</u> of the lot where the activity is proposed and a <u>brief description</u> including square footage and/or dimensions of proposed project:

The Project is located at 420 Rear Washington Street, known as Dwyer Mountain, and consists of 4 parcels further identified as Weymouth Assessors Map 25, Block 328, Lots 4,10,11, and 12. The Project proposes test pits and installation of groundwater monitoring wells within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) and within the buffer zone to BVW and Isolated Vegetated Wetlands (IVW) to determine the types of contaminants that currently exist within the soil and groundwater on the site

- D. Copies of the Notice of Intent or OOC Amendment Request or Request for Determination may be <u>examined</u> at The Weymouth Conservation Commission Office, Weymouth Town Hall, between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30, Monday through Friday.
- E. Copies of the Notice of Intent or OOC Amendment Request or Request for Determination may be <u>obtained</u> from (check one):

 $\Box$  the Applicant or  $\Box$  the Applicant's Representative

by calling this telephone number <u>844-800-2382 x 7174</u> contact person <u>Elyse Tripp</u>

between the hours of: <u>8am and 4pm</u> on the following days of the week: <u>M-F</u>

F. Information regarding the date, time, and place of the public hearing may be obtained from:

We	ymouth	Conservation	Commission

By calling this telephone number: <u>781-340-5007</u> Between the hours of: <u>8:30 – 4:30 Mon. though Friday</u>

G. Check One: This is the Applicant This is the Applicant's Representative Other (specify) Town of Weymouth Conservation Commission

NOTE: Notice of the public hearing/meeting, including its date, time and place will be published at least five days in advance in the Patriot Ledger, and will also be posted on the Town website at <u>www.weymouth.ma.us</u> not less than fortyeight hours in advance. You may also contact the Weymouth Conservation Commission or the Department of Environment Protection Regional office for more information about this application or the Wetland Protection Act. To contact DEP, call 508-946-2700.

### Dwyer Mountain Test Pits and Monitoring Well Installation

Weymouth, MA

NARRATIVE

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On behalf of the Town of Weymouth, BETA Group, Inc. (BETA) respectfully submits this Request for a Determination of Applicability (RDA) for proposed test pits and installation of 1-inch diameter groundwater monitoring wells (the Project) at 420 Rear Washington Street in Weymouth, MA (the Site).

Work proposed at the Site will include:

- Excavation of seventeen (17) test pits;
- Installation of (2) two groundwater monitoring wells; and
- Temporary vegetative clearing to facilitate access to the proposed test pits.

The Project will occur within Areas Subject to Protection and/or Jurisdiction under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. ch.131 s.40) and its Regulations at 310 CMR 10.00 (the Act) and the Town of Weymouth Wetland Protection Ordinance (Chapter 7, Section 301 of the Weymouth Code of Ordinances – the Bylaw), including Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW – Act/Bylaw), and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to BVW (Act/Bylaw) and to Isolated Vegetated Wetlands (IVW – Bylaw).

These activities, as detailed further in this narrative, will occur within an existing landfill and historic dumping area, and are necessary to determine the types of contaminants that currently exist within the soil and groundwater on the Site. Test pits and monitoring wells proposed within the Buffer Zone to BVW are considered minor activities under the Act per 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)2.g that have negligible impacts, and are necessary for planning and design purposes. Where work to install one groundwater monitoring well is proposed within the BVW, the work is not anticipated to result in any permanent adverse effects on the BVW. In consideration of the nature of the Project and the Site, it is anticipated that this RDA will preclude the Town of Weymouth from filing a Notice of Intent (NOI) through the issuance of a Negative 2 and Negative 6 Determination under the Act and Bylaw.

## **2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION**

The Site is an approximately 13-acre town owned property located east of 440 Washington Street and consists of four (4) parcels (Figure 1—Site Locus). The Site is a partially vegetated plateau bisected by an electric easement and associated access road at its western side. It is bounded to the north, east, and south by a wetland complex and to the west by commercial development (Figure 2 – Environmental Resources Map). A portion of the Site was formerly used for sand and gravel quarry operations and has historically been used as a dumping area for fill, dredged sediments, and building debris. Due to Oil and Hazardous Material associated with historic fill, the Site has been listed by MassDEP as a disposal site under Release Tracking Number (RTN) 4-3000638. The Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (BWCS) website lists the Site as adequately regulated.

## **2.1 WETLAND RESOURCE AREAS**

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, BETA Wetland Scientists conducted a Site visit to identify and delineate the boundary of existing wetland Resource Areas on and in the immediate vicinity of the Site. Resource Area boundaries were identified and delineated in accordance with methods developed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's *Delineating Bordering Vegetated Wetlands Under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act: Second Edition*, dated September 2022, as well as definitions set forth in the Wetland Regulations, 310 CMR 10.00.



State and local Jurisdictional Resource Areas identified at the Site include Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and Isolated Vegetated Wetland (IVW). A complete description of areas Subject to Protection under the Act is included in Appendix B – *Resource Area Boundary Delineation Report*.

### 2.2 BUFFER ZONES

Portions of the Project are located within the 100-foot buffer zone to BVW and IVW. Within the work area the buffer zone to BVW and IVW consists largely of meadow and shrub vegetation within previously disturbed areas associated with the power lines that run through the Site. The Project Plans in Appendix A show the locations of the proposed test pits, the closest of which is less than 25 feet from the delineated BVW.

### 2.3 NHESP HABITAT AND OTHER SENSITIVE AREAS

According to the latest MassGIS data, the Site is not located within Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) mapped Priority Habitat of Rare Species or Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife. The Site is also not located within a mapped floodplain, an Area of Critical Environmental Concern, or within 200 feet of an NHESP mapped Certified Vernal Pool (CVP). The Site is located within 200 feet of two NHESP mapped Potential Vernal Pools (PVP) to the south, however, work associated with the Project is proposed over 200 feet away from the mapped PVP's. The Site is located partially within a mapped Public Water Supply Watershed Outstanding Resource Water (ORW) for Whitmans Pond located less than 1 mile southeast of the Project. The Site is not, however, located within groundwater (Zones I, II or Interim Wellhead Protection Areas) or any other surface water protection zones (Zones A or B) associated with a public water supply, or within proximity to a Coldwater Fishery.

## **3.0 DESCRIPTION OF WORK**

The objective of the proposed test pits is to determine the types of contaminants that currently exist within the soil and groundwater on the site. A total of seventeen (17) test pits and (2) two groundwater monitoring wells are proposed, of which seven (7) test pits and both groundwater monitoring wells are proposed within Areas Subject to Protection and/or Jurisdiction under the Act and Bylaw.

The test pits and one groundwater monitoring well proposed within buffer zone are considered minor activities under 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)2.g, and are therefore exempt from submitting a Notice of Intent under the Act. The groundwater monitoring well proposed within the BVW is not exempt as a minor activity under the Act and is further described in Section 3.2 below.

### 3.1 BUFFER ZONE

Work occurring within the buffer zone will be conducted to minimize impacts. An excavator will be used to complete the proposed test pits, which will be variable in width and depth but are anticipated to be approximately 6-8 feet deep and 4 feet by 4 feet wide. Excavated soils will be separated into two piles to prevent mixing of potentially contaminated material deeper in the soil profile with the cleaner surface level soil. Poly sheeting will be in place prior to the excavation of potentially contaminated soil to prevent direct contact of that soil with surface soils and vegetation. The anticipated method of installation of the groundwater monitoring well within buffer zone will follow the same procedures outlined in Section 3.2 below.



Vegetation clearing is proposed only as necessary to access locations of the proposed test pits and will not include any grubbing. Following completion of the proposed work, the cleared areas will be left to revegetate naturally, and disturbed soils from excavation will be seeded with a native seed mix.

### **3.2 BORDERING VEGETATED WETLAND**

One (1) 1-inch diameter PVC groundwater monitoring well is proposed within the delineated BVW at the northern portion of the Site which will result in less than 1 square foot of impacts. This monitoring well is proposed within the BVW due to the observation of blue colored soil during prior Site visits interior of the wetland, indicative of contamination from prior dumping at the Site.

No heavy equipment or machinery will be required for the groundwater monitoring well installation. The well will be hand driven using a slide hammer or hammer drill to the depth required to reach groundwater. A 1-inch diameter PCV monitoring well will be installed in the borehole and the annular space will be surrounded by soil generated during the boring advancement to grade. Soil samples will also be collected during well installation for laboratory analysis of contaminants. The monitoring well is anticipated to remain in place for up to one year.

The work proposed within BVW is temporary in nature and although the work will temporarily alter the area, it will not destroy or otherwise impair any portion of the BVW per 310 CMR 10.55(4)(a). No vegetation clearing or grubbing within the BVW is proposed, and any vegetation impact would be temporary during the monitoring well installation process.

#### **3.3 MITIGATION MEASURES**

Best management practices (BMPs) will be in place during the Project to minimize adverse impacts to Jurisdictional and Protected Resource Areas. Work areas will be accessed using existing Site access roads and disturbed areas where feasible, and equipment and material staging will occur outside of all onsite buffer zones. Where test pits or wells are upgradient to Resource Areas or on a steep slope, erosion control measures such as compost filters tubes or straw wattles will be installed prior to the commencement of earthwork. Where test pits or wells are proposed within an existing vegetated area, clearing will occur only as necessary to access the area, and disturbed soils from excavation will be stabilized using a native seed mix.

A significant population of Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), an invasive species, was observed by BETA at the northern portion of the Site. Clearing of the Japanese knotweed is anticipated for access to some test pit locations; however, BMPs will be employed to prevent the further spread of the species. Proposed BMPs include: completion of test pits within known Japanese knotweed populations last to prevent spread of the species elsewhere on the Site, and inspection of all Site equipment and removal of vegetative debris present on any equipment prior to demobilization from the Site. Where Japanese knotweed may be removed to access a work area, it will be left to degrade within the area of the Site where it was removed in an existing Japanese Knotweed population to prevent spread of the species.

## **4.0 REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION**

The Town of Weymouth seeks a Determination from Weymouth Conservation Commission stating that the proposed work will not adversely impact the BVW or the 100-foot Buffer Zone, and that a Notice of Intent filing is not required.



### 4.1 VARIANCE REQUEST – BYLAW SECTION 5.01

The Town of Weymouth requests a waiver pursuant to Section 5.01 of the Bylaw from the regulations at Section  $3.03(3)^1$  to allow for the proposed work in the BVW, and within buffer zone to BVW and locally protected IVW.

### 4.2 DETERMINATION REQUEST B.1.C. & D. – WORK SUBJECT TO THE ACT

The Town of Weymouth is requesting a Negative 2 Determination to confirm that the work as described is within an area Subject to Protection under the Act but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. The provisions and mitigation measures outlined herein support this Request for Determination.

#### 4.2.1 MITIGATION MEASURES

As outlined in Section 3.3, BMPs will be implemented during construction including the installation of erosion controls upgradient of Resource Areas as necessary, minimization of vegetation impacts, and prevention of the spread of invasive species through sequencing of work and equipment cleaning.

### 4.3 DETERMINATION REQUEST B.1.C. & D. – WORK SUBJECT TO THE BYLAW

The Town of Weymouth is additionally requesting a Negative 6 Determination to confirm that the work as described is within an area Subject to Jurisdiction and Protection under the Town of Weymouth Bylaw but is not subject to additional review or approval through the filing of a Notice of Intent.

