# Notice of Intent Application Pine Banks Park Foundation Pond Aquatic Management Program

Melrose, MA

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## A. General Information

The Pine Banks Park a. Street Address		
Latitude and Longitude:	42.441761	<u>-71.066689</u>
C3	d. Latitude 0 0	e. Longitude
f. Assessors Map/Plat Number	g. Parcel /Lot Numbe	er
Applicant:		
C. Henry a. First Name	Kezer b. Last Name	
Pine Banks Park	b. Edot Numo	
c. Organization 350 Main Street, Suite 30		
d. Street Address		
Malden e. City/Town:	MA f. State	
	<u>kezer@kezer.com</u> x Number j. Email Address	
Property owner (required if o	different from applicant):   — Check if	more than one owner
Property owner (required if of a. First Name	different from applicant): Check if b. Last Name	more than one owner
		more than one owner
a. First Name		more than one owner
a. First Name  c. Organization		more than one owner
a. First Name  c. Organization  d. Street Address  e. City/Town	b. Last Name	
a. First Name c. Organization d. Street Address e. City/Town	b. Last Name	
a. First Name  c. Organization  d. Street Address  e. City/Town  h. Phone Number  i. Fa	b. Last Name	
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a. First Name  c. Organization  d. Street Address  e. City/Town  h. Phone Number  i. Fa  Representative (if any):  Shawn  a. First Name  SOLitude Lake Management c. Company  590 Lake Street d. Street Address  Shrewsbury e. City/Town  508-865-1000	f. State  x Number  j. Email address  McCarthy b. Last Name	g. Zip Code  g. Zip Code  01545 g. Zip Code



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## A. General Information (continued)

ο.	General Project Description:						
	The applicant is seeking an Order of Conditions for an Aquatic Management Program at Pine Banks Pand, in Melrose MA, to control nuisance and invasive plant growth, utilizing regular monitoring and treatments with USEPA/MA State registered aquatic herbicides, algaecides, and other BMP's (see attached Project Description)						
7a.	Project Type Checklist: (Limited Project Types see Section A. 7b.)						
	1 Single Family Home 2 Residential Subdivision						
	3 Commercial/Industrial 4 Dock/Pier						
	5 Utilities 6 Coastal engineering Structure						
	7 Agriculture (e.g., cranberries, forestry) 8 Transportation						
	9. 🚨 Other						
, .	Is any portion of the proposed activity eligible to be treated as a limited project (including Ecological Restoration Limited Project) subject to 310 CMR 10.24 (coastal) or 310 CMR 10.53 (inland)?  1.   Yes No  If yes, describe which limited project applies to this project. (See 310 CMR 10.24 and 10.53 for a complete list and description of limited project types)  310 CMR 10.53 (4)  2. Limited Project Type  If the proposed activity is eligible to be treated as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project (310 CMR10.24(8), 310 CMR 10.53(4)), complete and attach Appendix A: Ecological Restoration Limited Project Checklist and Signed Certification.						
8.	Property recorded at the Registry of Deeds for:						
	Middlesex a. County b. Certificate # (if registered land)						
	28551/33420 446/77 c. Book d. Page Number						
В.	Buffer Zone & Resource Area Impacts (temporary & permanent)						
1. 2.	<ul> <li>Buffer Zone Only – Check if the project is located only in the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Inland Bank, or Coastal Resource Area.</li> <li>Inland Resource Areas (see 310 CMR 10.54-10.58; if not applicable, go to Section B.3, Coastal Resource Areas).</li> <li>Check all that apply below. Attach narrative and any supporting documentation describing how the</li> </ul>						
project will meet all performance standards for each of the resource areas altered, including							

standards requiring consideration of alternative project design or location.



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

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

Resourc	e Area	Size of Proposed Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)						
а. 🕳	Bank	1. linear feet	2. linear feet						
b. 🕳	Bordering Vegetated Wetland	1. square feet	2. square feet						
c. <u>X</u>	Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways	38,333 1. square feet 0 3. cubic yards dredged	0 2. square feet						
Resourc	e Area	Size of Proposed Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)						
d. 🕳	Bordering Land Subject to Flooding	1. square feet	2. square feet						
		3. cubic feet of flood storage lost	4. cubic feet replaced						
е. 🕳	Isolated Land Subject to Flooding	1. square feet							
		2. cubic feet of flood storage lost	3. cubic feet replaced						
f. 🕳	Riverfront Area	1. Name of Waterway (if available) - spec	ify coastal or inland						
2.	Width of Riverfront Area (	check one):							
	25 ft Designated De	nsely Developed Areas only							
	_ 100 ft New agricultu	tural projects only							
		ects							
2 Т	otal area of Divertrent Area	a on the site of the proposed project	<b>.</b>						
		, , , ,	square feet						
4. Proposed alteration of the Riverfront Area:  a. total square feet  b. square feet within 100 ft.  c. square feet between 100 ft. and 2									
							5. H	5. Has an alternatives analysis been done and is it attached to this NOI? Yes No	
6. <b>V</b>	Vas the lot where the activi	ty is proposed created prior to Augu	ust 1, 1996? Yes No						
3. <u>Coa</u>	stal Resource Areas: (See	310 CMR 10.25-10.35)							

Note: for coastal riverfront areas, please complete Section B.2.f. above.

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

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

Online Users: Include your document transaction number (provided on your receipt page) with all supplementary information you submit to the Department.

4.

5.

Resource Area		Size of Proposed Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)				
a Designated Port Areas		Indicate size under Land Under the Ocean, below					
b. <b>—</b>	Land Under the Ocean	square feet     cubic yards dredged	-				
c. <b>_</b>	Barrier Beach	Indicate size under Coastal Bea	aches and/or Coastal Dunes below				
d. 🕳	Coastal Beaches	1. square feet	2. cubic yards beach nourishment				
е. 🕳	Coastal Dunes	1. square feet	2. cubic yards dune nourishment				
		Size of Proposed Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)				
f g	Coastal Banks Rocky Intertidal	1. linear feet	-				
9. 🕳	Shores	1. square feet	-				
h. 🕳	Salt Marshes	1. square feet	2. sq ft restoration, rehab., creation				
i. <u> </u>	Land Under Salt Ponds	1. square feet	-				
		2. cubic yards dredged	-				
j. 🕳	Land Containing Shellfish	1. square feet	-				
k. 🕳	Fish Runs		nks, inland Bank, Land Under the der Waterbodies and Waterways,				
		1. cubic yards dredged	_				
l. <u> </u>	Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage	1. square feet	-				
Restoration/Enhancement If the project is for the purpose of restoring or enhancing a wetland resource area in addition to the square footage that has been entered in Section B.2.b or B.3.h above, please enter the additional amount here.							
a. square	e feet of BVW	b. square feet of	Salt Marsh				
_ Pro	oject Involves Stream Cross	sings					
a. numbe	er of new stream crossings	b. number of rep	lacement stream crossings				



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## C. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements

🔼 This is a proposal for an Ecological Restoration Limited Project. Skip Section C and complete Appendix A: Ecological Restoration Limited Project Checklists - Required Actions

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	(310 CMR 10.11).
tı	reamlined Massachusetts Endangered Species Act/Wetlands Protection Act Review
	Is any portion of the proposed project located in <b>Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife</b> as indicated on the most recent Estimated Habitat Map of State-Listed Rare Wetland Wildlife published by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP)? To view habitat maps, see the <i>Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas</i> or go to <a href="http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/PRI_EST_HAB/viewer.htm">http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/PRI_EST_HAB/viewer.htm</a> .
	a.  Yes $X = No$ If yes, include proof of mailing or hand delivery of NOI to:
	Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program Division of Fisheries and Wildlife 1 Rabbit Hill Road Westborough, MA 01581
	If yes, the project is also subject to Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) review (321 CMR 10.18). To qualify for a streamlined, 30-day, MESA/Wetlands Protection Act review, please complete Section C.1.c, and include requested materials with this Notice of Intent (NOI); OR complete Section C.2.f, if applicable. If MESA supplemental information is not included with the NOI,

by completing Section 1 of this form, the NHESP will require a separate MESA filing which may take up to 90 days to review (unless noted exceptions in Section 2 apply, see below).

С.	Submit Supp	lemental	ln	formation	for	End	langered	1 5	Speci	es	R	evie	ew∗
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<ol> <li>Percentage/acreage of property to be</li> </ol>	Percentage/acreage of property to be altered:		
(a) within wetland Resource Area	percentage/acreage		
(b) outside Resource Area	percentage/acreage		
2. Assessor's Map or right-of-way plan	of site		

- 2. Project plans for entire project site, including wetland resource areas and areas outside of wetlands jurisdiction, showing existing and proposed conditions, existing and proposed tree/vegetation clearing line, and clearly demarcated limits of work \*\*
  - Project description (including description of impacts outside of wetland resource area & buffer zone)
  - Photographs representative of the site (b) \_\_\_

Priority Habitat includes habitat for state-listed plants and strictly upland species not protected by the Wetlands Protection Act.

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

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<sup>\*</sup> Some projects not in Estimated Habitat may be located in Priority Habitat, and require NHESP review (see https://www.mass.gov/maendangered-species-act-mesa-regulatory-review).



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C.	Other A	Applicable Standards and F	Requirements (cont'd)
	(c) <u> </u>	MESA filing fee (fee information availa a-project-review).	ble at https://www.mass.gov/how-to/how-to-file-for-
	Make check payable to "Commonwealth of Massachusetts - NHESP" and <i>mail to NHESP</i> a above address		
	Projects	s altering <b>10 or more acres</b> of land, also sub	bmit:
	(d) <u> </u>	Vegetation cover type map of site	
	(e) — Project plans showing Priority & Estimated Habitat boundaries		
(f) OR Check One of the Following			
	1. 🕳	https://www.mass.gov/service-details/e	MESA exemption applies. (See 321 CMR 10.14, exemptions-from-review-for-projectsactivities-inent to NHESP if the project is within estimated at 10.59.)
	2. 🕳	Separate MESA review ongoing.	a. NHESP Tracking # b. Date submitted to NHESP
	3. 🕳	Separate MESA review completed. Include copy of NHESP "no Take" dete Permit with approved plan.	ermination or valid Conservation & Management
3. For coastal projects only, is any portion of the proposed project located below the mean line or in a fish run?		osed project located below the mean high water	
	a Not a	applicable – project is in inland resource	area only b. Yes <u>No</u>
	If yes, inclu	ide proof of mailing, hand delivery, or el	ectronic delivery of NOI to either:
	South Shore the Cape &	e - Cohasset to Rhode Island border, and Islands:	North Shore - Hull to New Hampshire border:
	Southeast M Attn: Enviror 836 South R New Bedford Email: dmf.	Marine Fisheries - Marine Fisheries Station Inmental Reviewer Rodney French Blvd. Id, MA 02744 Inverse Marine Marine Marine Marine Marine Interview-south@mass.gov Interview Marine Mari	Division of Marine Fisheries - North Shore Office Attn: Environmental Reviewer 30 Emerson Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930 Email: dmf.envreview-north@mass.gov. cense. For coastal towns in the Northeast Region,
	please con		stal towns in the Southeast Region, please contact
	c ls t	this an aquaculture project?	d Yes No
	If yes, inclu	ide a copy of the Division of Marine Fish	neries Certification Letter (M.G.L. c. 130, § 57).



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

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

Online Users: Include your document		a Yes _ No
transaction number		b. ACEC
(provided on your receipt page) with all	5.	Is any portion of the proposed project within an area designated as an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW) as designated in the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314 CMR 4.00?
supplementary information you		a Yes No
submit to the Department.	6.	Is any portion of the site subject to a Wetlands Restriction Order under the Inland Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40A) or the Coastal Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 130, § 105)?
		a Yes No
	7.	Is this project subject to provisions of the MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards?
		<ul> <li>Yes. Attach a copy of the Stormwater Report as required by the Stormwater Management Standards per 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k)-(q) and check if:</li> <li>Applying for Low Impact Development (LID) site design credits (as described in Stormwater Management Handbook Vol. 2, Chapter 3)</li> </ul>
		2. A portion of the site constitutes redevelopment
		3. — Proprietary BMPs are included in the Stormwater Management System.
		b. No. Check why the project is exempt:
		1 Single-family house
		2. Emergency road repair
		3. Small Residential Subdivision (less than or equal to 4 single-family houses or less than

#### D. Additional Information

∑ This is a proposal for an Ecological Restoration Limited Project. Skip Section D and complete Appendix A: Ecological Restoration Notice of Intent – Minimum Required Documents (310 CMR 10.12).

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

or equal to 4 units in multi-family housing project) with no discharge to Critical Areas.

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

- 1. USGS or other map of the area (along with a narrative description, if necessary) containing sufficient information for the Conservation Commission and the Department to locate the site. (Electronic filers may omit this item.)
- Plans identifying the location of proposed activities (including activities proposed to serve as a Bordering Vegetated Wetland [BVW] replication area or other mitigating measure) relative to the boundaries of each affected resource area.



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# D. Additional Information (cont'd)

υ.	Ada	itional information (contd)				
	3. 🕳	Identify the method for BVW and other Field Data Form(s), Determination of Apand attach documentation of the me	pplicability, Order of Resource			
	4. 🕳	List the titles and dates for all plans and	d other materials submitted wi	th this NOI.		
	a. F	Plan Title				
	h F	Prepared By	c. Signed and Stamped by			
			c. Signed and Stamped by			
	d. F	inal Revision Date	e. Scale			
	f. A	dditional Plan or Document Title		g. Date		
	5. 🕳	If there is more than one property owne listed on this form.	er, please attach a list of these	e property owners not		
<ul> <li>6. — Attach proof of mailing for Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Pr</li> <li>7. — Attach proof of mailing for Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, i</li> </ul>			Program, if needed.			
			tts Division of Marine Fisherie	es, if needed.		
	8. 🚨 Attach NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Fo		orm			
	9 Attach Stormwater Report, if needed					
Ε.	Fees					
	<ol> <li>Fee Exempt: No filing fee shall be assessed for projects of any city, town, county, or district of the Commonwealth, federally recognized Indian tribe housing authority, municipal hou authority, or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.</li> </ol>					
		Applicants must submit the following information (in addition to pages 1 and 2 of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form) to confirm fee payment:				
	2. Munic	ipal Check Number	3. Check date			
	4. State	Check Number	5. Check date			
SOLitude Lake Management 6. Payor name on check: First Name			7. Payor name on check:	7. Payor name on check: Last Name		



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## F. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

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

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

C. Henry Kezer C. Henry Kezer (Apr 24, 2023 13:12 EDT)	04/24/23
1. Signature of Applicant	2. Date
3. Signature of Property Owner (if different)	4. Date
5. Signature of Representative (if any)	6. Date

#### For Conservation Commission:

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

#### For MassDEP:

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

#### Other:

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

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



# WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent Appendix A: Ecological Restoration Limited Project Checklists

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## **Eligibility Checklist**

This Ecological Restoration Limited Project Eligibility Checklist guides the applicant in determining if their project is eligible to file as an Inland or Coastal Ecological Restoration Limited Project (310 CMR 10.53(4) or 310 CMR 10.24(8) respectively). These criteria must be met when submitting the Ecological Restoration Limited Project Notice of Intent to ensure that the restoration and improvement of the natural capacity of a Resource Area(s) to protect and sustain the interests identified in the WPA is **necessary** to achieve the project's ecological restoration goals.

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#### Regulatory Features of All Coastal and Inland Ecological Restoration Limited Projects

- (a) May result in the temporary or permanent loss of/or conversion of Resource Area: An Ecological Restoration Limited Project that meets the requirements of 310 CMR 10.24(8) may result in the temporary or permanent loss of Resource Areas and/or the conversion of one Resource Area to another when such loss is necessary to the achievement of the project's ecological restoration goals.
- (b) Exemption from wildlife habitat evaluation: A NOI for an Ecological Restoration Limited Project that meets the minimum requirements for Ecological Restoration Projects and for a MassDEP Combined Application outlined in 310 CMR 10.12(1) and (2) is exempt from providing a wildlife habitat evaluation (310 CMR 10.60).
- (c) The following are considerations for applicants filing an Ecological Restoration Limited Project NOI and for the issuing authority approving a project as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project:
  - The condition of existing and historic Resource Areas proposed for restoration.
  - Evidence of the extent and severity of the impairment(s) that reduce the capacity of the Resource Areas to protect and sustain the interests identified in M.G.L. c. 131, § 40.
  - The magnitude and significance of the benefits of the Ecological Restoration Project in improving the capacity of the affected Resource Areas to protect and sustain the other interests identified in M.G.L. c. 131, § 40.
  - The magnitude and significance of the impacts of the Ecological Restoration Project on existing Resource Areas that may be modified, converted and/or lost and the interests for which said Resource Areas are presumed significant in 310 CMR 10.00, and the extent to which the project will:
    - a. avoid adverse impacts to Resource Areas and the interests identified in M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, that can be avoided without impeding the achievement of the project's ecological restoration goals.
    - minimize adverse impacts to Resource Areas and the interests identified in M.G.L. c. 131, §
       40, that are necessary to the achievement of the project's ecological restoration goals.
    - utilize best management practices such as erosion and siltation controls and proper construction sequencing to avoid and minimize adverse construction impacts to resource areas and the interests identified in M.G.L. c. 131, § 40.



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# Eligibility Criteria - Coastal Ecological Restoration Limited Projects (310 CMR 10.24(8))

Complete this Eligibility Criteria Checklist *before* filling out a Notice of Intent Application to determine if your project qualifies as a Coastal Ecological Restoration Limited Project. (310 CMR 10.24(8)) Sign the Eligibility Certification at the end of Appendix A, and attach the checklist with supporting documentation and the Eligibility Certification to your Notice of Intent Application.

#### General Eligibility Criteria for All Coastal Ecological Restoration Limited Projects

Notwithstanding the requirements of 310 CMR 10.25 through 10.35, 310 CMR 10.54 through 10.58, and the Wildlife Habitat evaluations in 310 CMR 10.60, the Issuing Authority may issue an Order of Conditions permitting an Ecological Restoration Project listed in 310 CMR 10.24(8)(e) as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project and impose such conditions as will contribute to the interests identified in the WPA M.G.L. provided that the project meets all the requirements in 310 CMR 10.24 (8).☐ The project is an Ecological Restoration Project as defined in 310 CMR 10.04 and is a project type listed below [310 CMR 10.24(8)(e)]. □ Tidal Restoration. Shellfish Habitat Restoration. Other Ecological Restoration Limited Project Type. The project will further at least one of the WPA (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) interests identified below. Protection of public or private water supply. Protection of ground water supply. Flood control. Storm damage prevention. Prevention of pollution. Protection of land containing shellfish. Protection of fisheries. Protection of wildlife habitat. ☐ If the project will impact an area located within estimated habitat which is indicated on the most

recent Estimated Habitat Map of State-Listed Rare Wetlands, a NHESP preliminary written determination is attached to the NOI submittal that the project will not have any adverse long-term and short-term effects on specified habitat sites of Rare Species or the project will be carried out

in accordance with an approved NHESP habitat management plan.



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# Eligibility Criteria - Coastal Ecological Restoration Limited Projects (310 CMR 10.24(8)) (Cont.)

Ge	nera	al El	igibilit	ty Criteria for All Coastal Ecological Restoration Limited Projects (cont.)	
	If the project is located in a Coastal Dune or Barrier Beach, the project avoids and minimizes armoring of the Coastal Dune or Barrier Beach to the maximum extent practicable. The project complies with all applicable provisions of 310 CMR 10.24(1) through (6) and 310 CMR 10.24(9) and (10).				
Ad	ditio	onal	Eligib	ility Criteria for Specific Coastal Ecological Restoration Limited Project Types	
tha	t the	eres	toratio	criteria must be met to qualify as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project to ensure in and improvement of the natural capacity of a Resource Area to protect and sts identified in the WPA is <b>necessary</b> to achieve the project's ecological restoration	
	Re	stora	ation L	al Restoration Limited Project application meets the eligibility criteria for Ecological imited Project [310 CMR 10.24(8)(a) through (d) and as proposed, furthers at least PA interests is for the project type identified below.	
			Tidal	Restoration Projects	
			impa	ject to restore tidal flow that will not significantly increase flooding or storm damage cts to the built environment, including without limitation, buildings, wells, septic ms, roads or other man-made structures or infrastructure.	
☐ Shellfish Habitat Restoration Projects			Shell	fish Habitat Restoration Projects	
				project has received a Special Projects Permit from the Division of Marine Fisheries a municipality, has received a shellfish propagation permit.	
			struc	project is made of cultch (e.g., shellfish shells from oyster, surf or ocean clam) or is a ture manufactured specifically for shellfish enhancement (e.g., reef blocks, reef balls, g, floats, rafts, suspended gear).	
		Ot 10	her Ec .24(8)(	cological Restoration Projects that meet the criteria set forth in 310 CMR a) through (d).	
				Restoration, enhancement, or management of Rare Species habitat.	
				Restoration of hydrologic and habitat connectivity.	
				Removal of aquatic nuisance vegetation to impede eutrophication.	
				Thinning or planting of vegetation to improve habitat value.	
				Fill removal and re-grading.	
				Riparian corridor re-naturalization.	



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Eligibility Criteria - Coastal Ecological Restoration Limited Projects (310 CMR 10.24(8)) (Cont.)

Ad	ditio	onal Eligil	pility Criteria for Specific Coastal Ecological Restoration Limited Project Types				
			In-stream habitat enhancement.				
			Remediation of historic tidal wetland ditching.				
			Eelgrass restoration.				
			Invasive species management.				
			Installation of fish passage structures.				
			Other.				
De	scrib						
	Th	is project i	nvolves the construction, repair, replacement or expansion of public or private				
		rastructure (310 CMR 10.24(9).  The NOI attachment labeled is an operation and maintenance plan to ensure that the infrastructure will continue to function as designed.					
		[2] 그렇게 하장 아이들 사용하여 하면 하는데 이 아픈 아이를 하지만 하게 되는데 그렇게 되었습니다. 그렇게 되었습니다. 그렇게 되었습니다. 그렇게 되었습니다. 그렇게 되었습니다.					
		crossing	ect proposes to replace an existing stream crossing (310 CMR 10.24(10). The complies with the Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards to the maximum extent ble with details provided in the NOI. The crossing type:				
			aces an existing non-tidal crossing that is part of an Anadromous/Catadromous Fish (310 CMR 10.35)				
		☐ Repl	aces an existing tidal crossing that restricts tidal flow. The tidal restriction will be nated to the maximum extent practicable.				
		At a mini practicab undesira	mum, in evaluating the potential to comply with the standards to the maximum extent ble the following criteria have been consider site constraints in meeting the standard, ble effects or risk in meeting the standard, and the environmental benefit of meeting lard compared to the cost, by evaluating the following:				
			The potential for downstream flooding;				
			Upstream and downstream habitat (in-stream habitat, wetlands);				
			Potential for erosion and head-cutting;				
			Stream stability;				
			Habitat fragmentation caused by the crossing;				

The amount of stream mileage made accessible by the improvements;



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	Storm flow conveyance;		

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Additi	onal Eligik	pility Criteria for Specific Coastal Ecological Restoration Limited Project Types
		Engineering design constraints specific to the crossing;
		Hydrologic constraints specific to the crossing;
		Impacts to wetlands that would occur by improving the crossing;
		Potential to affect property and infrastructure; and
		Cost of replacement.

# Eligibility Criteria - Inland Ecological Restoration Limited Project (310 CMR 10.53(4))

Complete this Eligibility Criteria Checklist *before* filling out a Notice of Intent Application to determine if your project qualifies as an Inland Ecological Restoration Limited Project. (310 CMR 10.53(4)) Sign the Eligibility Certification at the end of Appendix A, and attach the checklist with supporting documentation and the Eligibility Certification to your Notice of Intent Application.