## 5.0 SUMMARY

Portions of the Project meet regulatory criteria that preclude the requirement to submit an NOI. Due to the nature of the Project occurring within existing developed areas and implementation the BMPs described herein, the proposed work is not anticipated to adversely impact jurisdictional areas. The Town of Weymouth respectfully requests the issuance of the following Determination:

Negative 2: The work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.

And

Negative 6: The area and/or work described in the Request is not subject to additional review and approval by the Town of Weymouth pursuant to the Town of Weymouth Wetland Protection Ordinance, Chapter 7, Section 301 of the Weymouth Code of Ordinances.

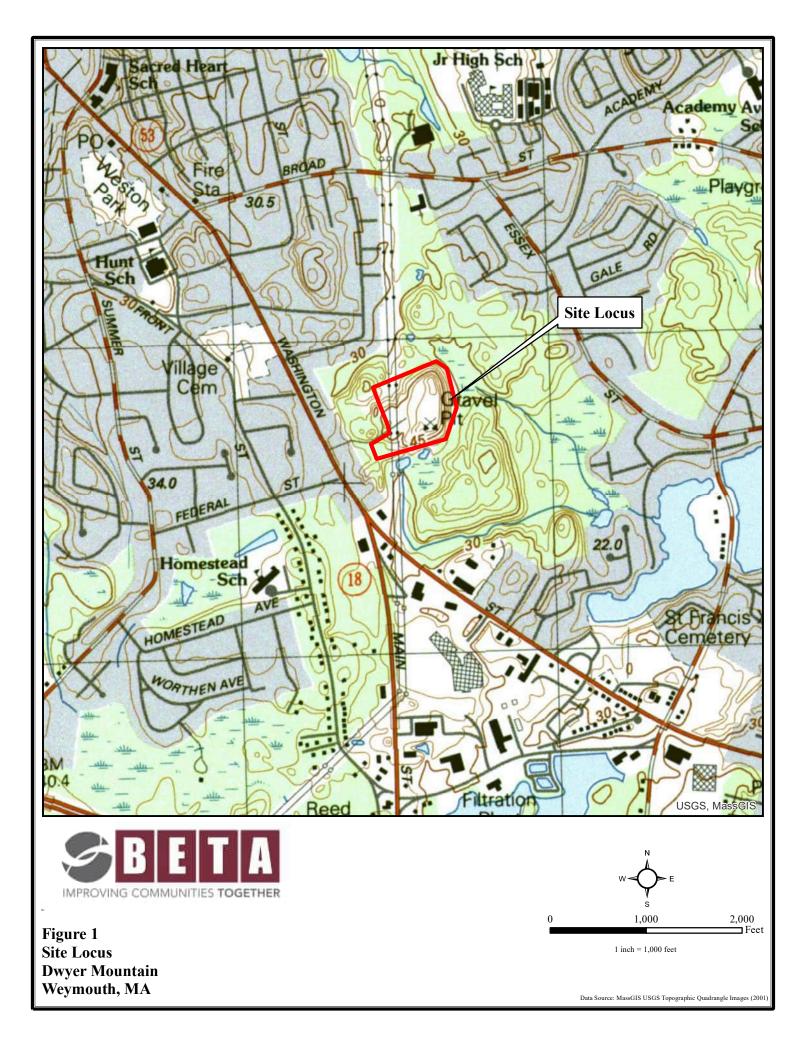
We trust that this RDA application provides sufficient information to facilitate the issuance the Determination described above. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at our office.

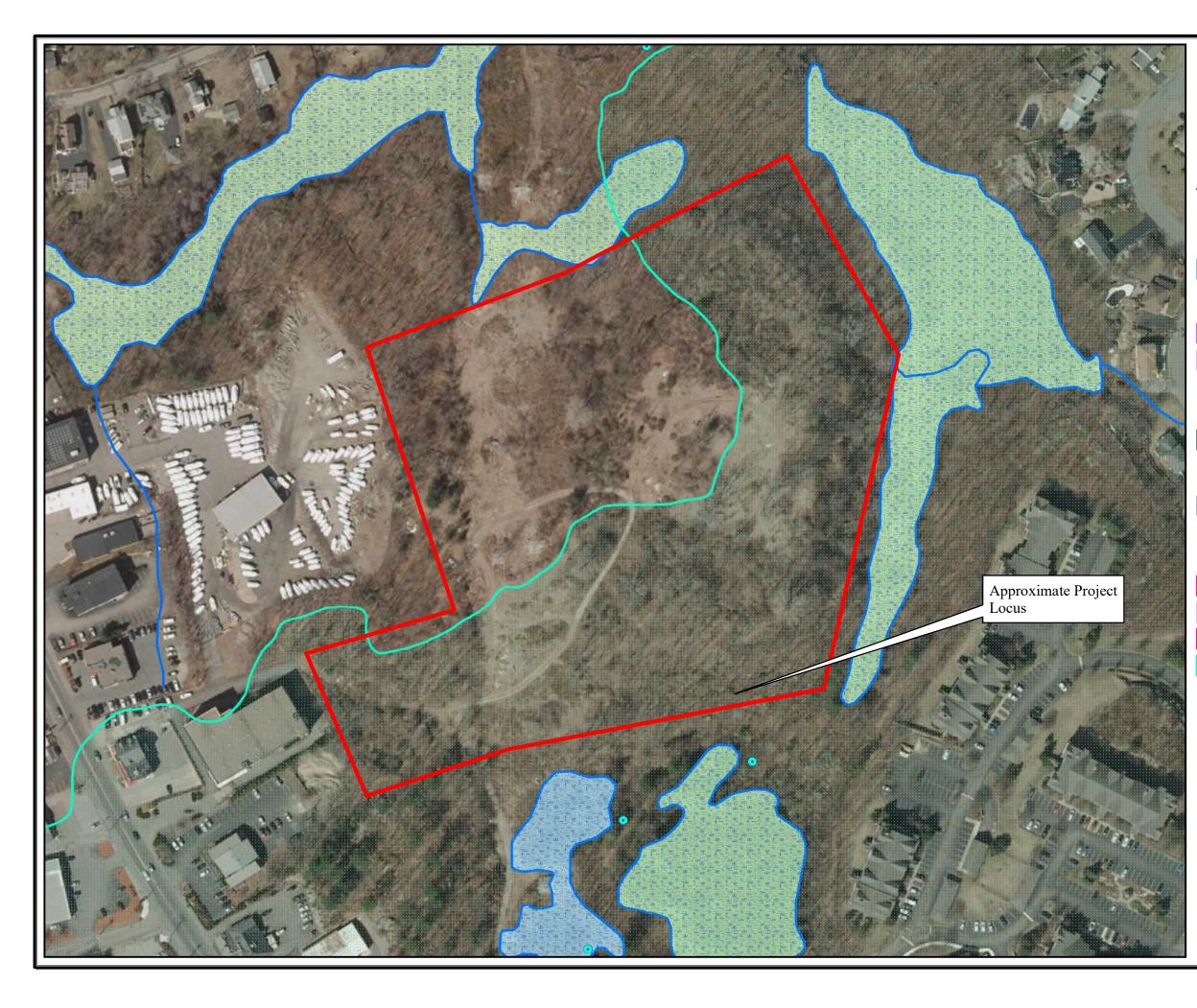
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Town of Weymouth Wetlands Protection Regulations, Section 3.03(3) "No activity, other than the maintenance of an already existing structure, which will result in the building within or upon, removing, filling, or altering of a vegetated wetland, or of land within 50 feet of a vegetated wetland, shall be permitted by the Conservation Commission, except for activity which is allowed under a waiver from these regulations granted pursuant to Section 5.01".



## **FIGURES**







## Figure 2 Environmental Resources Map Dywer Mountain Weymouth, MA

## **DEP Wetlands Legend**

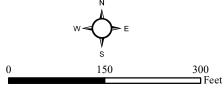
- MassDEP Hydrologic Feature
- Marsh/Bog
- Wooded marsh
- Open Water

## Wildlife Habitat Legend

- NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare Species
- NHESP Estimated Habitats
- ★ NHESP Certified Vernal Pool
- Potential Vernal Pool
- Area of Critical Environmental Concern

## **Drinking Water Protection Areas**

	Zone A
	Zone B
	Zone C
	MassDEP IWPA
	MassDEP Zone I
$\langle \rangle$	MassDEP Zone II
	Outstanding Resource Water
	Ν



1 inch = 150 feet

Data Source: MassGIS USGS Color Ortho Imagery (2014), MassDEP Wetlands (1:12000) (2009), NHESP Potential Vernal Pools (2000), NHESP Certified Vernal Pools, NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare Species (2008), NHESP Estimated Habitats of Rare Species (2008), Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (2009), FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (2014),



## National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



#### Legend

#### 70°57'37"W 42°12'49"N SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A. V. A9 With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS **Regulatory Floodway** 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X Effective LOMRs OTHER AREAS Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D - - - - Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer GENERAL STRUCTURES LIIII Levee, Dike, or Floodwall 20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance 17.5 Water Surface Elevation AREA OF MINIMAL FLOOD HAZARD Town of Weymouth **Coastal Transect** Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE) 250257 Limit of Study Jurisdiction Boundary **Coastal Transect Baseline** ----OTHER Profile Baseline 25021C0229E FEATURES Hydrographic Feature eff. 7/17/2012 **Digital Data Available** No Digital Data Available MAP PANELS Unmapped The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location. This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 7/10/2023 at 4:07 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time. This map image is void if the one or more of the following map elements do not appear: basemap imagery, flood zone labels, legend, scale bar, map creation date, community identifiers, FIRM panel number, and FIRM effective date. Map images for 70°57'W 42°12'23"N Feet 1:6.000 unmapped and unmodernized areas cannot be used for