#### General Eligibility Criteria for All Inland Ecological Restoration Limited Projects

Notwithstanding the requirements of any other provision of 310 CMR 10.25 through 10.35, 310 CMR 10.54 through 10.58, and 310 CMR 10.60, the Issuing Authority may issue an Order of Conditions permitting an Ecological Restoration Project listed in 310 CMR 10.53(4)(e) as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project and impose such conditions as will contribute to the interests identified in M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, provided that:

	The project is an Ecological Restoration Project as defined in 310 CMR 10.04 and is a project type listed below [310 CMR 10.53(4)(e)].						
		Dam Removal					
		Freshwater Stream Crossing Repair and Replacement					
		Stream Daylighting					
		Tidal Restoration					
		Rare Species Habitat Restoration					
		Restoring Fish Passageways					
typ	e):	Other (describe project Aquatic and Emergent Plant Management					



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General	Eligibility	Criteria :	for All	Inland	<b>Ecological</b>	Restoration	Limited	Projects

X	The pro	bject will further at least one of the WPA (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) interests identified below.	
		Protection of public or private water supply	
		Protection of ground water supply	
		Flood control	
		Storm damage prevention	
		Prevention of pollution	
		Protection of land containing shellfish	
	$\overline{\mathbf{X}}$	Protection of fisheries	
	X	Protection of wildlife habitat	
	recent determ short-te	roject will impact an area located within estimated habitat which is indicated on the most Estimated Habitat Map of State-Listed Rare Wetlands, a NHESP preliminary written ination is attached to the NOI submittal that the project will have no adverse long-term and erm effects on specified habitat sites of Rare Species or the project will be carried out in ance with an approved NHESP habitat management plan.	
	recomm	oject will be carried out in accordance with any time of year restrictions or other conditions nended by the Division of Marine Fisheries for coastal waters and the Division of Fisheries Idlife in accordance with 310 CMR 10.11(3).	
	If the project involves the dredging of 100 cubic yards of sediment or more or dredging of any amount in an Outstanding Resource Water, a Water Quality Certification has been applied for or obtained.		
X	The pro	oject complies with all applicable provisions of 310 CMR 10.53(1), (2), (7), and (8).	



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# Eligibility Criteria - Inland Ecological Restoration Limited Project (310 CMR 10.53(4)) (cont.)

#### Additional Eligibility Criteria for Specific Inland Ecological Restoration Limited Project Types

These additional criteria must be met to qualify as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project to ensure that the restoration and improvement of the natural capacity of a Resource Area to protect and sustain the interests identified in the WPA is **necessary** to achieve the project's ecological restoration goals.

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X]	acc	cord	oject application meets the eligibility criteria for Ecological Restoration Limited Project in ance with [310 CMR 10.53(4)(a) through (d) and as proposed, furthers at least one of the sterests is for the project type identified below:
			Dam Removal
			☐ Project is consistent with MassDEP's 2007 Dam Removal Guidance.
			eshwater Stream Crossing Repair and Replacement. The project as proposed and the old describes how:
			Meeting the eligibility criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13 would result in significant stream instability or flooding hazard that cannot otherwise be mitigated, and site constraints make it impossible to meet said criteria.
			☐ The project design ensures that the stability of the bank is NOT impaired.
			To the maximum extent practicable, the project provides for the restoration of the stream upstream and downstream of the structure as needed to restore stream continuity and eliminate barriers to aquatic organism movement.
			$\square$ The project complies with the requirements of 310 CMR 10.53(7) and (8).
			Stream Daylighting Projects
			The project meets the eligibility criteria for Ecological Restoration Limited Project [310 CMR 10.53(4)(a) through (d)] and as proposed the NOI describes how the proposed project meets to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the project's ecological restoration goals, all the performance standards for Bank and Land Under Water Bodies and Waterways.
		П	The project meets the requirements of 310 CMR 10.12(1) and (2) and a wildlife habitat evaluation is not included in the NOI.
			Tidal Restoration Project
			☐ Restores tidal flow.



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increase flooding or storm damage to the built environment, including without limitation, buildings, wells, septic systems, roads or other man-made structures or infrastructure.

the project, including any proposed flood mitigation measures, will not significantly

☑ Other Ecological Restoration Projects that meet the criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.53 (4)

# Eligibility Criteria - Inland Ecological Restoration Limited Project (310 CMR 10.53(4)) (cont.)

		(a) through	ıh (d).					
			Restoration, enhancement, or management of Rare Species habitat.					
			Restoration of hydrologic and habitat connectivity.					
		X	Removal of aquatic nuisance vegetation to impede eutrophication.					
		X	Thinning or planting of vegetation to improve habitat value.					
			Riparian corridor re-naturalization.					
			River floodplain re-connection.					
			In-stream habitat enhancement.					
☐ Fill removal and re-grading.								
	Flow restoration.							
			Installation of fish passage structures.					
		X	Invasive species management.					
			Other.					
De	scrib							
			nvolves the construction, repair, replacement or expansion of public or private					
	infr	infrastructure. (310 CMR 10.53(7))  The NOI attachment labeled is an operation and maintenance plan to ensure that the						
	ш		attachment labeled is an operationand maintenance plan to ensure that the sture will continue to function as designed.					
		The oper	ation and maintenance plan will be implemented as a continuing condition in the Orde ions and the Certificate of Compliance.					
	This	This project replaces an existing stream crossing (310 CMR 10.53(8)). The crossing type:						
		Replaces an existing non-tidal crossing designed to comply with the Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards to the maximum extent practicable with details provided in the NOI.						
	П	Replaces	an existing tidal crossing that restricts tidal flow. The tidal restriction will be d to the maximum extent practicable.					



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Ш	practic undesi	able the following criteria have been consider site constraints in meeting the standard, rable effects or risk in meeting the standard, and the environmental benefit of meeting the rd compared to the cost, by evaluating the following:
		The potential for downstream flooding;
		Upstream and downstream habitat (in-stream habitat, wetlands);
		Potential for erosion and head-cutting;
		Stream stability;
		Habitat fragmentation caused by the crossing;
		The amount of stream mileage made accessible by the improvements:
		Storm flow conveyance;
		Engineering design constraints specific to the crossing;
		Hydrologic constraints specific to the crossing;
		Impacts to wetlands that would occur by improving the crossing;
		Potential to affect property and infrastructure; and
		Cost of replacement.



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# Required Actions (310 CMR 10.11)

Complete the Required Actions <u>before</u> submitting a Notice of Intent Application for an Ecological Restoration Project and submit a completed copy of this Checklist with the Notice of Intent.

X						mental Policy Act (MEPA) / Em vice-details/the-environmental-m	
	Fo	r Eco	olog	ical Re	storation	Limited Projects, there are no o	changes to MEPA requirements.
X	En	bmit viror nimu	ime	tten no ntal Mo	tification onitor for	at least 14 days prior to the filing publication. A copy of the written	g of a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the en notification is attached and provides at
	X	Ab	rief	descri	ption of t	he proposed project.	
	X	The	e an	iticipate	ed NOI s	ubmission date to the conservat	ion commission.
	X	The	e na	me an	d addres	ss of the conservation commission	on that will review the NOI.
	X					where copies of the NOI may be cation of the public hearing.	examined or acquired and where to obtain
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				Supp	lementa	I Information for Endangered Sp	ecies Review has been submitted.
				1.	□ Pe	ercentage/acreage of property to	be altered:
	Are	ea			a.	Within Wetland Resource	Percentage/acreage
	Are	ea			b.	Outside Wetland Resource	Percentage/acreage
				2.		Assessor's Map or right-of-wa	ay plan of site
			3. ou	□ tside o	f wetland	ct plans for entire project site, in ds jurisdiction, showing existing a getation clearing line, and clearly	cluding wetland resource areas and areas and proposed conditions, existing and demarcated limits of work.
			4.			ct description (including descript	tion of impacts outside of wetland resource

Photographs representative of the site



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MESA filing fee (fee information available at https://www.mass.gov/how-to/how-to-file-for-a-mesa-project-review)

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MILSE	Nat MA 1 R		of Fisher Road	Endangered Species Program ries & Wildlife 581
	7.	Proje	ects alter	ring 10 or more acres of land, also submit:
		a.		Vegetation cover type map of site
		b.		Project plans showing Priority & Estimated Habitat boundaries
	OR	Check O	ne of the	e Following:
	1.		Proje	ect is exempt from MESA review.
	2.	a. NHESP		b. Date submitted to NHESP
	3. 🗆	Sepa	arate ME	SA review completed. Include copy of NHESP "no Take" nservation & Management Permit with approved plan.
				Ap of State-Listed Rare Wetlands Wildlife
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	A prelim	ninary wri	tten dete	ermination from Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program ed indicating that:
	□ Pro	iect will N	OT have	e long- or short-term adverse effect on the actual Resource Area
	loca	ted within	n estima	ted habitat indicated on the most recent Estimated Habitat Map of etlands Wildlife published by NHESP.



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## Required Actions (310 CMR 10.11) (cont.)

#### Send the request for a written or electronic determination to:

	South Shore – Cohasset to Rhode Island border, and the Cape & Islands:	North Shore – Hull to New Hampshire border:
	Division of Marine Fisheries –	Division of Marine Fisheries -
	South Coast Field Station	North Shore Field Station
	Attn: Environmental Reviewer	Attn: Environmental Reviewer
	836 South Rodney French Blvd.	30 Emerson Avenue
	New Bedford, MA 02744	Gloucester, MA 01930
	Email: DMF.EnvReview-South@state.ma.us	Email: <u>DMF.EnvReview-North@state.ma.us</u>
	Division of Fisheries and Wildlife - https://www	.mass.gov/orgs/division-of-fisheries-and-wildlife
	stream and the in-water work will not occur be	ivision of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) as to whether
	☐ The proposed work does NO	T require a TOY restriction.
	<ul> <li>The proposed work requires a TOY restriction and other conditions is attached.</li> </ul>	estriction. The DFW determination with TOY ached.
П	MassDEP Water Quality Certification	
		or more in a Resource Area or dredging of any DRW). A copy and proof of the MassDEP Water 00 is attached to the NOI.
	☐ This project is a Combined Permit Application	for 401 Dredging and Restoration (BRP WW 26).
	MassDEP Wetlands Restriction Order	
	Is any portion of the site subject to a Wetlands Re Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40A) or the Coas	estriction Order under the Inland Wetlands stal Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 130, § 105)?
	□ Yes □ No	
	Department of Conservation and Recreation	
	Office of Dam Safety	
	and Recreation Office of Dam Safety that the	determination from the Department of Conservation dam is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Office n that the dam removal does not require a permit

<sup>☐</sup> The design specifications and operational plan for the project are not compatible with the passage requirements of the fish run.



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under 302 CMR 10.00 or a permit authorizing the dam removal in accordance with 302 CMR 10.00 has been issued.

## Required Actions (310 CMR 10.11) (cont.)

	s any portion	of the prop	posed project within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)?
I	□ Yes No		If yes, provide name of ACEC (see instructions to WPA Form 3 or MassDEP Website for ACEC locations).
1	Name of ACEC		
Mir	nimum R	equired	Documents (310 CMR 10.12)
Notic	ce of Intent A This Notice o	pplication for f Intent mee	numents Checklist below and provide supporting materials <u>before</u> submitting a for an Ecological Restoration Project. Lets all applicable requirements outlined in for Ecological Restoration Projects the checklist below to ensure that all documentation is included with the NO
1	At a minimum	i, a Notice o	of Intent for an Ecological Restoration Project shall include the following:
2	☑ Description	on of the pr	roject's ecological restoration goals;
	☑ The locat	ion of the E	Ecological Restoration Project;
Ū	□ Description	on of the co	onstruction sequence for completing the project;
K	permanently a	altered by t	oject to Protection Under M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, that will be temporarily or the project or include habitat for Rare Species, Habitat of Potential Regional Ice, eel grass beds, or Shellfish Suitability Areas.
			nd other resource area boundary delineations (MassDEP BVW Field Data of Applicability, Order of Resource Area Delineation, etc.) is attached with
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- ☐ If there is more than one property owner, attach a list of these property owners not listed on this form.
- M Attach NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form.