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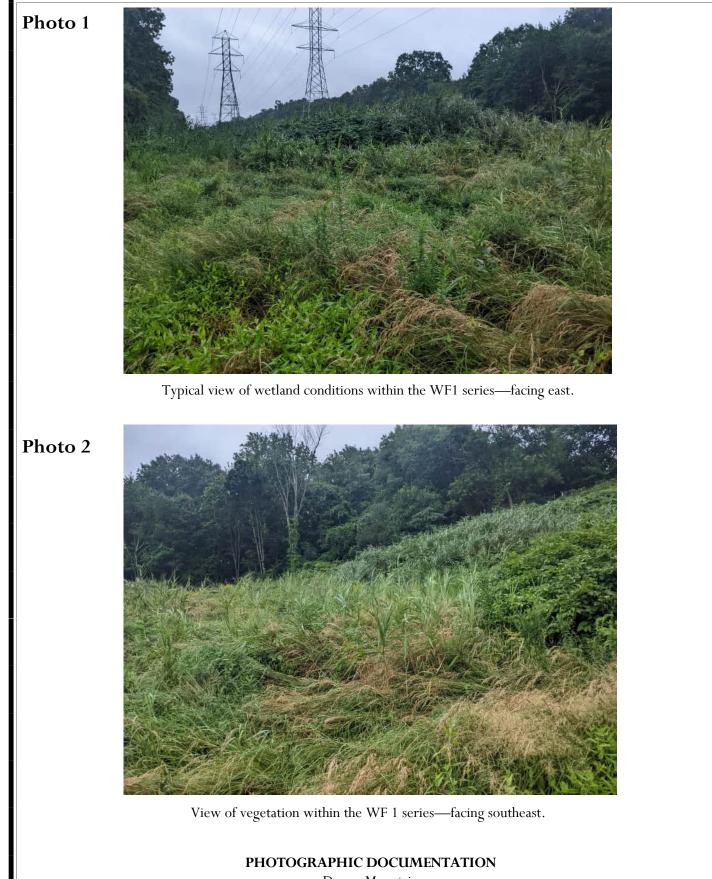
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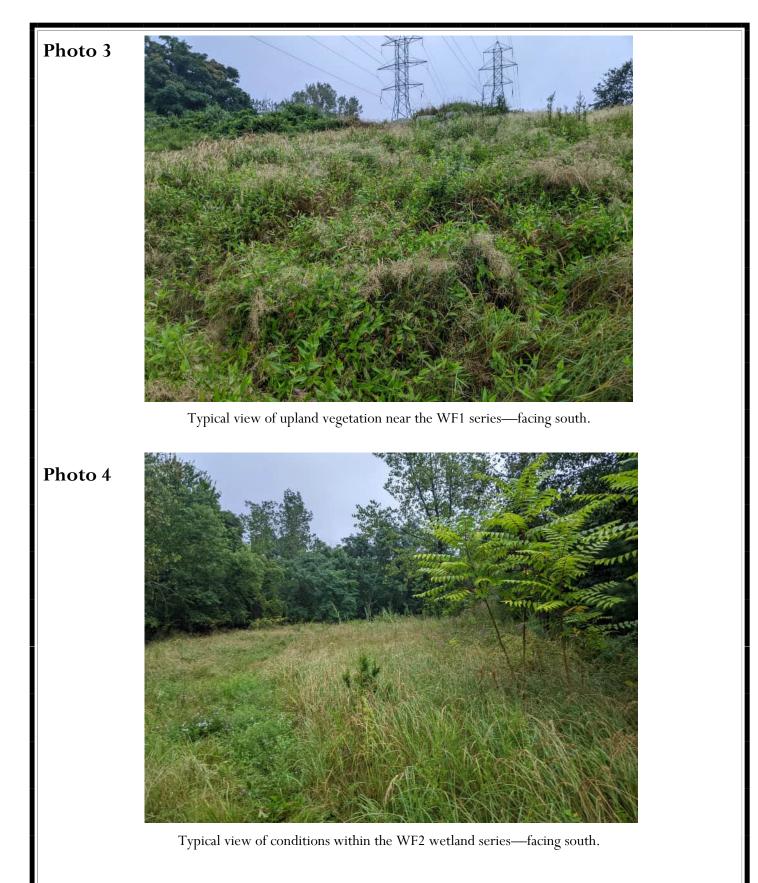
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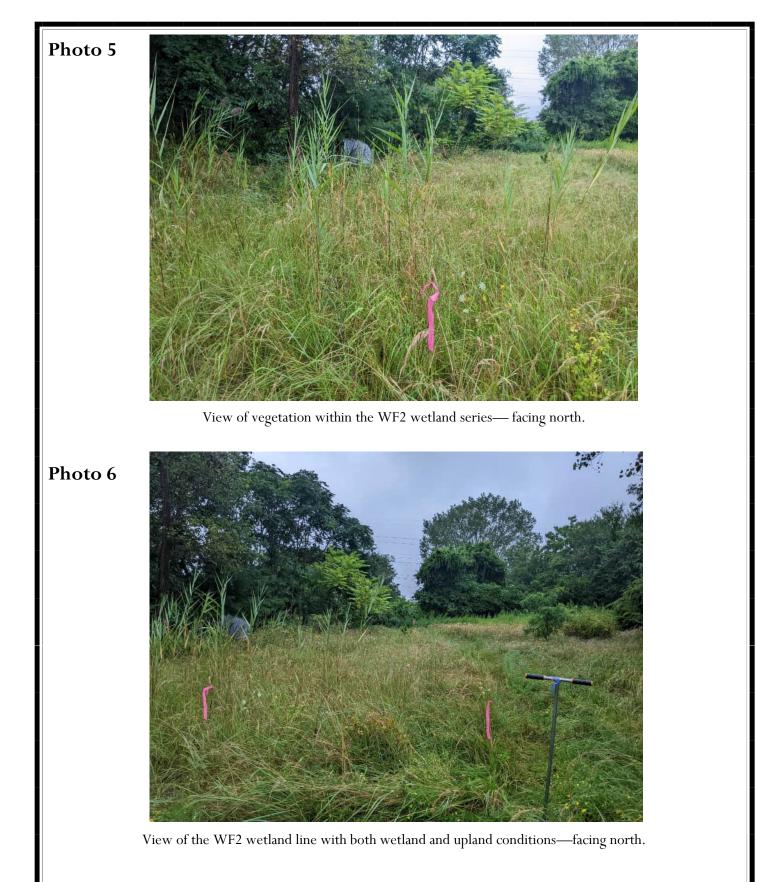


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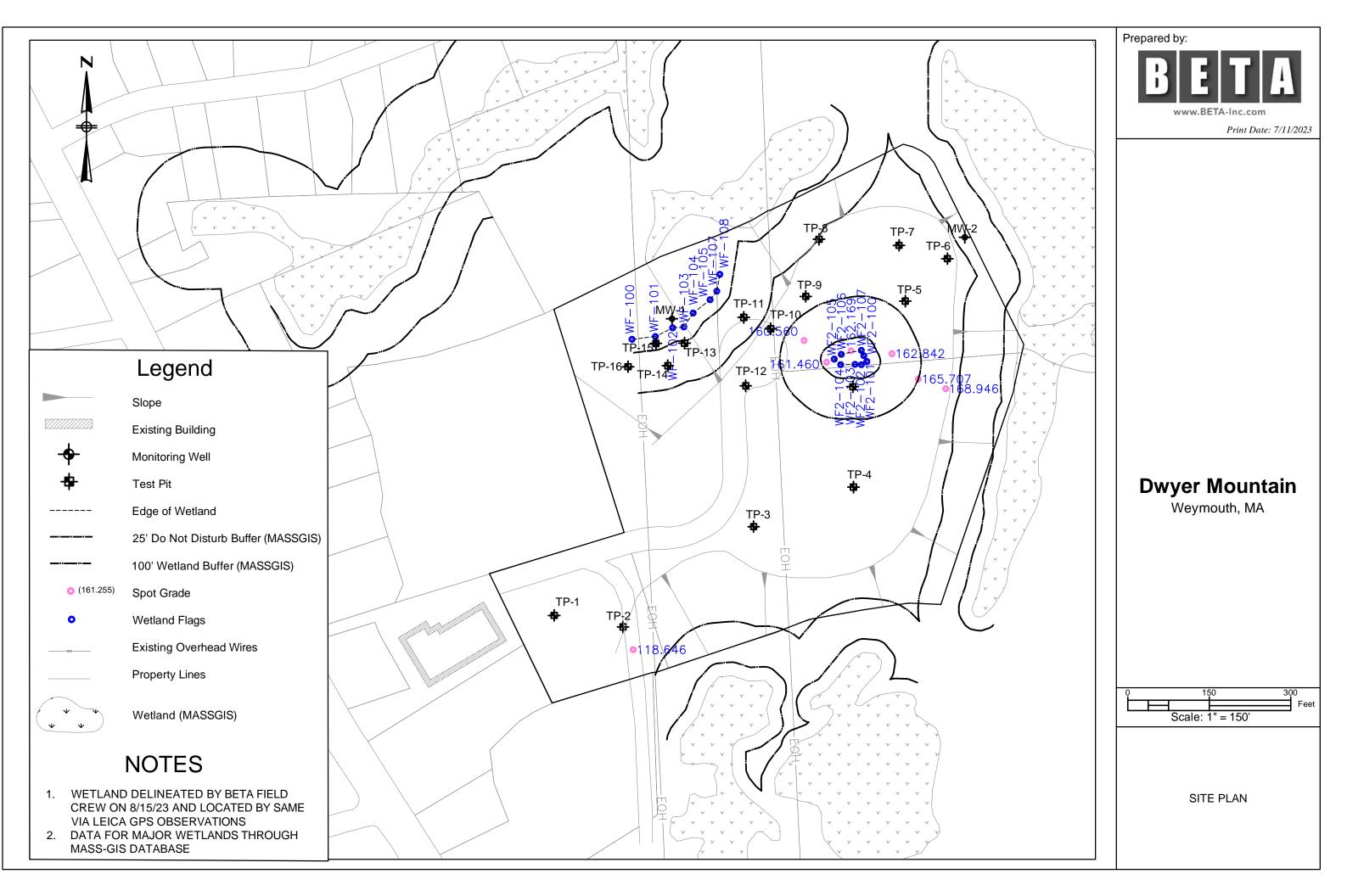


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## **APPENDIX A – Site Plans**





## Legend

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	Slope	
	Existing Building	
<b>+</b>	Monitoring Well	
÷	Test Pit	
	Edge of Wetland	
_,_,_,_	25' Do Not Disturb Buffer (MASSO	
	100' Wetland Buffer (MASSGIS)	
o (161.255)	Spot Grade	
•	Wetland Flags	
EDH	Existing Overhead Wires	
	Property Lines	
¥ ¥ ¥ ¥	Wetland (MASSGIS)	
NOTES		

1. WETLAND DELINEATED BY BETA FIELD CREW ON 8/15/23 AND LOCATED BY SAME VIA LEICA GPS OBSERVATIONS 2. DATA FOR MAJOR WETLANDS THROUGH MASS-GIS DATABASE

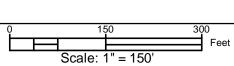




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## **Dwyer Mountain**

Weymouth, MA



SITE PLAN

## APPENDIX B – Resource Area Boundary Delineation Report





### Resource Area Boundary Delineation Report Dwyer Mountain Weymouth, Massachusetts

#### September 6, 2023

BETA Group, Inc. (BETA) Wetland Scientists conducted resource area delineations at Dwyer Mountain located at 420 Rear Washington Street in Weymouth, Massachusetts (the Site) on August 15, 2023. This report describes resource areas Subject to Protection under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131 Section 40 – the Act), the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq (1972)), the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act (MGL Chapter 21 Section 26-53), and the Weymouth Wetlands Protection Ordinance (Chapter 7, Section 301 of the Weymouth Code of Ordinances – the Ordinance) that exist on or within 100 feet of the Site and the methodologies used to delineate their boundaries.

#### Site Description

The Site consists of four (4) parcels totaling approximately 13-acres in size, located east of the property at 440 Washington Street (Figure 1 – Site Locus). Currently, the Site is a partially vegetated plateau bisected by an electric easement and associated access road along its western side. The Site is bounded to the north, east, and south by a wetland complex and to the west by commercial development (Figure 2 – Environmental Resources Map). A portion of the Site was formerly used for sand and gravel quarry operations and has historically been used as a dumping area for fill, dredged sediment, and demolition debris. Due to the presence of Oil and/or Hazardous Material associated with the fill, the Site has been listed by MassDEP as a disposal site under Release Tracking Number (RTN) 4-3000638.The Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (BWCS) website lists the Site as adequately regulated.

According to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Soil Survey, mapped soils on Site in the vicinity of the Site are classified generally as Udorthents, Rock outcrop, and Swansea muck. Field observations generally confirmed the soil types at the Site. The *Custom Soil Resource Report for Norfolk and Suffolk Counties, Massachusetts*, is attached.

State and local jurisdictional resource areas identified within 100 feet of the Site include Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) and Isolated Vegetated Wetlands (IVW). The MassGIS database was used as the initial step in identifying critical areas on or within proximity to the Site that would be examined more closely if construction activities are proposed. The table below describes selected environmentally critical categories as determined through MassGIS.

Mapped Resource on or Within Proximity to the Site	Yes	No
Area of Critical Environmental Concern		~
NHESP Certified Vernal Pool		~
NHESP Potential Vernal Pool	~	
NHESP Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife		~
NHESP Priority Habitat of Rare Species	1	~
Outstanding Resource Waters	$\checkmark$	
FEMA Flood Zones		~
Surface Water Protection Area (Zones A and/or B)		~
Interim Wellhead Protection Area		~
Zone I Wellhead Protection Area		~

#### Table 1. Selected MassGIS Environmental Data Layers

#### BETA GROUP, INC.

Mapped Resource on or Within Proximity to the Site	Yes	No
Zone II Wellhead Protection Area		~
Wild and Scenic River		✓
Coldwater Fisheries Resource		✓
DCR Dams		✓
	1	

Source: MassGIS

#### Jurisdictional Wetland Resource Areas – Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act

A site visit was conducted by BETA's Wetland Scientists on August 15, 2023 to identify and delineate the boundaries of resource areas at the Site and in its immediate vicinity. Resource area boundaries were identified and delineated in accordance with methods developed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's *Delineating Bordering Vegetated Wetlands Under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act,* second edition dated September 2022, as well as definitions set forth in the Wetland Regulations, 310 CMR 10.00. One Area Subject to Protection under the Act exist along the Site and is described below.

#### Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) – 310 CMR 10.55

According to 310 CMR 10.55(2), the definition of BVW are freshwater wetlands which border on creeks, rivers, streams, ponds and lakes and are areas where the soils are saturated and/or inundated such that they support a predominance of wetland indicator plants. The boundary of BVW is the line within which 50% or more of the vegetation community consists of wetland indicator plants and saturated or inundated conditions exist.

BETA identified one (1) area of BVW within or adjacent to the Site. US Army Corps of Engineers' *Vegetated Wetland Boundary Delineation Field Data Sheets* documenting BETA's observed evidence of hydrology, soils, and hydrophytic vegetation at specific data plots are attached.

Flag Series	Location	Description / Notes
WF1 Series Flags WF1-100 to 108	Powerline easement, on the western side of the property	The WF1 Series is an emergent wetland, located within a powerline easement at the toe of slope. The boundary of this wetland was determined based on evidence of hydrology (including hydric soils and saturation). The attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Field Data Sheets describe observations of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and indicators of hydrology made at a specific data plot.

#### Table 1: BVW Boundary Descriptions

#### Jurisdictional Wetland Resource Areas – Town of Weymouth

The Town of Weymouth protects resource areas through the Weymouth Wetland Protection Ordinance and its accompanying regulations in Chapter 7, Section 301 of the Weymouth Code of Ordinances (the Ordinance). In some instances, these regulations provide additional jurisdiction and protection beyond what is set forth in the Wetlands Regulations at 310 CMR 10.00. Jurisdiction relating to coastal resource areas are not reviewed in this section, as the Site is not within a coastal area.



#### Isolated Vegetated Wetlands

The Ordinance protects all freshwater wetlands, whether or not they border surface waters<sup>1</sup>. One (1) area meeting the definition of a freshwater wetland as defined in the Ordinance was identified at the Site as described in Table 2.

#### Table 2: IVW Boundary Descriptions

Flag Series	Location	Description / Notes
WF2 Series Flags WF2-100 to 107	Vegetated plateau, on the northern side of the property	The WF2 Series is an emergent isolated wetland with no observable hydrological connection to other wetlands or resource areas. The boundary of this wetland was determined based on evidence of hydrology (including hydric soils and saturation). The attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Field Data Sheets describe observations of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and indicators of hydrology made at a specific data plot.

#### <u>Bank</u>

Bank is defined as the land area which normally abuts and confines a water body; the lower boundary being the mean annual low flow level, and the upper boundary being the first observable break in the slope or the mean annual flood level, *whichever is higher*. No Resource Areas with Bank were identified at the Site.

#### Jurisdictional Wetland Resource Areas – Federal Clean Water Act (Section 404)

The BVW located at the Site is considered a "water of the United States," and is therefore subject to the federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq (1972). The boundary to "waters of the United States" is the Vegetated Wetlands boundary, or, in the absence of Vegetated Wetlands, is the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) for non-tidal rivers and streams, as specified at 33 CFR §328.4.

According to 33 CFR §328.3(c)(4), Vegetated Wetlands are defined as "those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions." The BVW boundary previously described in this report was delineated in accordance with this definition. The US Army Corps of Engineers' *Vegetated Wetland Boundary Delineation Field Data Sheets* are attached documenting BETA's observed evidence of hydrology, soils, and hydrophytic vegetation at specific data plots.

Work conducted below the boundary of Vegetated Wetlands or the OHWM is Subject to Jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. At this Site, the WF1 Series Vegetated Wetland boundary is the extent of federal Jurisdiction.

#### Jurisdictional Wetland Resource Areas – Massachusetts Clean Waters Act (Section 401)

The limit of jurisdiction under Massachusetts Clean Waters Act (Section 401), as specified in 314 CMR 9.00, is the limit of Waters of the Commonwealth. The delineated IVW is a "water of the Commonwealth" as defined in 314 CMR 9.02. Exceedances of the jurisdictional threshold under 314 CMR 9.00 require filing for a Water Quality Certification under Section 401.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Per §7-301 (b)1 jurisdiction extends to "Any freshwater or coastal wetland, riverine wetland, marsh, wet meadow, bog, swamp or kettle hole, whether bordering on surface waters or isolated, or whether annual or seasonal".



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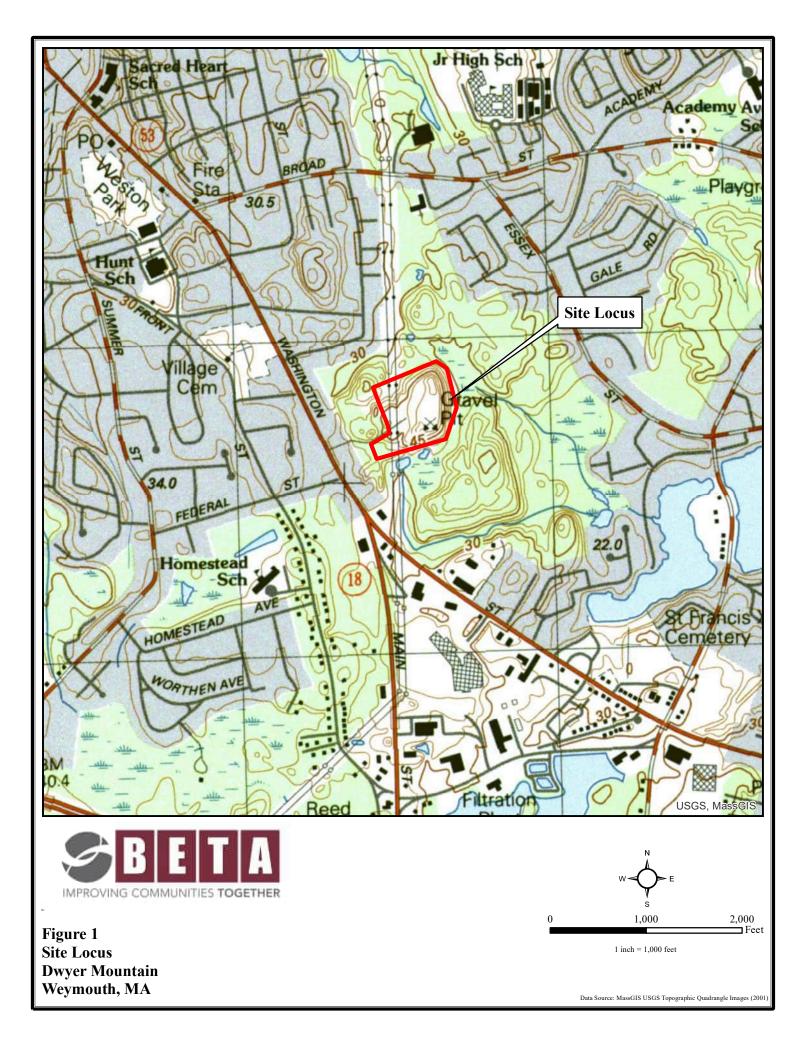
#### **Findings and Recommendations**

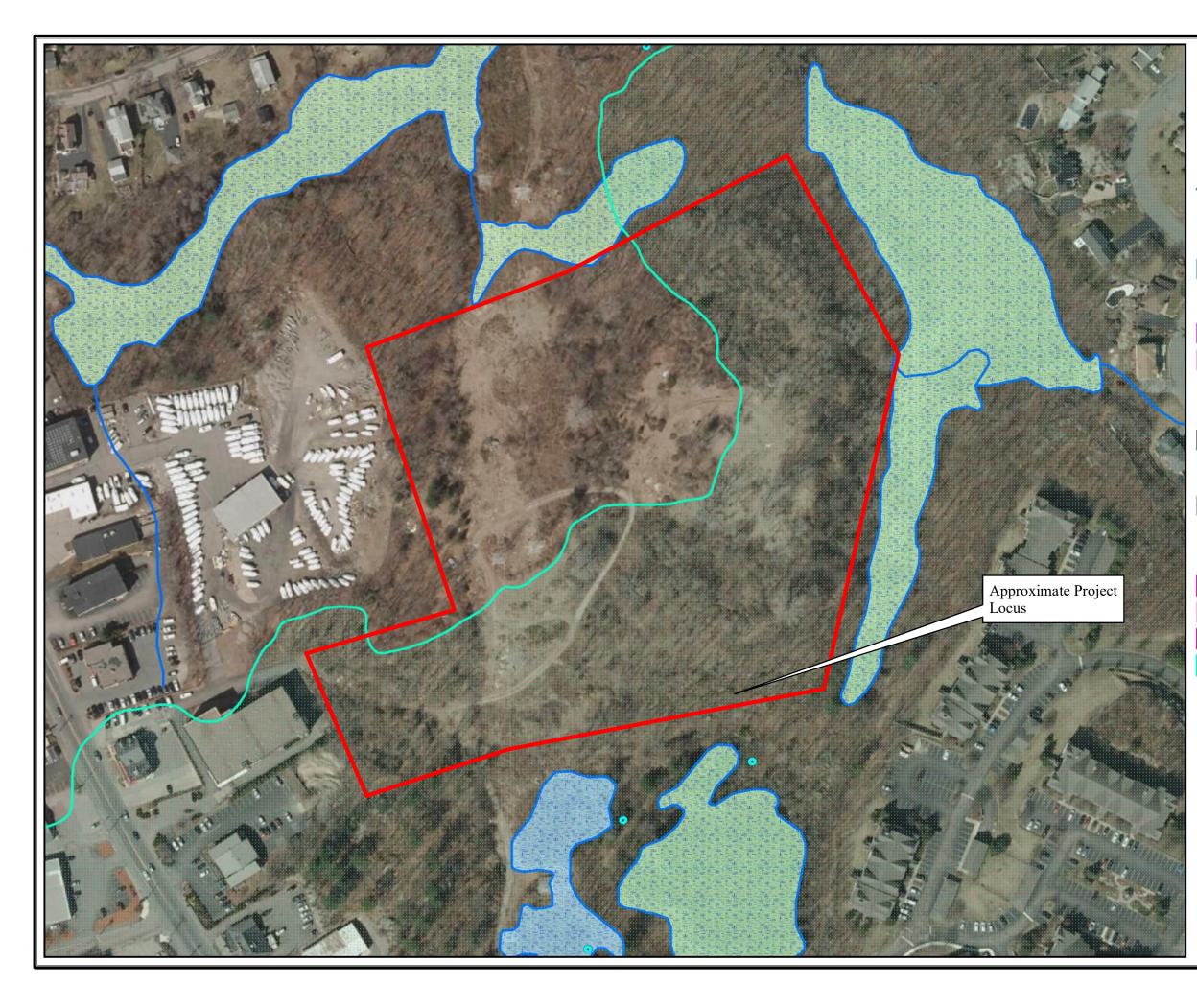
BETA has identified areas Subject to Protection and/or Jurisdiction under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the federal Clean Water Act, the Weymouth Wetland Protection Ordinance and the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act located on or within 100 feet of the Site and has delineated the boundaries BVW and IVW that exist at the Site. In order to definitively determine the extent of Conservation Commission jurisdiction, Army Corps jurisdiction, and MassDEP jurisdiction, the boundary flags would need to be located and depicted on a to-scale plan of the Site.