## Minimum Required Documents (310 CMR 10.12)

	An evaluation of any flood impacts that may affect the built environment, including without limitation, buildings, wells, septic systems, roads or other man-made structures or infrastructure as well as any proposed flood impact mitigation measures;		
X	A plan for invasive species prevention and control;		
	The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program written determination in accordance with 310 CMR 10.11(2), if needed;		
	Any Time of Year restrictions and/or other conditions recommended by the Division of Marine Fisheries or the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in accordance with 310 CMR 10.11(3), (4), (5) needed;		
X	Proof that notice was published in the Environmental Monitor as required by 310 CMR 10.11(1;		
X	A certification by the applicant under the penalties of perjury that the project meets the eligibility criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13;		
	If the Ecological Restoration Project involves the construction, repair, replacement or expansion of infrastructure, an operation and maintenance plan to ensure that the infrastructure will continue to function as designed;		
	If the project involves dredging of 100 cubic yards or more or dredging of any amount in an Outstanding Resource Water, a Water Quality Certification issued by the Department pursuant to 314 CMR 9.00;		
	If the Ecological Restoration Project involves work on a stream crossing, information sufficient to make the showing required by 310 CMR 10.24(10) for work in a coastal resource area and 310 CMR 10.53(8) for work in an inland resource area; and		
	If the Ecological Restoration Project involves work on a stream crossing, baseline photo-points that capture longitudinal views of the crossing inlet, the crossing outlet and the upstream and downstream channel beds during low flow conditions. The latitude and longitude coordinates of the photo-points shall be included in the baseline data.		
	This project is subject to provisions of the MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards. A copy of the Stormwater Report as required by the Stormwater Management Standards per 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k)-(q) is attached.		
	Provide information as the whether the project has the potential to impact private water supply wells including agricultural or aquacultural wells or surface water withdrawal points.		



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## Certification that the Ecological Restoration Project Meets the Eligibility Criteria

I hereby certify under penalties of perjury that the Ecological Restoration Project Notice of Intent application does not meet the Eligibility criteria for an Ecological Restoration Order of Conditions set forth in 310 CMR 10.13, but does meet the Eligibility Criteria for a Ecological Restoration Limited Project set forth in 10.24(8) or 10.53(4) whichever is applicable. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in the application, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief such information is true, complete, and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed activities.

C. Henry Kezer C. Henry Kezer (Apr 24, 2023 13:12 EDT)	
Signature of Applicant or Authorized Agent	
C. Henry Kezer	04/24/23
Printed Name of Applicant or Authorized Agent	Date

The certification must be signed by the applicant; however, it may be signed by a duly authorized agent (named in Item 2) if this form is accompanied by a statement by the applicant designating the agent and agreeing to furnish upon request, supplemental information in support of the application.



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Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

#### NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form

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

#### Important: When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.





#### A. Applicant Information Location of Project: Pine Banks Park Pond Melrose a. Street Address b. City/Town c. Check number d. Fee amount 2. Applicant Mailing Address: Kezer C. Henry a. First Name b. Last Name Pine Banks Park c. Organization 350 Main Street, Suite 30 d. Mailing Address 02148 Malden e. City/Town f. State g. Zip Code 781-324-1213 kezer@kezer.com h. Phone Number i. Fax Number j. Email Address 3. Property Owner (if different): a. First Name b. Last Name c. Organization d. Mailing Address e. City/Town g. Zip Code f State

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

#### B. Fees

h Phone Number

Fee should be calculated using the following process & worksheet. *Please see Instructions before filling out worksheet.* 

i. Email Address

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

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

i. Fax Number

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

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

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

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



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B. Fees (continued)			
Step 1/Type of Activity	Step 2/Number of Activities	Step 3/Individual Activity Fee	Step 4/Subtotal Activity Fee
Category 2E	1	\$500	\$500
	Step 5/T	otal Project Fee:	\$500
	Step 6	/Fee Payments:	
	Total	Project Fee:	a. Total Fee from Step 5
	State share	of filing Fee:	\$237.50 b. 1/2 Total Fee <b>less \$</b> 12.50
	City/Town shar	e of filling Fee:	\$262.50 c. 1/2 Total Fee <b>plus</b> \$12.50

## C. Submittal Requirements

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

Department of Environmental Protection Box 4062 Boston, MA 02211

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

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

# ATTACHMENT A

<u>To</u>: The Environmental Monitor

From: SŌLitude Lake Management

Date:April 24th, 2023

Re: Notification of filing an NOI for Pine Banks Park Pond

Anticipated date of submission: May 1st, 2023

The proposed project is seeking approval to initiate an Aquatic Management Program at Pine Banks Park Pond in Melrose, MA. USEPA/State registered herbicides and/or algaecides will be applied to manage nuisance aquatic vegetation and algae to protect the interests of the Wetlands Protection Act by impeding eutrophication and improving habitat value.

#### Reviewing Conservation Commission(s):

Melrose Conservation Commission 562 Main Street Melrose, MA 02176

Copies of the NOI may be examined or acquired from the Conservation Commission, or by contacting the applicant's representative, SŌLitude Lake Management, at DMeringolo@solitudelake.com, or 508-865-1000, Monday to Friday between 9AM and 4PM.

See Conservation Commission website for the meeting schedule for exact dates and agendas.



#### **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

Under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act I, Mary Nickerson, hereby certify under the pains and penalty of perjury that on April 25th,2023, I mailed a Notification to Abutters in compliance with the second paragraph of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, s.40, and the DEP Guide to Abutter Notification dated April 8, 1994, in connection with the following matter:

A Notice of Intent was filed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act by SŌLitude Lake Management with the Melrose Conservation Commission on April 26th, 2023, for an Aquatic Management Program at Pine Banks Park Pond in Melrose, MA.

This form of the notification, and a list of the abutters to whom it was given and their addresses, are attached to this Affidavit of Service.

<u>Mary Nickereson</u> <u>4/26/2023</u>

Name Date

SŌLitude Lake Management 590 Lake Street Shrewsbury, MA 01545

#### NOTIFICATION TO ABUTTERS UNDER THE

#### MASSACHUSETTS WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT

#### CHAPTER 131, SECTION 40

In accordance with the 2nd paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, you are hereby notified of the following:

- A. The name of the applicant is: Pine Banks Park Foundation, Inc. c/o Henry Kezer
- B. The Applicant has filed a Notice of Intent with the Melrose Conservation Commission, seeking to work within an Area Subject to Protection under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40).

**Description of Project**: An integrated Aquatic Management Program at Pine Banks Park Foundation Pond to monitor, assess and implement measures for control of nuisance algae and aquatic vegetation, specifically with the use of USEPA/State registered aquatic herbicides/algaecides.

- C. The location where the activity is proposed is Pine Banks Park.
- D. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined at the Melrose Conservation Commission office during their normal business hours. For more information, call the Conservation Commission at 781-979-4312. Copies of the Notice of Intent are available (for a fee) from the applicant's representative (SŌLitude Lake Management, Shrewsbury, MA) by calling (508) 865-1000 between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm (Monday through Friday).
- E. Questions regarding this Notice of Intent may be directed to the applicant's representative (SŌLitude Lake Management, Shrewsbury, MA) by calling (508) 865-1000 between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm (Monday through Friday)
- F. The Melrose Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on May 18th, 2023 at or after 7:30 pm in the Cassidy Conference Room 2nd floor, City Hall.

**NOTE**: Notice of this public hearing, including date, time and place:

- 1) Will be published at least five (5) days in advance in the Melrose Free Press
- 2) Will be posted in the Town Hall not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the public hearing.

**NOTE**: You may also contact your local Conservation Commission or the nearest Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office for more information about this application or the Wetlands Protection Act. To contact DEP, call the Northeast Regional Office at 978-694-3200.

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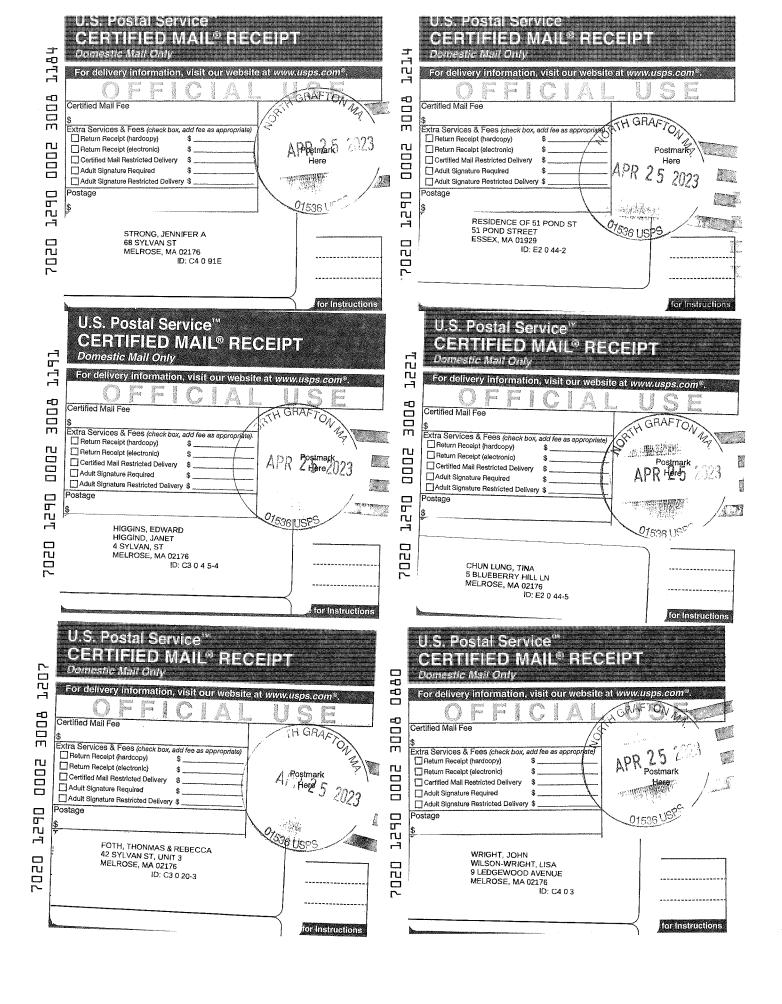
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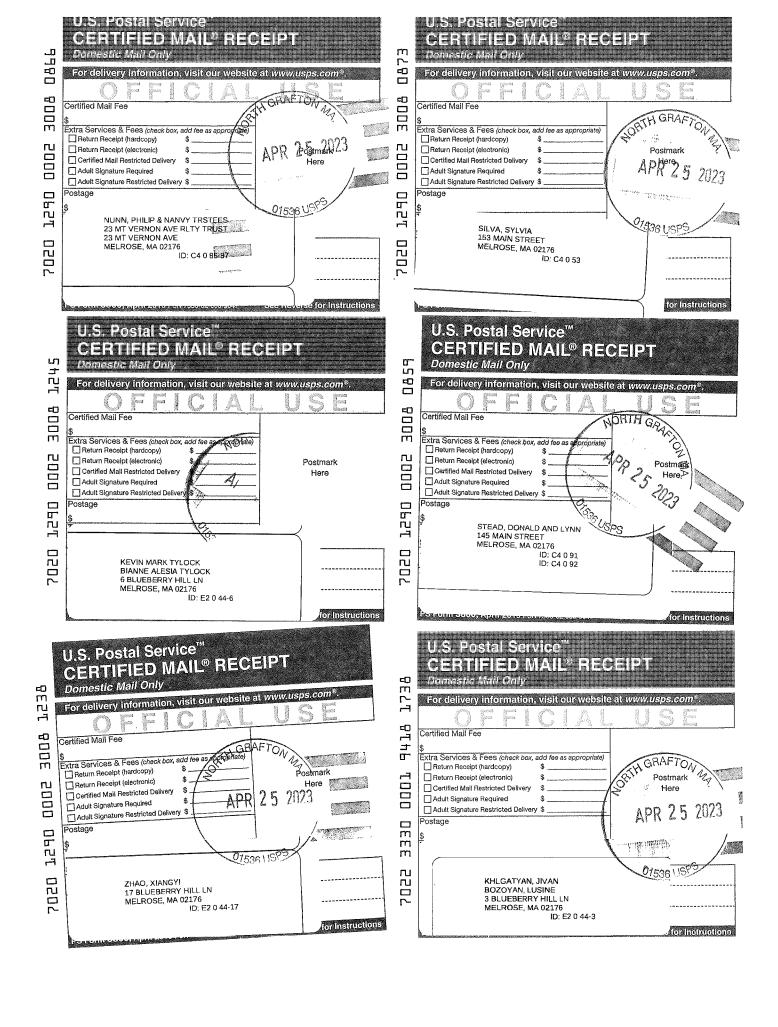
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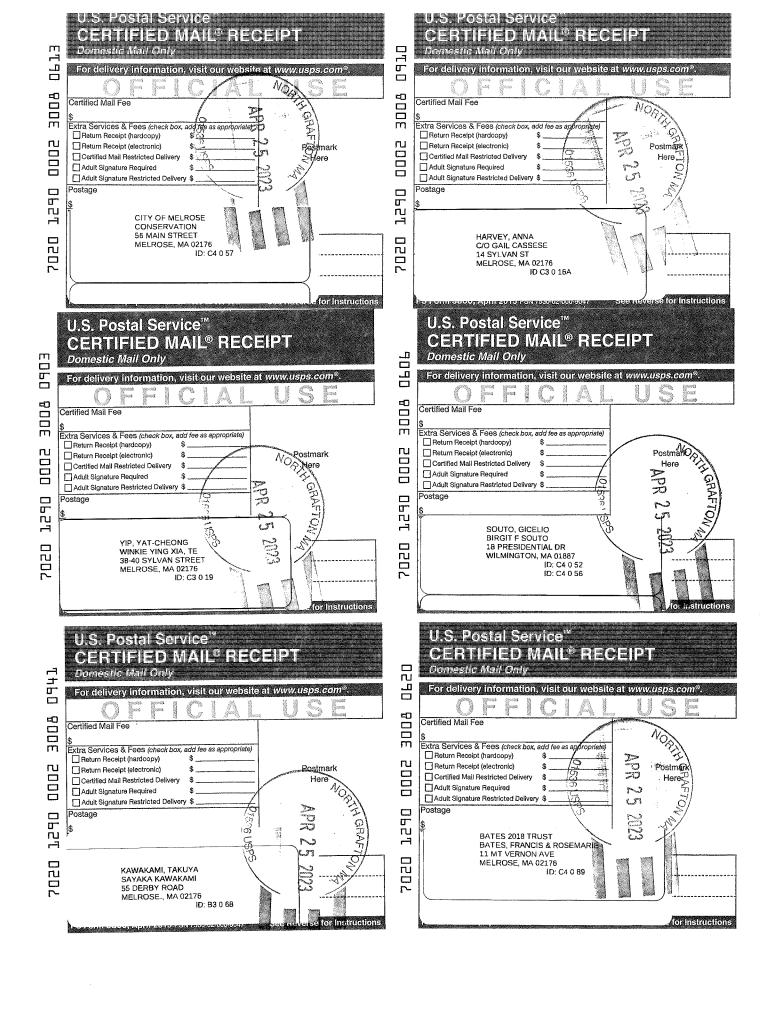
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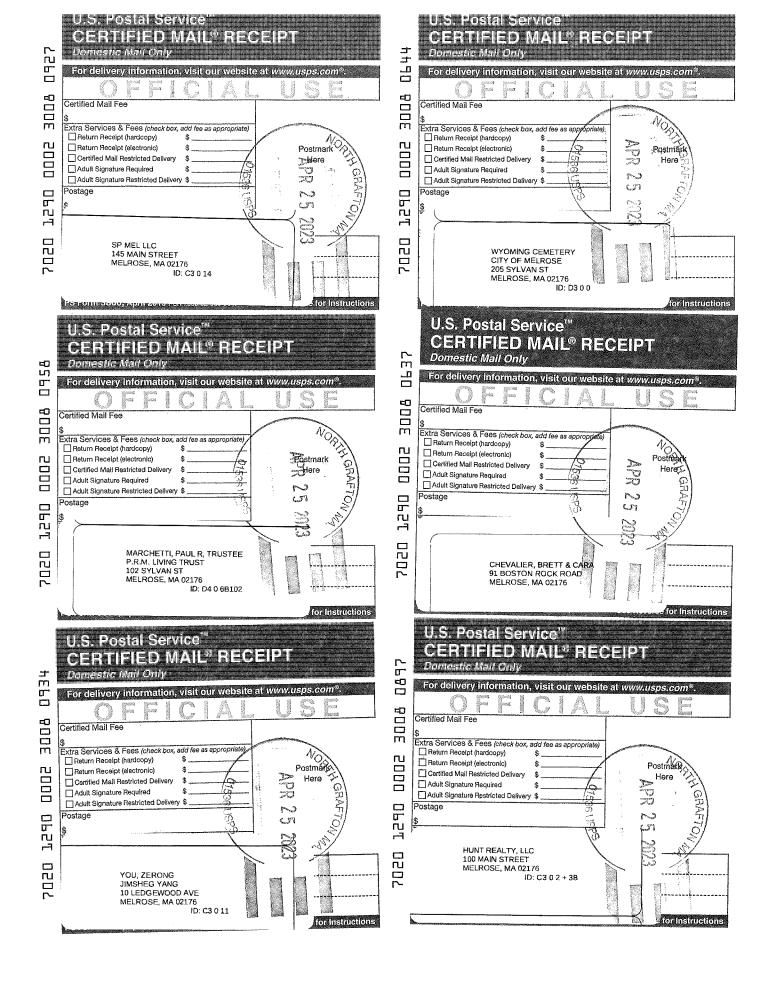
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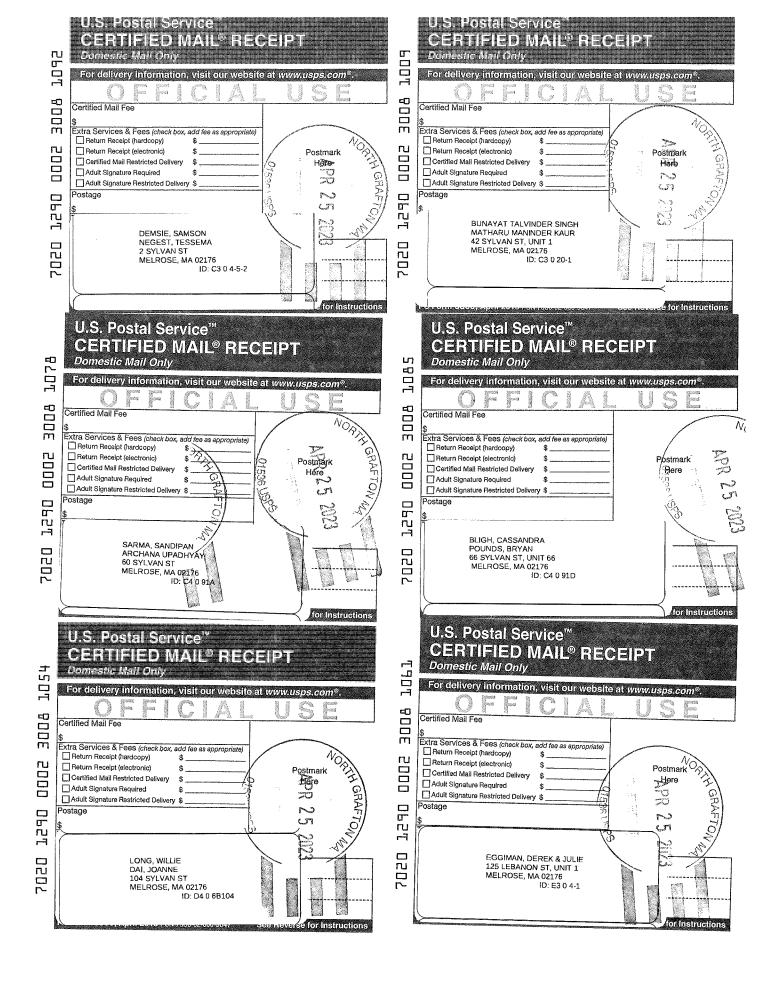