Attachments: Figure 1 – Site Locus Figure 2 – Environmental Resources Map Figure 3 – FEMA FIRMette Photographic Documentation US Army Corps of Engineers' *Vegetated Wetland Boundary Delineation Field Data Sheets* Custom Soil Report for Norfolk and Suffolk Counties, Massachusetts

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## Figure 2 Environmental Resources Map Dywer Mountain Weymouth, MA

## **DEP Wetlands Legend**

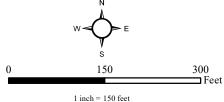
- MassDEP Hydrologic Feature
- Marsh/Bog
- Wooded marsh
- Open Water

## Wildlife Habitat Legend

- NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare Species
- NHESP Estimated Habitats
- ★ NHESP Certified Vernal Pool
- Potential Vernal Pool
- Area of Critical Environmental Concern

## **Drinking Water Protection Areas**

Zone A
 Zone B
Zone C
MassDEP IWPA
MassDEP Zone I
MassDEP Zone II
Outstanding Resource Water
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Data Source: MassGIS USGS Color Ortho Imagery (2014), MassDEP Wetlands (1:12000) (2009), NHESP Potential Vernal Pools (2000), NHESP Certified Vernal Pools, NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare Species (2008), NHESP Estimated Habitats of Rare Species (2008), Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (2009), FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (2014),



# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



# Legend

#### 70°57'37"W 42°12'49"N SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A. V. A9 With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS **Regulatory Floodway** 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X Effective LOMRs OTHER AREAS Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D - - - - Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer GENERAL STRUCTURES LIIII Levee, Dike, or Floodwall 20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance 17.5 Water Surface Elevation AREA OF MINIMAL FLOOD HAZARD Town of Weymouth **Coastal Transect** Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE) 250257 Limit of Study Jurisdiction Boundary **Coastal Transect Baseline** ----OTHER **Profile Baseline** 25021C0229E FEATURES Hydrographic Feature eff. 7/17/2012 **Digital Data Available** No Digital Data Available MAP PANELS Unmapped The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location. This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 7/10/2023 at 4:07 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time. This map image is void if the one or more of the following map elements do not appear: basemap imagery, flood zone labels, legend, scale bar, map creation date, community identifiers, FIRM panel number, and FIRM effective date. Map images for 70°57'W 42°12'23"N Feet 1:6.000 unmapped and unmodernized areas cannot be used for

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## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Dwyer	Mountain		City/County: Weymouth Sar						Sampl	ing Date:	8/15/2	.023	
Applicant/Owner:	Town of We	eymouth					St	ate:	MA	Sam	pling Poir	nt: WF1-1	01-WET
Investigator(s): Anna Haznar, Jonathan Niro Section, Township, Range						ige: N	lorfolk C	County					
Landform (hillside, ter	race, etc.):	toe of slope		Loca	l relief (con	cave, conve	, none): <u>Co</u>	oncav	е		Slop	e %: _0	)-25
Subregion (LRR or MI	_RA): LRR	R, MLRA 144A	Lat:	42.210841		Long:	-70.956148	3			Datum:	WGS8	34
Soil Map Unit Name:	Udorthents,	loamy					NWI c	lassifi	cation:	N/A			
Are climatic / hydrolog	gic conditions	on the site typica	al for	this time of year?		Yes X	No		(If no, e	explain	in Remarl	ks.)	
Are Vegetation	, Soil	, or Hydrology		significantly dist	urbed?	Are "Norm	al Circums	tance	s" prese	ent?	Yes X	No	
Are Vegetation	, Soil	_, or Hydrology _		naturally problen	natic?	(If needed,	explain an	iy ans	wers in	Rema	rks.)		

# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Hydric Soil Present? Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes X No Yes X No Yes X No	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes X No If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: WF1 Series
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures	here or in a separate report.)	

# HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)			
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)	Surface Soil Cracks (B6)			
Surface Water (A1) Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	Drainage Patterns (B10)			
High Water Table (A2) Aquatic Fauna (B13)	Moss Trim Lines (B16)			
X Saturation (A3) Marl Deposits (B15)	Dry-Season Water Table (C2)			
Water Marks (B1) Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	Crayfish Burrows (C8)			
Sediment Deposits (B2) Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)	Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)			
Drift Deposits (B3) Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)			
Algal Mat or Crust (B4) Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)	X Geomorphic Position (D2)			
Iron Deposits (B5) Thin Muck Surface (C7)	Shallow Aquitard (D3)			
X Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) Other (Explain in Remarks)	Microtopographic Relief (D4)			
Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	X FAC-Neutral Test (D5)			
Field Observations:				
Surface Water Present? Yes No X Depth (inches):				
Water Table Present? Yes No X Depth (inches):				
	nd Hydrology Present? Yes X No			
	nd Hydrology Present? Yes X No			
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Saturation Present?     Yes     X     No     Depth (inches):     0     Wetlar       (includes capillary fringe)				
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# **VEGETATION** – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: WF1-101-WET

	Absolute	Dominant	Indicator					
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1				Number of Domir	nant Specie	s		
2				That Are OBL, F			2	(A)
3				Total Number of	Dominant			
4				Species Across A			2	(B)
5.				Percent of Domir	ant Spacia			_
6.				That Are OBL, F			00.0%	(A/B)
7.				Prevalence Inde				_ ` ´
		=Total Cover		Total % Cov	ver of:	Mu	Itiply by:	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: N/A )		•		OBL species	0	x 1 =	0	
1. Spiraea alba	5	Yes	FACW	FACW species	105	x 2 =	210	
2.				FAC species	10	x 3 =	30	
3.				FACU species	20	x 4 =	80	
4.				UPL species	5	x 5 =	25	
5.				Column Totals:	140	(A)	345	(B)
6.					e Index = E		2.46	
7.				Hydrophytic Veg			_	
	5	=Total Cover		1 - Rapid Tes	-		netation	
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: 5' radius )				X 2 - Dominand	-		<b>J</b> oranon	
1. Phragmites australis	20	No	FACW	X 3 - Prevalence				
2. Dichanthelium clandestinum	80	Yes	FACW	4 - Morpholo			ovide sur	nortina
3. Solidago rugosa	10	No	FAC		marks or or			
4. Fallopia japonica	20	<u>No</u>	FACU	Problematic	Hydronhytic	Venetatio	on <sup>1</sup> (Expla	ain)
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6.				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hyd be present, unles				must
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		·						
2. 3.		·		Hydrophytic				
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Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separ	ate sneet.)							

Profile Desc Depth	cription: (Describe Matrix	to the de		ument t ox Featur		ator or co	onfirm the absence of indicators.)
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>	Texture Remarks
0-3	10YR 3/1	100					loamy sand
3-14	10YR 4/1	85	10YR 5/8	15	C	PL	gravely
<sup>1</sup> Type: C=C	oncentration, D=Dep	letion RM		MS=Mas	ked Sand	d Grains	<sup>2</sup> Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.
Hydric Soil							Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils <sup>3</sup> :
Histosol	(A1)		Polyvalue Belo	ow Surfa	ce (S8) (I	LRR R,	2 cm Muck (A10) (LRR K, L, MLRA 149B)
Histic Ep	pipedon (A2)		MLRA 1498	<b>B</b> )			Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR K, L, R)
Black Hi	istic (A3)		Thin Dark Surf	face (S9	) (LRR R	, MLRA 1	149B)5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR K, L, I
Hydroge	en Sulfide (A4)		High Chroma	Sands (S	611) ( <b>LRF</b>	R K, L)	Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR K, L)
Stratified	d Layers (A5)		Loamy Mucky	Mineral	(F1) ( <b>LR</b>	R K, L)	Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR K, L)
Depleted	d Below Dark Surface	e (A11)	Loamy Gleyed	l Matrix (	F2)		Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (LRR K, L,
Thick Da	ark Surface (A12)		X Depleted Matri	ix (F3)			Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 14
Sandy M	/lucky Mineral (S1)		Redox Dark S	urface (F	-6)		Mesic Spodic (TA6) (MLRA 144A, 145, 149
Sandy G	Bleyed Matrix (S4)		Depleted Dark	Surface	e (F7)		Red Parent Material (F21)
Sandy R	Redox (S5)		Redox Depres	sions (F	8)		Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
	Matrix (S6)						Other (Explain in Remarks)
Dark Su	rface (S7)						
<sup>3</sup> Indicators o	f hydrophytic vegetat	tion and w	vetland hydrology m	ust he n	resent ur	nless dist	turbed or problematic.
	Layer (if observed):		foliana nyarology m				
Туре:							
Depth (ii	nches):						Hydric Soil Present? Yes X No
Remarks:							
							a 2.0 to include the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils,
Version 7.0,	2015 Errata. (http://v	www.nrcs.	.usda.gov/Internet/F	SE_DO	JUMENT	S/nrcs14	i2p2_051293.docx)

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Dwyer	loutain	City/County: Weymou	uth S	Sampling Date: 8/15/2023
Applicant/Owner:	Town of Weymouth		State: MA	Sampling Point: WF1-101-UP
Investigator(s): Anna	Haznar, Jonathan Niro	Section, Tow	nship, Range: <u>Norfolk C</u>	ounty
Landform (hillside, terr	ace, etc.): <u>Hillside</u>	Local relief (concave, convex	, none): <u>Concave</u>	Slope %: 0-25
Subregion (LRR or ML	RA): <u>LRR R, MLRA 144A</u> Lat: <u>42</u>	210829 Long:	-7.955782	Datum: WGS84
Soil Map Unit Name:	Udorthents, loamy		NWI classification:	N/A
Are climatic / hydrolog	ic conditions on the site typical for this	s time of year? Yes X	No (If no, ex	plain in Remarks.)
Are Vegetation	, Soil, or Hydrologysig	gnificantly disturbed? Are "Norm	al Circumstances" presei	nt? Yes X No
Are Vegetation	, Soil, or Hydrologyna	turally problematic? (If needed,	explain any answers in I	Remarks.)

# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes	No X	Is the Sampled Area           within a Wetland?         Yes         No _ X           If yes, optional Wetland Site ID:
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes	No X	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes	No X	
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedure	s here or in a s	eparate report.)	

# HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)	
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is require	Surface Soil Cracks (B6)	
Surface Water (A1)	Drainage Patterns (B10)	
High Water Table (A2)	Moss Trim Lines (B16)	
Saturation (A3)	Marl Deposits (B15)	Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
Water Marks (B1)	Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	Crayfish Burrows (C8)
Sediment Deposits (B2)	Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roc	ots (C3) Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
Drift Deposits (B3)	Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
Algal Mat or Crust (B4)	Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils	(C6) Geomorphic Position (D2)
Iron Deposits (B5)	Thin Muck Surface (C7)	Shallow Aquitard (D3)
Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7	) Other (Explain in Remarks)	Microtopographic Relief (D4)
Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (E	38)	FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
Field Observations:		
Surface Water Present? Yes	No X Depth (inches):	
Water Table Present? Yes	No X Depth (inches):	
Saturation Present? Yes	No X Depth (inches):	Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No X
(includes capillary fringe)	· · · /	
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, mo	nitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspec	tions), if available:
Remarks:		

# **VEGETATION** – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: WF1-101-UP

	Absolute	Dominant	Indicator	
<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30' radius</u> )	% Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1				Number of Dominant Species
2				That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 1 (A)
3				Total Number of Dominant
4.				Species Across All Strata: 3 (B)
5.				Demonst of Deminent Creation
6.		·		Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 33.3% (A/B)
7.				Prevalence Index worksheet:
		=Total Cover		Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: N/A )		•		$\begin{array}{c c} \hline \\ \hline $
				FACW species $85 \times 2 = 170$
		·		FAC species $0 \times 3 = 0$
		·		FACU species $70 \times 4 = 280$
4		·		UPL species $10 \times 5 = 50$
5		·		Column Totals: <u>165</u> (A) <u>500</u> (B)
6		·		Prevalence Index = B/A =3.03
7				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
		=Total Cover		1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>5' radius</u> )				2 - Dominance Test is >50%
1. Phragmites australis	5	No	FACW	3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>
2. Dichanthelium clandestinum	80	Yes	FACW	4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting
3. Holcus lanatus	20	No	FACU	data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
4. Fallopia japonica	50	Yes	FACU	Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
5.				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must
6.				be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
7.				Definitions of Vegetation Strata:
8.				<b>Tree</b> – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in
9.				diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.
10.				
11.		·		<b>Sapling/shrub</b> – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.
12.				
	155	=Total Cover		<b>Herb</b> – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: N/A )				
1. Celastrus orbiculatus	10	Yes	UPL	<b>Woody vines</b> – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.
2				
2		·		Hydrophytic
3.		·		Vegetation
4				Present?         Yes         No         X
	10	=Total Cover		
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a sepa	rate sheet.)			

Profile Des Depth	cription: (Describe Matrix	to the de		ument t ox Featu		ator or co	onfirm the absence o	of indicator	rs.)	
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>	Texture		Remark	(S
0-4	10YR 3/3	100	i						loamy sa	nd
0-4	10113/3	100							ioaniy sa	inu
	·									
	·									
<sup>1</sup> Type: C=C	oncentration, D=Dep	letion, RM	I=Reduced Matrix, I	MS=Mas	ked Sand	d Grains.	<sup>2</sup> Location: F	PL=Pore Lin	ning, M=Mat	rix.
Hydric Soil	Indicators:						Indicators	or Problem	natic Hydric	; Soils <sup>3</sup> :
Histosol	(A1)		Polyvalue Belo	ow Surfa	ce (S8) (I	LRR R,	2 cm M	uck (A10) ( <b>L</b>	LRR K, L, M	ILRA 149B)
	pipedon (A2)		MLRA 149E	'					x (A16) ( <b>LR</b>	
	istic (A3)		Thin Dark Sur	-				-		(LRR K, L, R)
	en Sulfide (A4)		High Chroma						urface (S8) (	
	d Layers (A5)		Loamy Mucky			R K, L)			(S9) ( <b>LRR K</b>	
	d Below Dark Surface	e (A11)	Loamy Gleyed		(F2)			-		(LRR K, L, R)
	ark Surface (A12)		Depleted Matr		-0)					9) (MLRA 149B)
	Mucky Mineral (S1)		Redox Dark S	``	,					4 <b>A</b> , 145, 149B)
	Gleyed Matrix (S4)		Depleted Dark					rent Materia		2)
	Redox (S5)		Redox Depres		8)			allow Dark Explain in Re	Surface (F2	2)
	l Matrix (S6) Irface (S7)		Marl (F10) ( <b>LF</b>	$(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{L})$					emarks)	
	inace (37)									
<sup>3</sup> Indicators o	of hydrophytic vegetat	ion and w	etland hydrology m	ust he n	resent ur	nless dist	urbed or problematic.			
	Layer (if observed):		ioliana nyarology m	uot be p		1000 0101				
Туре:	Contamina									
Depth (i	nches).	4					Hydric Soil Prese	nt?	Yes	No X
		-					Tryane contrast		103	
Remarks:	rm is revised from No	rthoontro	and Northeast Des	vional Su	Innlomon	t Voraion	2.0 to include the NR	CS Field In	diactors of L	Judria Saila
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## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Dwyer I	Mountain			City/Cou	inty: <u>Weymouth</u>		:	Sampling Date:	8/15/2023
Applicant/Owner:	Town of We	ymouth				State:	MA	Sampling Poir	t: wF2-100-WET
Investigator(s): Anna	Haznar, Jona	athan Niro			Section, Towns	hip, Range: <u>N</u>	lorfolk C	ounty	
Landform (hillside, ter	race, etc.):	top of plateau		Local relief (con	icave, convex, n	ione): <u>concave</u>	е	Slop	e %: <u>0-25</u>
Subregion (LRR or ML	RA): LRR	R, MLRA 144A	Lat: 42.03076		Long: -71	1.23313		Datum:	WGS84
Soil Map Unit Name:	Undorthents	, refuse substratu	m			NWI classifi	cation:	N/A	
Are climatic / hydrolog	ic conditions	on the site typical	I for this time o	of year?	Yes X	No	(If no, e	xplain in Remark	(s.)
Are Vegetation	, Soil	, or Hydrology	significan	tly disturbed?	Are "Normal (	Circumstance	s" prese	nt? Yes X	No
Are Vegetation	, Soil	, or Hydrology	naturally	problematic?	(If needed, ex	kplain any ans	swers in	Remarks.)	

# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes X	No	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes X No If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: WF2 Series
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes X	No	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes X	No	
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures	here or in a se	eparate report.)	

# HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)		
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)	Surface Soil Cracks (B6)		
Surface Water (A1)Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	Drainage Patterns (B10)		
High Water Table (A2)Aquatic Fauna (B13)	Moss Trim Lines (B16)		
X Saturation (A3) Marl Deposits (B15)	Dry-Season Water Table (C2)		
Water Marks (B1) Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	Crayfish Burrows (C8)		
Sediment Deposits (B2) Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)	Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)		
Drift Deposits (B3)Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)		
Algal Mat or Crust (B4) Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)	X Geomorphic Position (D2)		
Iron Deposits (B5) Thin Muck Surface (C7)	Shallow Aquitard (D3)		
Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) Other (Explain in Remarks)	Microtopographic Relief (D4)		
Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	X FAC-Neutral Test (D5)		
Field Observations:			
Surface Water Present? Yes No X Depth (inches):			
Water Table Present? Yes No X Depth (inches):			
Saturation Present? Yes X No Depth (inches): 0 Wetlan	d Hydrology Present? Yes X No		
(includes capillary fringe)			
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if a	available:		
Remarks:			

# **VEGETATION** – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: WF2-100-WET

	Absolute	Dominant	Indicator	
<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30' radius</u> )	% Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1 2.				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 1 (A)
				That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:(A)
3				Total Number of Dominant
4				Species Across All Strata:(B)
5				Percent of Dominant Species
6				That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50.0% (A/B)
7		=Total Cover		Prevalence Index worksheet:
Conting (Chrub Stratum (Distaize) 15' radius )		= I otal Cover		Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15' radius )				OBL species         30         x 1 =         30           5A 0 M species         40         x 2         20
1				FACW species 40 x 2 = 80
2				FAC species 30 x 3 = 90
3				FACU species 80 x 4 = 320
4				UPL species x 5 =
5				Column Totals: 180 (A) 520 (B)
6				Prevalence Index = B/A =
7				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
		=Total Cover		1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>5' radius</u> )				2 - Dominance Test is >50%
1. Phragmites australis	40	Yes	FACW	$X_3$ - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>
2. Lythrum salicaria	30	No	OBL	4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting
3. Holcus lanatus	80	Yes	FACU	data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
4. Juncus tenuis	30	No	FAC	Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
5				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must
6				be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
7				Definitions of Vegetation Strata:
8				<b>Tree</b> – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in
9				diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.
10				Sapling/shrub – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH
11				and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.
12				Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless
	180	=Total Cover		of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 15' radius )				Woody vines – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in
1				height.
2.				
3.				Hydrophytic Vegetation
4.				Present? Yes X No
		=Total Cover		
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a sepa	rate sheet.)			1
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Profile Deso Depth	cription: (Describe	to the de	-	u <b>ment t</b> x Featur		itor or co	onfirm the absence o	of indicate	ors.)	
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>	Texture		Remarks	6
0-14	10YR 5/1	100							sandy loa	m
<sup>1</sup> Type: C=C	oncentration, D=Depl	letion, RN	/I=Reduced Matrix, N	/IS=Mas	ked Sand	l Grains.	<sup>2</sup> Location: F	L=Pore L	ining, M=Matri	Х.
Hydric Soil	Indicators:						Indicators f	or Proble	ematic Hydric	Soils <sup>3</sup> :
Histosol			Polyvalue Belo		ce (S8) (I	LRR R,			(LRR K, L, MI	
	pipedon (A2)		MLRA 149B	<i>,</i>					lox (A16) ( <b>LRR</b>	-
	istic (A3)		Thin Dark Surf	-				-	or Peat (S3) (I	
	en Sulfide (A4)		High Chroma S	-					Surface (S8) (L	-
	d Layers (A5) d Balaw Dark Surface	(111)	Loamy Mucky			<b>ΚΚ, L</b> )			e (S9) ( <b>LRR K,</b>	-
	d Below Dark Surface ark Surface (A12)	e (ATT)	Loamy Gleyed X Depleted Matri		(FZ)			-	Masses (F12) ( lain Soils (F19)	
	Aucky Mineral (S1)		Redox Dark Su		-6)				(MLRA 144) (MLRA 144	
	Gleyed Matrix (S4)		Depleted Dark	-	-			ent Mater		A, 140, 140D)
	Redox (S5)		Redox Depres						k Surface (F22	?)
	d Matrix (S6)		Marl (F10) (LR	-	,				Remarks)	
Dark Su	ırface (S7)									
	of hydrophytic vegetat	ion and v	vetland hydrology mi	ust be p	resent, ur	nless dist	urbed or problematic.			
	Layer (if observed):									
Type:										
Depth (i	nches):						Hydric Soil Prese	nt?	Yes X	No
Remarks:										
							2.0 to include the NR	CS Field I	Indicators of H	ydric Soils,
Version 7.0,	2015 Errata. (http://w	ww.nrcs.	usda.gov/Internet/F	SE_DO	CUMENT	S/nrcs14	2p2_051293.docx)			

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Dwyer	roject/Site: Dwyer Mountain City/County: Weymouth					Sampl	ing Date:	8/15/2023				
Applicant/Owner:	Town of We	ymouth						State	MA	Sam	pling Poin	It: WF2-100-U
Investigator(s): Anna Haznar, Jonathan Niro Section, Township, Range: Bristol					Bristol C	County						
Landform (hillside, terr	race, etc.):	top of plateau			Local relief (	concave, co	nvex,	none): <u>Conv</u>	ex		Slop	e %: <u>0-25</u>
Subregion (LRR or ML	.RA): <u>LRR</u>	R, MLRA 144A	Lat:	42.210864		Loi	ng: <u>-7</u>	70.954472			Datum:	WGS84
Soil Map Unit Name:	Udorthents,	refuse substratur	m					NWI class	ification:	N/A		
Are climatic / hydrolog	ic conditions	on the site typica	al for	this time of y	/ear?	Yes	X	No	(If no,	explain	in Remark	(s.)
Are Vegetation	, Soil	, or Hydrology		significantly	disturbed?	Are "N	lormal	Circumstan	ces" pres	ent?	Yes X	No
Are Vegetation	, Soil	_, or Hydrology _		naturally pro	oblematic?	(If nee	eded, e	explain any a	nswers ir	n Rema	rks.)	

# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes	No X	Is the Sampled Area           within a Wetland?         Yes No _X           If yes, optional Wetland Site ID:
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes	No X	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes	No X	
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedure	s here or in a s	eparate report.)	

# HYDROLOGY

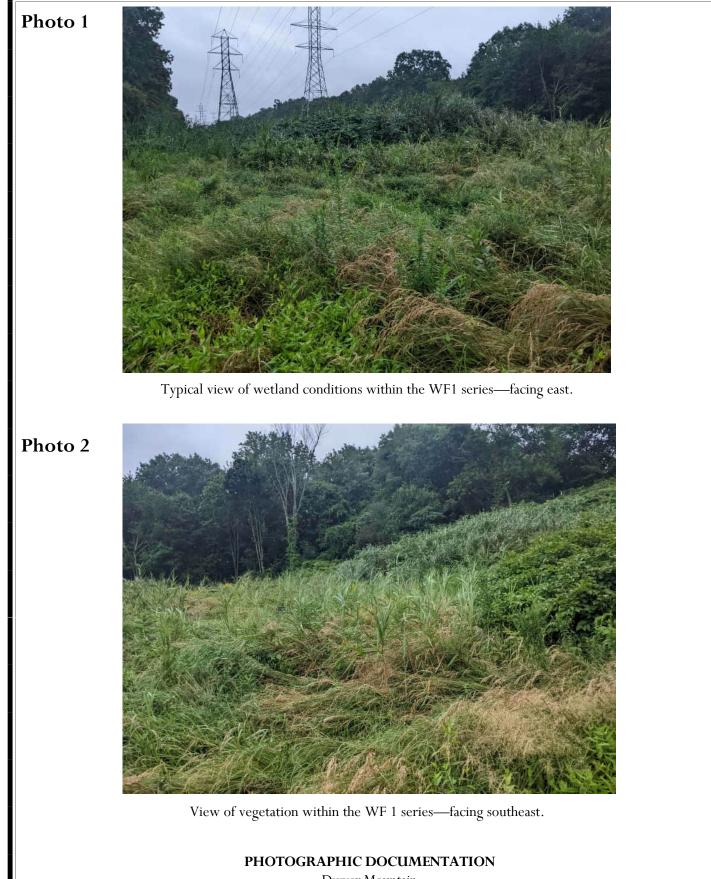
Wetland Hydrology Indicators:		Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)		
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is require	Surface Soil Cracks (B6)			
Surface Water (A1)	Surface Water (A1) Water-Stained Leaves (B9)			
High Water Table (A2)	Aquatic Fauna (B13)	Moss Trim Lines (B16)		
Saturation (A3)	Marl Deposits (B15)	Dry-Season Water Table (C2)		
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Drift Deposits (B3)	Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)		
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Iron Deposits (B5)	Thin Muck Surface (C7)	Shallow Aquitard (D3)		
Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7	) Other (Explain in Remarks)	Microtopographic Relief (D4)		
Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (E	FAC-Neutral Test (D5)			
Field Observations:				
Surface Water Present? Yes	No X Depth (inches):			
Water Table Present? Yes	No X Depth (inches):			
Saturation Present? Yes	No X Depth (inches):	Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No X		
(includes capillary fringe)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
(includes capillary fringe) Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, mo	nitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspecti			
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# **VEGETATION** – Use scientific names of plants.

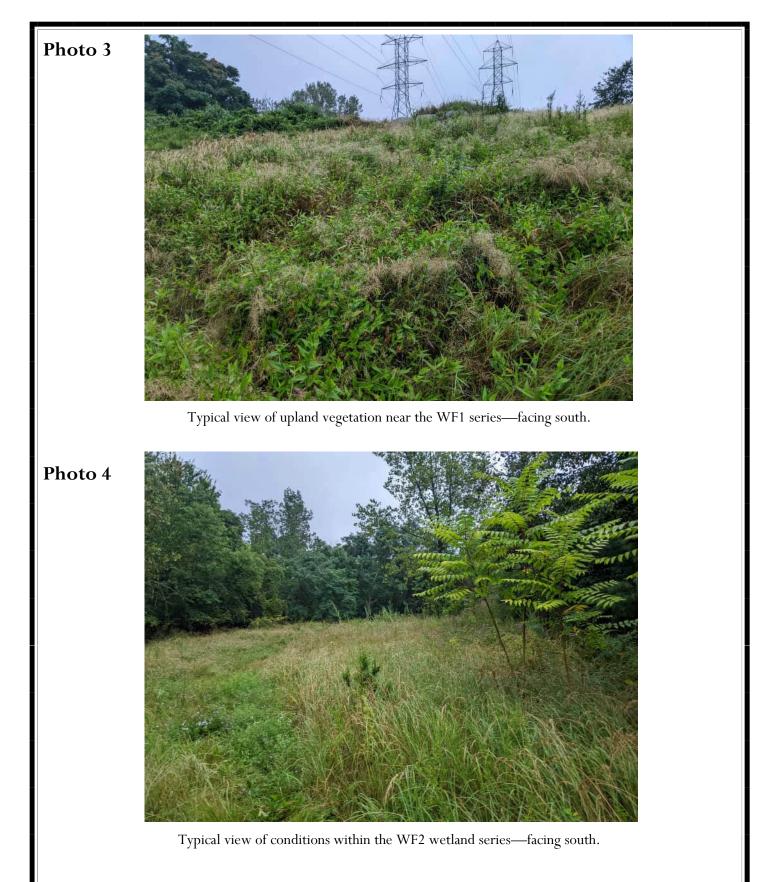
Sampling Point: WF2-100-UP

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Absolute	Dominant	Indicator	
<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>30' radius</u> )	% Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. Populus grandidentata	15	<u>No</u>		Number of Dominant Species
2. Rhus hirta	55	Yes	UPL	That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:0 (A)
<ol> <li><u>Ailanthus altissima</u></li> <li><u>4</u>.</li> </ol>	10	No	UPL	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>4</u> (B)
5				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.0% (A/B)
7		·		Prevalence Index worksheet:
1.	80	=Total Cover		Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: N/A )				$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $
1. Cytisus scoparius	40	Yes	UPL	FACW species $0   x^2 = 0$
				FAC species $0 \times 3 = 0$
3		·		FACU species $80 \times 4 = 320$
				UPL species         135 $x 5 = 675$
		·		Column Totals: 215 (A) 995 (B)
		·		$\frac{213}{\text{Prevalence Index} = B/A = 4.63}$
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
7		=Total Cover		Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
Hork Stratum (Distaire) El radius	40	- Total Cover		1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation     2 - Dominance Test is >50%
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>5' radius</u> )				<b>—</b>
1. Daucus carota	30	Yes		3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>
2. <u>Holcus lanatus</u> 3	80	Yes	FACU	4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
4				Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
5 6.				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
				Definitions of Vegetation Strata:
•				-
o 9.		·		<b>Tree</b> – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.
10.				
11.				<b>Sapling/shrub</b> – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.
12.		·		
	110	=Total Cover		<b>Herb</b> – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: N/A )				Woody vines – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in
1				height.
2.				
3.				Hydrophytic Vegetation
4.				Present? Yes No X
		=Total Cover		
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a sepa	rate sheet.)			1
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Profile Des Depth	cription: (Describe Matrix	to the dep		<b>ument t</b> ox Featu		ator or co	onfirm the absence of	indicato	ors.)	
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>	Texture		Rema	rks
0-5	10YR 3/1	100							sandy l	oam
5-18	10YR 4/2	100							sandy l	oam
		· <u> </u>								
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	oncentration, D=Dep	letion, RM	=Reduced Matrix, I	MS=Mas	ked Sano	d Grains.	<sup>2</sup> Location: PI			
Hydric Soil			Daharahaa Dah		(00) (		Indicators fo		-	
Histosol	(A1) pipedon (A2)		Polyvalue Belo MLRA 149E		ce (58) (	LRR R,			-	MLRA 149B) RR K, L, R)
	istic (A3)		Thin Dark Sur	,						(LRR K, L, R)
	en Sulfide (A4)		High Chroma	•	, ,					) (LRR K, L)
	d Layers (A5)		Loamy Mucky						e (S9) ( <b>LRR</b>	
	d Below Dark Surface	e (A11)	Loamy Gleyed			, ,				2) ( <b>LRR K, L, R</b> )
	ark Surface (A12)	( )	Depleted Matr					-		19) ( <b>MLRA 149B</b> )
Sandy N	/lucky Mineral (S1)		Redox Dark S		-6)				-	44A, 145, 149B)
Sandy C	Gleyed Matrix (S4)		 Depleted Dark	Surface	e (F7)		Red Pare	ent Materi	ial (F21)	
Sandy F	Redox (S5)		Redox Depres	sions (F	8)		Very Sha	llow Dark	surface (F	22)
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Dark Su	rface (S7)									
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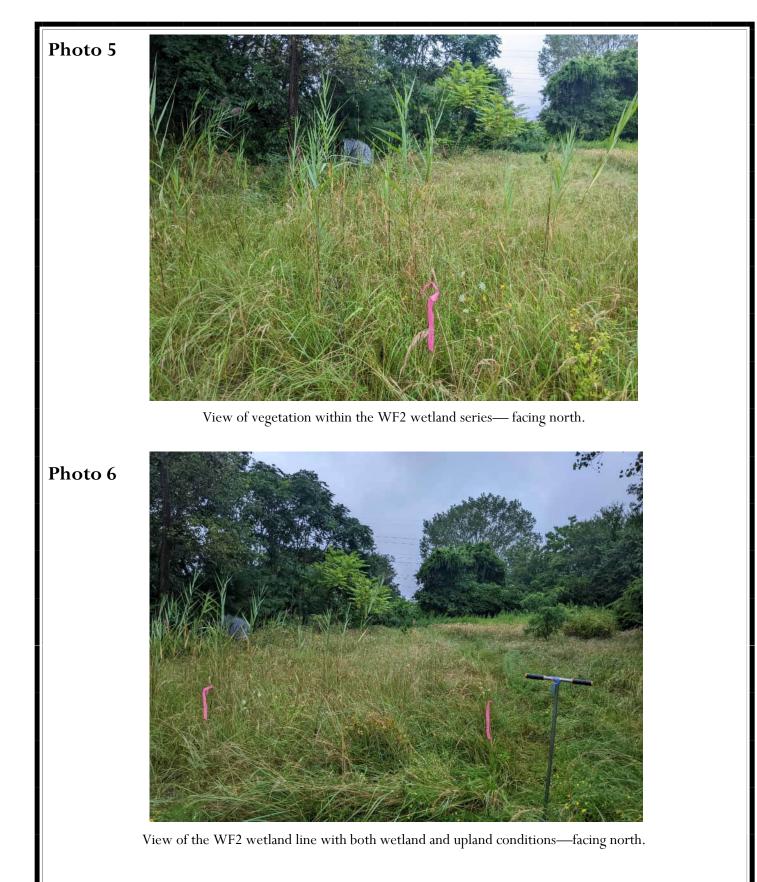


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# Custom Soil Resource Report for Norfolk and Suffolk Counties, Massachusetts



# Preface

Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/? cid=nrcs142p2\_053951).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Web Soil Survey, the site for official soil survey information.