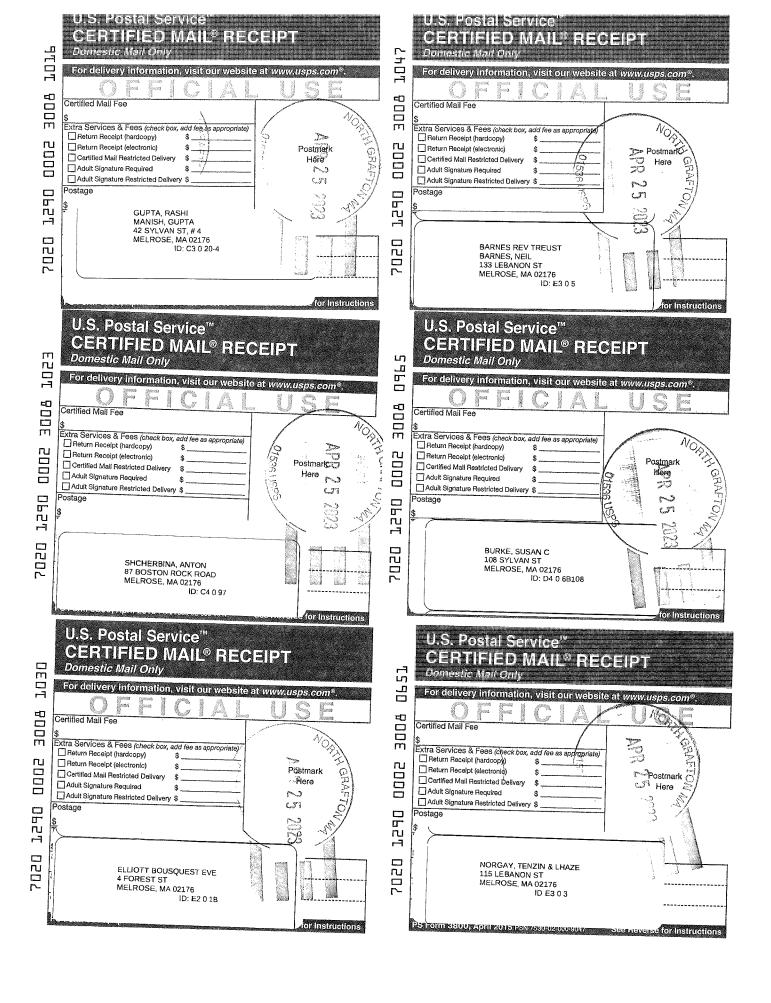


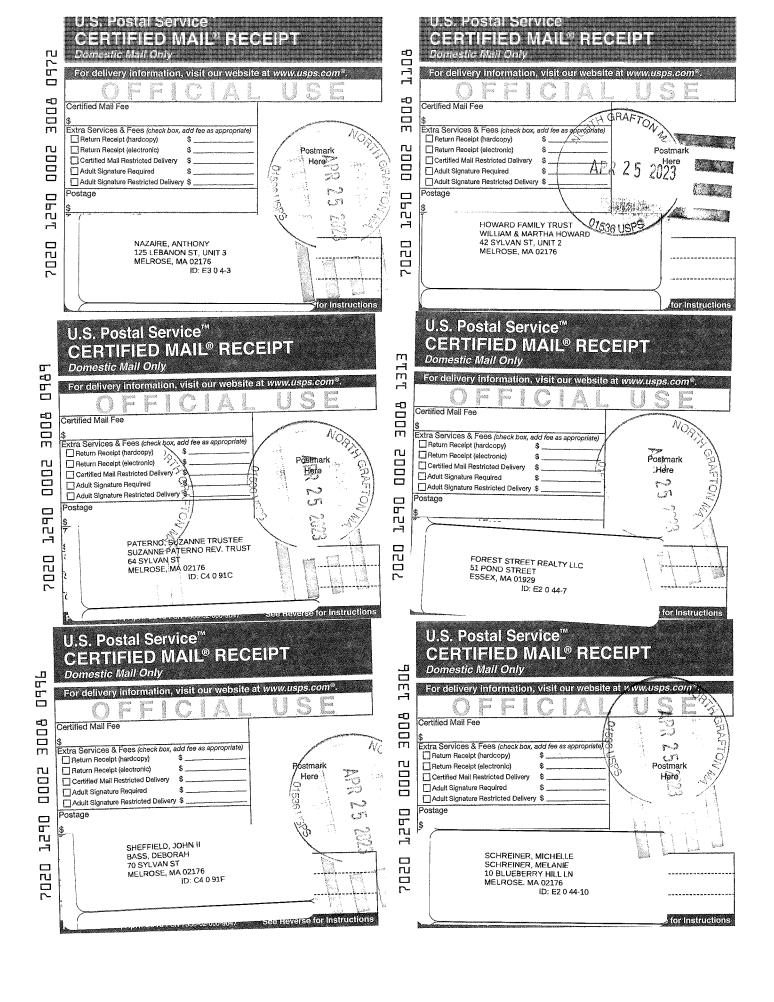


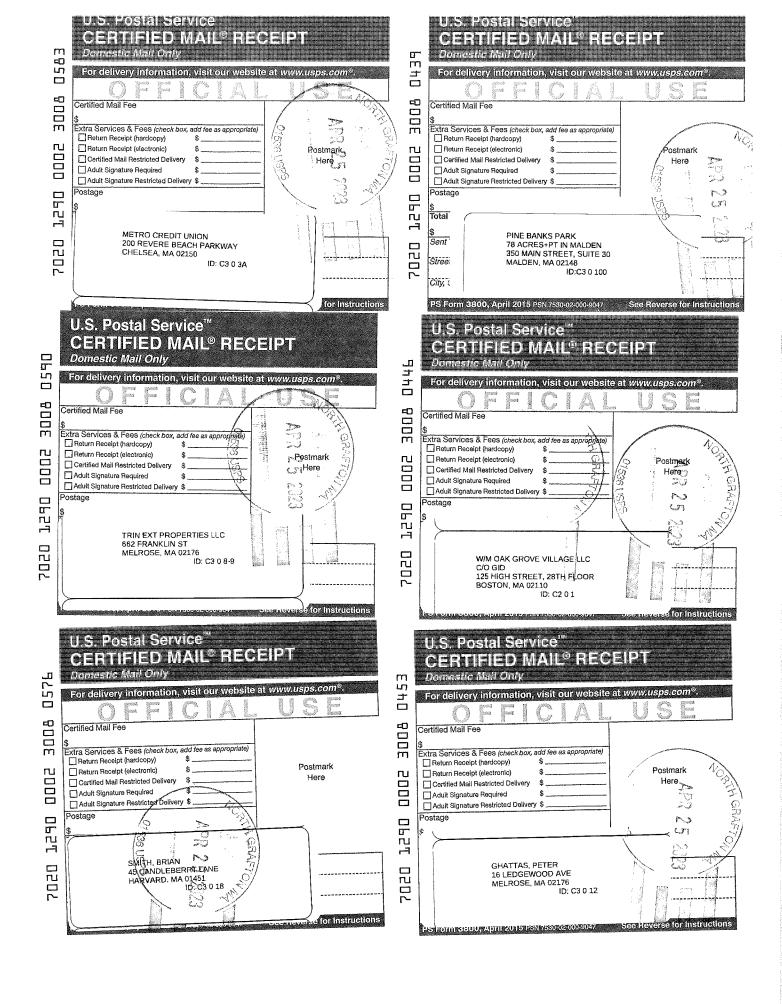


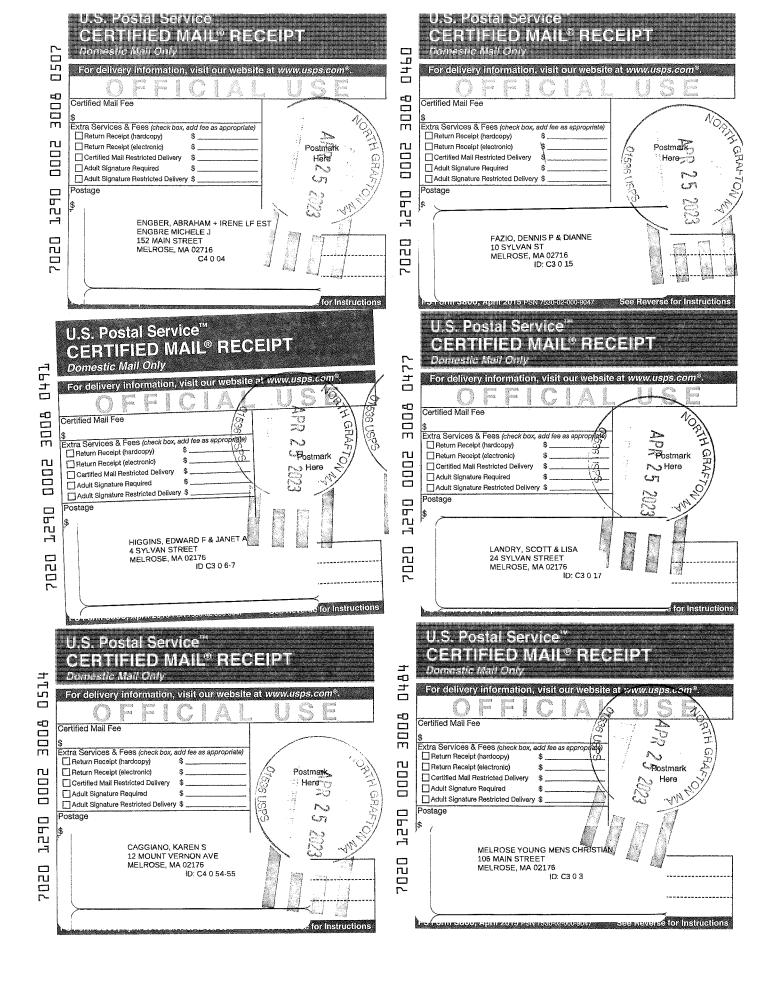


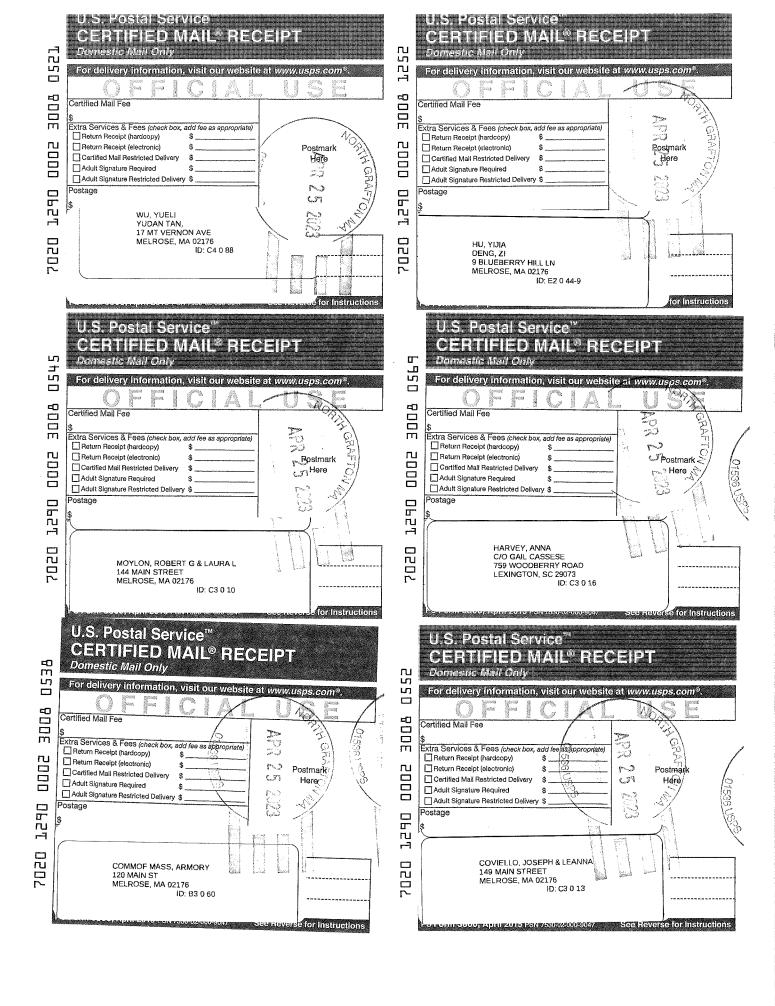


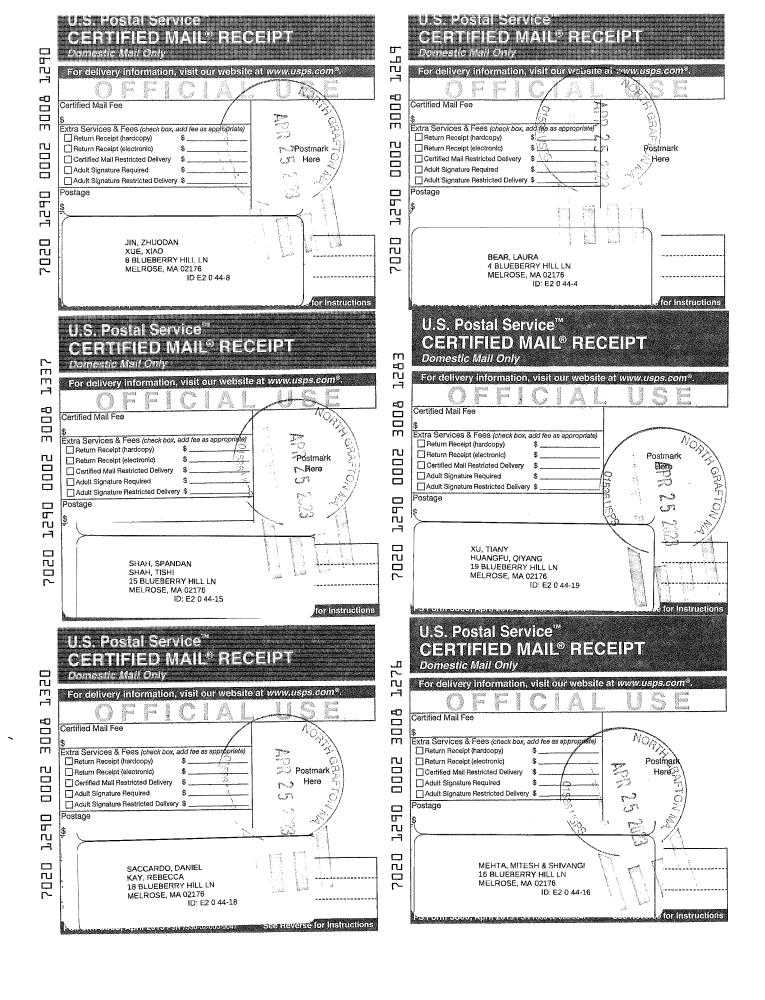


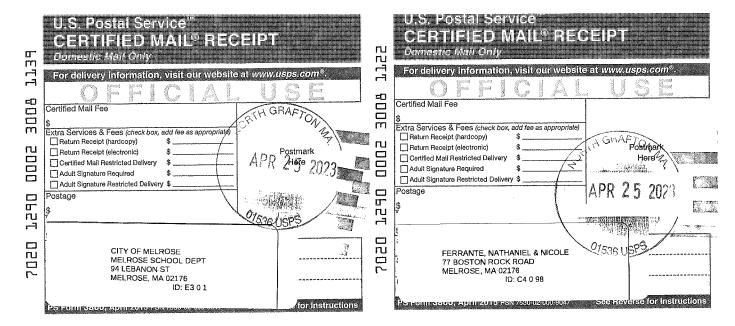


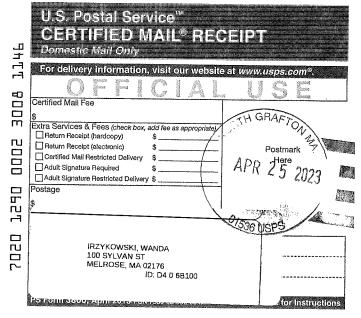


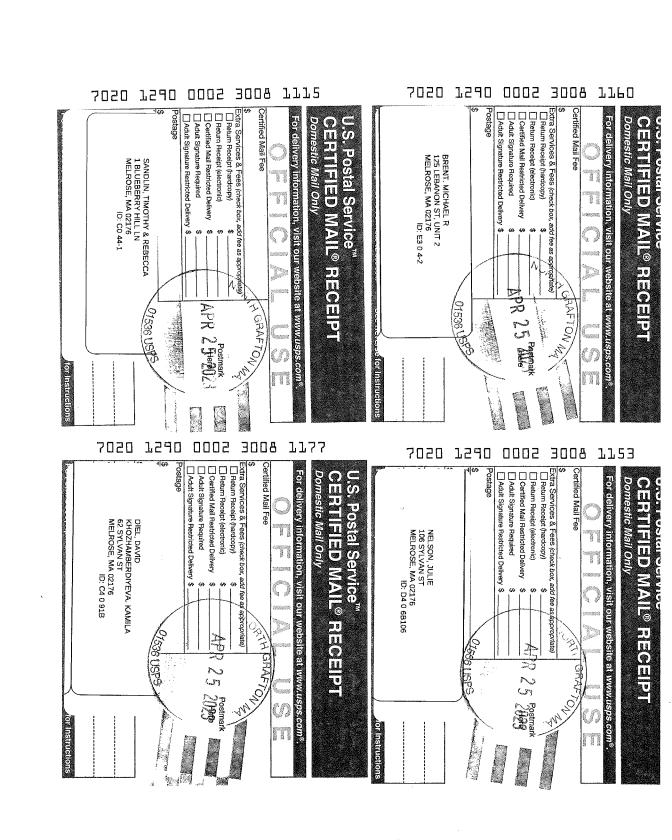












# **ATTACHMENT B**

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The "Applicant", Pine Banks Park Foundation, Inc., requests approval to continue an Aquatic Plant Management Program at the small pond located within the park. This document will refer to the water body as Pine Banks Pond.

Our surveys have noted growth of nuisance aquatic floating-leaf vegetation and submersed species. Purple loosestrife, cattails, and algae have reached problematic levels in recent years and are eliminating and obstructing open-water habitat. Such dense growth of aquatic vegetation in and around the waterbody degrades aquatic and terrestrial wildlife habitat, diminishes the pond's aesthetic/recreation value, and contributes to water quality conditions that perpetuate unbalanced, unhealthy growth. As a result, some level of management is required to improve conditions at Pine Banks Pond.

#### 1.1 Site Description

The pond is adjacent to the park playground and walking trails, and located entirely in the Melrose portion of the park. Pine Banks Pond is slightly less than one acre with a maximum depth of six feet and average depth of 3.5-feet. Precipitation and groundwater discharge are the only source of inflow for the pond, and according to StreamStats, there is no regular or defined outflow. It is pinned as a potential vernal pool by OLIVER – Mass GIS, but as of April, 2023, it is not certified by Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP).

#### 1.2 Current Conditions

Unbalanced growth of both shoreline and aquatic vegetation annually overtake Pine Banks Pond. Watershield (*Brasenia schreberi*), waterlilies (*Nymphaea odorata* and *Nuphar variegata*), and a thin-leaf pondweed (*Potamogeton sp.* likely *P. pusillus*) make up the aquatic species present within the pond. The photo at right was taken a few years ago, shows watershield and waterlilies on the pond surface, and shoreline vegetation growth on the bank. This is a good example of what happens then the pond is left in an untreated state



The floating leaf species quickly create a dense canopy

blocking out sunlight and hindering necessary nutrient cycling for a healthy ecosystem. Cattails (*Typha latifolia*), Bulrush (*Schoenoplectus sp.*), and Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) comprise the emergent species dominating the shoreline. Purple loosestrife (*Lythum salicaria*) is an invasive emergent plant that is present along the shoreline in trace quantities.

Excessive vegetation growth can have many adverse impacts on an aquatic ecosystem, such as the depletion of dissolved oxygen levels, loss of predator/prey interaction as a result of decreased open water habitat, and an acceleration of the filling in of the waterbody. Due to the shallow nature of the pond, it has the ability to support dense aquatic vegetation. The pond has problematic levels of aquatic vegetation and accumulated organic debris (i.e. leaf litter and decaying aquatic vegetation) that requires an active pond management program to restore open-water habitat, control nuisance conditions, and retard eutrophication.

#### 1.3 Project History

Between 2006-2013, monitoring and management of Pine Banks Pond was conducted by Solitude Lake Management (formerly Aquatic Control Technology, Inc.), and concluded that Hydro-Raking and chemical treatment program was the most effective and least disruptive method of restoring and

maintaining open-water conditions at Pine Banks Pond. This current proposal does not include hydroraking, since that was done previously.

#### 2.0 PROPOSED AQUATIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

#### 2.1 Program Overview

The applicant is seeking approval to continue a multi-year Aquatic Management Program at Pine Banks Pond. The overall objective of the management program focuses on the reduction and control of the nuisance aquatic vegetation involving treatment with USEPA/State registered herbicide and algaecides. This management will restore and maintain open water habitat, suitable water quality, and a balanced, desirable native vegetation assemblage.

The proposed project has been filed as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project under 310 CMR 10.53 (4) and will protect the interest of the Wetland Protection Act by controlling nuisance species, improving wildlife habitat and water quality, and slowing pond eutrophication. No significant alteration to wetland resource areas or species richness will occur as a result of the proposed pond management program; the resource areas will be enhanced by controlling nuisance aquatic plant species and improving water quality.

#### 2.2 Herbicide/Algaecide Treatment

A selective treatment program utilizing USEPA/MA registered herbicides and algaecides will be performed to manage nuisance submersed, floating and emergent vegetation and algae.

Chemical treatment is often the most effective and least disruptive means of controlling problematic vegetation. The nuisance vegetation assemblages within the pond would best be managed using Tribune (chemical name - diquat), Sonar (fluridone), and AquaPro (glyphosate) herbicides and copper-based algaecides such as Captain XTR. The proposed products specifically target plant species and have negligible effect on the non-target species and wildlife when applied in accordance with the label directions; all chemicals are applied at or below suggested doses according to the product label.