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# **How Soil Surveys Are Made**

Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil

scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

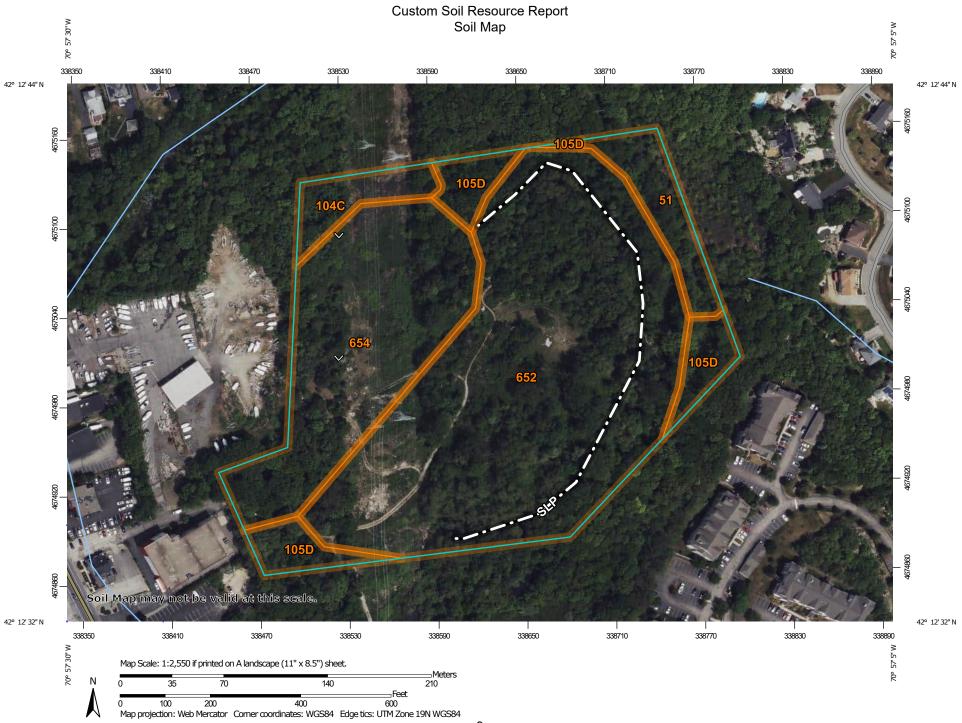
Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and

identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

# Soil Map

The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.



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+	Saline Spot			Survey Area Data. Version 16, Sep 9, 2022
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$\diamond$	Sinkhole			Date(s) aerial images were photographed: May 22, 2022—Jun
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Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI				
51	Swansea muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	0.9	5.2%				
104C	Hollis-Rock outcrop-Charlton complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes	0.7	3.8%				
105D	Rock outcrop-Hollis complex, 3 to 25 percent slopes	1.4	7.6%				
652	Udorthents, refuse substratum	10.3	57.9%				
654	Udorthents, loamy	4.6	25.6%				
Totals for Area of Interest	l	17.9	100.0%				

# Map Unit Legend

# **Map Unit Descriptions**

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

# Norfolk and Suffolk Counties, Massachusetts

# 51—Swansea muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes

## **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 2trl2 Elevation: 0 to 1,140 feet Mean annual precipitation: 36 to 71 inches Mean annual air temperature: 39 to 55 degrees F Frost-free period: 140 to 240 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

## **Map Unit Composition**

Swansea and similar soils: 80 percent Minor components: 20 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

# **Description of Swansea**

## Setting

Landform: Bogs, swamps Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip Down-slope shape: Concave Across-slope shape: Concave Parent material: Highly decomposed organic material over loose sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits

# **Typical profile**

Oa1 - 0 to 24 inches: muck Oa2 - 24 to 34 inches: muck Cg - 34 to 79 inches: coarse sand

# **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 1 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Very poorly drained
Runoff class: Negligible
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to high (0.14 to 14.17 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 0 to 6 inches
Frequency of flooding: Rare
Frequency of ponding: Frequent
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very high (about 16.5 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 8w Hydrologic Soil Group: B/D Ecological site: F144AY043MA - Acidic Organic Wetlands Hydric soil rating: Yes

#### **Minor Components**

#### Freetown

*Percent of map unit:* 10 percent *Landform:* Bogs, swamps

Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip Down-slope shape: Concave Across-slope shape: Concave Hydric soil rating: Yes

#### Whitman

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Landform: Drainageways, depressions Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope Down-slope shape: Concave Across-slope shape: Concave Hydric soil rating: Yes

#### Scarboro

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Landform: Drainageways, depressions Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Base slope, tread, dip Down-slope shape: Concave Across-slope shape: Concave Hydric soil rating: Yes

# 104C—Hollis-Rock outcrop-Charlton complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes

#### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 2w69p Elevation: 0 to 1,270 feet Mean annual precipitation: 36 to 71 inches Mean annual air temperature: 39 to 55 degrees F Frost-free period: 140 to 240 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

#### **Map Unit Composition**

*Hollis, extremely stony, and similar soils:* 35 percent *Charlton, extremely stony, and similar soils:* 25 percent *Rock outcrop:* 25 percent *Minor components:* 15 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.* 

## **Description of Hollis, Extremely Stony**

#### Setting

Landform: Ridges, hills Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, shoulder, backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Nose slope, side slope, crest Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Linear, convex Parent material: Coarse-loamy melt-out till derived from granite, gneiss, and/or schist

### **Typical profile**

*Oi - 0 to 2 inches:* slightly decomposed plant material *A - 2 to 7 inches:* gravelly fine sandy loam *Bw - 7 to 16 inches:* gravelly fine sandy loam *2R - 16 to 26 inches:* bedrock

## **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 15 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 9.0 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 8 to 23 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Runoff class: Very high
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low (0.00 to 0.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 1.9 mmhos/cm)
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 2.7 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7s Hydrologic Soil Group: D Ecological site: F144AY033MA - Shallow Dry Till Uplands Hydric soil rating: No

### **Description of Charlton, Extremely Stony**

#### Setting

Landform: Hills, ridges Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, shoulder, backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, crest Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Convex Parent material: Coarse-loamy melt-out till derived from granite, gneiss, and/or schist

#### **Typical profile**

*Oe - 0 to 2 inches:* moderately decomposed plant material *A - 2 to 4 inches:* fine sandy loam *Bw - 4 to 27 inches:* gravelly fine sandy loam *C - 27 to 65 inches:* gravelly fine sandy loam

# **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 15 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 9.0 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: Low
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to high (0.14 to 14.17 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 1.9 mmhos/cm)

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 8.7 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7s Hydrologic Soil Group: B Ecological site: F144AY034CT - Well Drained Till Uplands Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Description of Rock Outcrop**

#### Setting

*Landform:* Ridges, hills *Parent material:* Igneous and metamorphic rock

#### **Typical profile**

R - 0 to 79 inches: bedrock

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 0 inches to lithic bedrock
Runoff class: Very high
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low (0.00 to 0.00 in/hr)
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 0.0 inches)

### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 8 Hydrologic Soil Group: D Hydric soil rating: No

## Minor Components

#### Canton, extremely stony

Percent of map unit: 7 percent Landform: Moraines, hills, ridges Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, shoulder, backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, crest Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Convex Hydric soil rating: No

### Chatfield, extremely stony

Percent of map unit: 6 percent Landform: Ridges, hills Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, shoulder, backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Nose slope, side slope, crest Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Linear, convex Hydric soil rating: No

#### Montauk, extremely stony

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Landform: Hills, recessionial moraines, ground moraines, drumlins Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, shoulder, backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, crest Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Convex Hydric soil rating: No

#### Scituate, extremely stony

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Landform: Ground moraines, hills, drumlins Landform position (two-dimensional): Summit, backslope, footslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, crest Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Convex Hydric soil rating: No

# 105D—Rock outcrop-Hollis complex, 3 to 25 percent slopes

#### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: vkxr Elevation: 0 to 620 feet Mean annual precipitation: 32 to 54 inches Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 120 to 240 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Rock outcrop: 65 percent Hollis and similar soils: 25 percent Minor components: 10 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

#### **Description of Rock Outcrop**

#### Setting

Parent material: Igneous and metamorphic rock

#### **Properties and qualities**

*Slope:* 15 to 25 percent *Depth to restrictive feature:* 0 inches to lithic bedrock

### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 8s Hydric soil rating: Unranked

## **Description of Hollis**

#### Setting

Landform: Hills Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Convex Parent material: Shallow, friable loamy ablation till

#### **Typical profile**

H1 - 0 to 3 inches: fine sandy loam H2 - 3 to 14 inches: gravelly fine sandy loam H3 - 14 to 18 inches: unweathered bedrock

### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 3 to 25 percent
Surface area covered with cobbles, stones or boulders: 9.0 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 10 to 20 inches to lithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: High
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.14 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 1.7 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7s Hydrologic Soil Group: D Ecological site: F144AY033MA - Shallow Dry Till Uplands Hydric soil rating: No

#### Minor Components

#### Chatfield

Percent of map unit: 7 percent Hydric soil rating: No

### Swansea

Percent of map unit: 2 percent Landform: Bogs Hydric soil rating: Yes

#### Whitman

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Landform: Depressions Hydric soil rating: Yes

# 652—Udorthents, refuse substratum

## Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: vkyg Elevation: 0 to 3,000 feet Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F *Frost-free period:* 145 to 240 days *Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

#### Map Unit Composition

*Udorthents and similar soils:* 95 percent *Minor components:* 5 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.* 

#### **Description of Udorthents**

#### Setting

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope, shoulder, summit Landform position (three-dimensional): Riser, tread Down-slope shape: Linear, convex Across-slope shape: Convex, linear Parent material: Excavated and filled loamy land over made land, refuse

#### **Typical profile**

H1 - 0 to 6 inches: variable H2 - 6 to 60 inches: variable

#### Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 25 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Runoff class: Low
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to very high (0.06 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None

# Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6s Hydrologic Soil Group: A Hydric soil rating: Unranked

#### **Minor Components**

## Udorthents

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Hydric soil rating: Unranked

# 654—Udorthents, loamy

## Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: vkyb Elevation: 0 to 3,000 feet Mean annual precipitation: 45 to 54 inches Mean annual air temperature: 43 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 145 to 240 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

#### Map Unit Composition

*Udorthents and similar soils:* 80 percent *Minor components:* 20 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.* 

## **Description of Udorthents**

#### Setting

Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder, summit Landform position (three-dimensional): Riser, tread Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Convex, linear Parent material: Excavated and filled coarse-loamy human transported material

#### **Typical profile**

H1 - 0 to 6 inches: variable H2 - 6 to 60 inches: variable

## **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 25 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Runoff class: Low
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to very high (0.06 to 20.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None

## Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6s Hydrologic Soil Group: A Hydric soil rating: Unranked

#### **Minor Components**

#### Udorthents, sandy

Percent of map unit: 8 percent Hydric soil rating: Unranked

### Udorthents,wet substr.

Percent of map unit: 8 percent Hydric soil rating: Unranked

#### Urban land

Percent of map unit: 4 percent Hydric soil rating: Unranked

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