In addition, doses are based on plant types and densities, so that a minimum amount of the chemicals are introduced into the pond. Tribune and Sonar treatments are proposed primarily for the target floating- and submersed-leaf aquatic plants species. AquaPro treatments are proposed primarily for target cattail growth around the pond perimeter, in addition to reducing excessive growth of waterlilies and other target aquatic species. Initial effort for nuisance species are likely to entail whole-pond treatments followed by spot treatments in subsequent years to manage regrowth and maintain desirable open water habitat.

#### **Diquat (Tribune – EPA #100-1390 or equivalent)**

Diquat is an effective herbicide for partial- and whole-pond treatments due to its rapid mode of action and short herbicide concentration exposure-time requirements. Even though Tribune is considered to be a contact-herbicide, longer term control may be seen as plants' root crowns will not be allowed to develop due to the herbicide target-effect.

The USEPA/MA registered herbicide diquat dibromide will be applied to the area at or below the permissible label dose. Tribune is a widely-used herbicide, applied to hundreds of lakes annually, throughout the northeast. It is used to control nuisance submersed aquatic plants. Tribune would be applied to control species that have been found in the pond in past years, including variable milfoil and

bladderwort, at the application rate of 1.5-2.0 gal/acre, if necessary. Temporary water-use restrictions for Tribune are now:

- 1. No drinking or cooking with treated water for 3 days
- 2. No irrigation of turf for 3 days and of food crops for 5 days
- 3. No livestock watering for 1 day

There are no restrictions on swimming, boating or fishing, but prudent herbicide/algaecide management suggests that we close the pond on the day of treatment. The shoreline of the pond will be posted with signs warning of these temporary water-use restrictions prior to treatment.

Tribune is translocated to some extent within the plant. Its rapid action tends to disrupt the leaf cuticle of plants and acts by interfering with photosynthesis. Upon contact with the soil, it is adsorbed immediately and thereby biologically inactivated. Residual levels of Tribune in treated water decline rapidly, and their reduction is due to the uptake by the targeted vegetation and adsorption to suspended soil particles in the water or on the bottom mud. Photochemical degradation accounts for some loss under conditions of high sunlight and clear waters.

#### Impacts Specific to the Wetlands Protection Act using Diquat<sup>1</sup>

- <u>Protection of public and private water supply</u> Benefit (water quality improvement)
- <u>Protection of groundwater supply</u> Neutral no interaction as diquat is absorbed to soil particles
- <u>Flood control</u> Neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Storm damage prevention</u> Neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Prevention of pollution</u> Generally neutral (no significant interaction), but could be a detriment if plant die-off causes low oxygen at the bottom of the lake
- <u>Protection of land containing shellfish</u> Generally neutral (no significant interaction), but reduced algae might reduce food resources for shellfish, and direst toxicity is possible under unusual circumstances
- <u>Protection of fisheries</u> Possible benefit (habitat enhancement) and possible detriment (food source alteration, loss of cover)
- <u>Protection of wildlife habitat</u> Possible benefit (habitat enhancement) and possible detriment (food source alteration, loss of cover)

#### Fluridone (Sonar – EPA #67690-4 or equivalent)

Fluridone is a systemic herbicide that offers long-term control on invasive and nuisance aquatic vegetation. This herbicide hinders the ability of susceptible plants to produce carotene which protects chlorophyll from photodegradation, which results in mortality and subsequent long-term control of the targeted species (i.e. directly impacts the standing population and prevents future spread). This process is known as chlorosis and may be observed visually as the plant begins to lose its green color and take on a white or pink shade. Fluridone requires an extended contact time (45-60 days), historically used for low-dose, whole-pond treatments where dilution and contact time are more predictable, however, new granular formations do allow for more effective spot-treatment.

Fluridone, when applied at recommended dosages is generally viewed as having one of the most environmentally friendly toxicology profiles of all products currently on the market. In fact, the US EPA has approved a limit of 150 ppb to be allowed in water used for drinking. Ideally, fluridone

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Practical Guide to Lake Management. 2004. 124 p.

treatments are initiated early in the growing season when target vegetation is low or starting emergence. Presently, liquid and granular formations of this herbicide are available and included under this management plan. For aqueous applications, this chemical will be placed into an onboard mixing tank, mixed with pond water and evenly distributed throughout the surface of the treatment area via boat. This herbicide will be injected under the water surface through trailing hoses, minimizing the chance of chemical drift and assuring accurate placement of over the target species. For granular applications, the herbicide will be placed into a Heard spreader mounted to the bow of the treatment vessel and evenly distributed over the surface of the treatment area.

Fluridone water-use restrictions include no application within one-quarter mile of a potable water intake and no use of treated water for irrigation purposes within 30 days of application. Although there are no restrictions on swimming, boating, or fishing, prudent use suggests that we close the pond on the day of treatment. The shoreline of the pond will be posted with signs warning of these temporary water-use restrictions prior to treatment.

#### Impacts Specific to the Wetlands Protection Act using Fluridone<sup>2</sup>

- <u>Protection of public and private water supply</u> Generally neutral, but may have detriment at high doses (prohibition within 0.25-mi. of drinking water intakes at doses >20ppb)
- <u>Protection of groundwater supply</u> Generally neutral (no significant interaction)
- Flood control Neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Storm damage prevention</u> Neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Prevention of pollution</u> Generally neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Protection of land containing shellfish</u> Generally neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Protection of fisheries</u> Possible benefit (habitat enhancement) and possible detriment (food source alteration, loss of cover)
- <u>Protection of wildlife habitat</u> Possible benefit (habitat enhancement) and possible detriment (food source alteration, loss of cover)

#### Glyphosate (AquaPro – EPA #62719-324-67690, Rodeo - EPA #62719-312 or equivalent)

Glyphosate is used to control waterlilies, watershield, and emergent plants such as purple loosestrife or common reed. It is typically applied in July or early August after the plant leaves have broken the water surface. The area and species selective control of Glyphosate allows treatments to "thin" present populations and prevent future expansion. Glyphosate would be applied at the recommended Federal/State concentration of 0.75 gal/acre. There are no water use restrictions associated with the use of Glyphosate other than within a half-mile of a potable water intake, but prudent practice calls for restriction of water usage on the day of treatment as an additional safeguard. These restrictions are consistent with good pesticide practice and Massachusetts's guidelines for aquatic treatments.

Glyphosate is a systemic herbicide and is foliar active, which means its chemical ingredient is active only on contact with the plant. It has no activity in surrounding soil or water. The chemical is applied to the floating leaves and is translocated down into the rhizomes of the plant. Glyphosate is absorbed by plant foliage and moves throughout plant tissues. Once inside the plant, Glyphosate interrupts the plant's ability to produce a protein it needs to live. The protein that Glyphosate targets is found only in plants; it does not exist in humans, wildlife or fish. Glyphosate binds tightly to most types of soil particles and is unavailable for root uptake. There is low potential for leaching or contamination of groundwater with Glyphosate herbicide. Microorganisms in the soil and water break down into its natural components.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Practical Guide to Lake Management. 2004.

#### Impacts Specific to the Wetlands Protection Act using Glyphosate<sup>3</sup>

- <u>Protection of public and private water supply</u> Detriment (prohibition within one quarter mile of surface drinking water supplies due to toxicity), but generally neutral where allowed
- <u>Protection of groundwater supply</u> Neutral (no interaction)
- <u>Flood control</u> Neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Storm damage prevention</u> Neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Prevention of pollution</u> Generally neutral (no significant interaction), but could be a detriment if plant die-off causes low oxygen at the bottom of the lake
- Protection of land containing shellfish Neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Protection of fisheries</u> Possible benefit (habitat enhancement) and possible detriment (food source alteration, loss of cover)
- <u>Protection of wildlife habitat</u> Possible benefit (habitat enhancement) and possible detriment (food source alteration, loss of cover)

# Copper-based Algaecides (Captain – EPA #67690-9, SeClear – EPA #67690-55, GreenGlean PRO – EPA #70299-15, or equivalent)

Approval for the use of a copper-based algaecide is requested in the event that nuisance algae conditions develop, warranting treatment. Some types of algae, and their toxins, can cause health issues in humans and animals.

Copper based algaecides (i.e. CuSO4, Captain, SeClear) are widely used and are applied to lakes and ponds throughout North America to control nuisance filamentous and microscopic algae. There are no water use restrictions associated with copper-based algaecides and SŌLitude Lake Management treats several direct, potable (drinking) water reservoirs and a number of recreation waterbodies in the Commonwealth with these algaecides, on a yearly basis. The concentrated liquid algaecides are first diluted with pond water and are then sprayed throughout the pond area. The application rate is generally 0.2 ppm or less for algae control. If applied, treatment will not exceed 50% of the pond surface and water column.

#### Impacts Specific to the Wetlands Protection Act using Copper algaecides<sup>4</sup>

- Protection of public and private water supply Benefit (used to control algae)
- Protection of groundwater supply Neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Flood control</u> Neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Storm damage prevention</u> Neutral (no significant interaction)
- <u>Prevention of pollution</u> Generally neutral (no significant interaction), but could be a detriment if algae/plant die-off causes low oxygen at the bottom of the lake or causes release of taste and odor compounds or toxins
- <u>Protection of land containing shellfish</u> Generally neutral (no significant interaction), but reduced algae might reduce food resources for shellfish, and direct toxicity is possible under unusual circumstances.
- <u>Protection of fisheries</u> Possible benefit (habitat enhancement) and possible detriment (food source alteration, direct toxicity)
- <u>Protection of wildlife habitat</u> Possible benefit (habitat enhancement) and possible detriment (food source alteration, direct toxicity)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Practical Guide to Lake Management. 2004. 128 p.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Practical Guide to Lake Management. 2004. 122 p.

All chemical applications will be performed by MA DAR Certified Applicators. The USEPA/MA registered aquatic herbicides will be applied at recommended label rates, in accordance with the 'Order of Conditions' and DEP 'License to Apply Chemicals' permits. Prior to treatment, the shoreline will be posted with signs, warning of all temporary water-use restrictions prior to treatments. A site specific 'License to Apply Chemicals' for the proposed treatments will be filed with MA DEP, Office of Watershed Management.

Proper herbicide application allows for target plant control without posing an unreasonable adverse risk to non-target species and wildlife. Written approval from the Commission will be sought should alternative projects be considered in future years. All products for sue will be registered for aquatic use in Massachusetts.

#### **Chemical Descriptions**

Detailed information on all the products proposed in this NOI can be found at the **Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Lakes and Ponds Program website**. There are links under the Publications tab to the "Generic Environmental Impact Report for Eutrophication and Lake Management in Massachusetts" and the "Practical Guide to Lake Management in Massachusetts".

<a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/water-res-protection/lakes-and-ponds/lakes-ponds-more-pubs-generic.html">http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/water-res-protection/lakes-and-ponds/lakes-ponds-more-pubs-generic.html</a>

Additional information on these herbicides can be found at the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources website:

<a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/pesticides/aquatic-vegetation-management.html">http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/pesticides/aquatic-vegetation-management.html</a>

#### 2.3 Monitoring

Pre-management inspections will be conducted in order to finalize the treatment areas and assess the growth phase of the target plant species. Post-management inspections will be conducted in order to assess the efficacy of the management efforts and any impacts on non-target species so future applications can be properly adjusted to minimize non-target impacts. Present plant species will be observed and identified during the season to assess the need for treatment and to assure overall program efficacy.

#### 3.0 ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Alternatives to the proposed Aquatic Plant Management Program were considered. SŌLitude Lake Management evaluated all available strategies for control of the nuisance aquatic species in Pine Banks Pond, keeping in mind species richness. Findings and recommendations were based on direct experience and discussions found in the *Eutrophication and Aquatic Plant Management in Massachusetts Final Generic Environmental Impact Review* (FGEIR, EOEA 2004).

Mechanical Harvesting: Not Recommended.

Harvesting of plant material is beneficial is some situations. However, given the shallow nature of the pond and the plant assemblage present in the pond, harvesting would not be an appropriate technique. The dense floating-leaf plant growth will likely regrow within weeks of being cut.

#### Physical: Not Recommended

Physical controls, such as the use of bottom weed barriers (i.e. Palco and Aquascreen) are effective for small dense patches of nuisance vegetation in much larger water bodies, most commonly, in swim areas, around docks and piers. Costs for material/ installation are in the range of \$1.00-1.50/sq.-ft. Barriers used over large contiguous tracts would prevent use of the bottom sediments by fish, amphibians, insects and other aquatic organisms and would be cost prohibitive.

#### Biological: Not Recommended.

There are no effective biological controls available or approved by the State for the control of the aquatic plants presently found in the pond.

#### Winter Drawdown: Not Recommended

A water level drawdown in the fall and winter can be an effective control strategy for some aquatic vegetation. Drawdown of the Pine Banks Pond is not feasible due to the lack of a low-level outlet structure necessary to gravity-drain the pond. Furthermore, it would be necessary to completely drain the pond to achieve any level of vegetation reduction; thereby, jeopardizing obligate wildlife populations. For these reasons, this is not a feasible management alternative.

#### Sediment Excavation: Not Feasible at this Time

Dredging of the nutrient-rich bottom sediment is sometimes used as a strategy to control excessive weed and algae growth. Conventional (dry) or hydraulic dredging would likely require the expenditure of \$20,000 or more in design and permitting fees alone. Dredging would also be a very expensive undertaking. Dredging may also have severe impacts to aquatic organisms (i.e. fish, macro invertebrates) in the pond and there is no guarantee that dredging alone will control nuisance weed and algae growth.

#### Do Nothing: Not recommended

If the nuisance aquatic vegetation is allowed to continue to grow unabated, the pond will become further infested with these invasive species. The increased vegetation, algae and organic sediment will degrade fishery and wildlife habitat, accelerate the eutrophication (filling in) of the waterbody and severely impact the aesthetic and recreational value that the pond provides. It is not the goal of this project to rid the pond of all vegetation or organic sediment, but to manage the plants and pond-bottom in order to preserve the valued "open-water" habitat of the pond.

#### 4.0 COMPLIANCE

#### Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act

Controlling densities of nuisance species will typically not adversely affect wildlife habitat and will not negatively impact other interests of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. No significant alteration to wetland resource areas will occur as a result of the proposed management program; the resource areas will be enhanced by controlling the nuisance plant growth. The proposed management activities are consistent with the guidelines in the following documents:

- Final Generic Environmental Impact Report: Eutrophication and Aquatic Plant Management in Massachusetts (June 2004)
- Guidance for Aquatic Plant Management in Lakes and Ponds: As it Relates to the Wetlands Protection Act (April 2004 DEP Policy/SOP/Guidelines #BRP/DWM/WW/G04-1)
- The Practical Guide to Lake Management in Massachusetts (2004)

#### DEP License to Apply Chemicals

All chemical applications will be performed by Certified Applicators. The USEPA/MA registered aquatic herbicides will be applied at recommended label rates, in accordance with the "Order of Conditions: and DEP "License to Apply Chemicals" permits (BRP WM04). Prior to treatment the shoreline will be posted with signs, warning of all temporary water-use restrictions. A site specific "License to Apply Chemicals" for the proposed treatment will be filed with MA DEP, Office of Watershed Management.

Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act

The strategies proposed in this Notice of Intent are options approved under the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA) process that was approved in 2004 with the issuance of the FGEIR and the Practical Guide to Lake and Pond Management in Massachusetts. These approaches do not require individual MEPA review.

#### Massachusetts Endangered Species Act

According to the most recent Natural Heritage maps provided by MA GIS, Pine Banks Pond is not located within an area designated as Priority and Estimated Habitat of Rare Species.

# 5.0 IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED MANAGEMENT PLAN SPECIFIC TO THE WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT

#### Public and Private Water Supply

To the best of our knowledge there are no direct water supply intakes from the ponds or any "dug" wells used for drawing water within 50 ft. of the water's edge or within 1,300 ft. of the pond outlet. Aquatic herbicide treatment at the pond will not have any adverse impacts on relative public or private water supply, when used in accordance with the product label and conditions of the MA DEP License to Apply Chemicals.

#### Protection of Groundwater Supply

According to available studies, there is no reason to believe that the groundwater supply will be adversely impacted by the application of chemicals to the ponds. Contamination of groundwater by aquatic herbicides is limited by the low rate of application, rapid rate of degradation, and uptake by target plants. SŌLitude Lake Management's State licensed applicators take all necessary precautions when mixing and disposing of all chemical containers.

#### Flood Control and Storm Damage Prevention

No construction, dredging, or alterations of the existing floodplain and storm prevention characteristics of the ponds are proposed. However, in some instances, abundant and excessive aquatic plant growth can contribute to high water and flooding. Most commonly this occurs in the vicinity of waterbody outlets or water conveyance channels or structures. The unmanaged annual growth and decomposition of aquatic vegetation is also known to increase sediment deposition. Therefore, the application of aquatic herbicides may increase the ability of the resource area, over the long-term, to provide flood protection.

#### Prevention of Pollution

No degradation of water quality or increased pollution is expected by the application of the proposed herbicides. The proposed herbicides are relatively slow acting in controlling the nuisance and non-native vegetation. This results in a slow release of nutrients from the decaying plants, reducing the potential for increases in nutrients that can cause algae blooms. Removal of the excessive growth of aquatic vegetation will contribute to improved water circulation and a reduction in the potential for anoxic conditions. The post-treatment decrease in plant biomass will help to decrease the rate of eutrophication currently caused by the decomposing of excessive plant material.

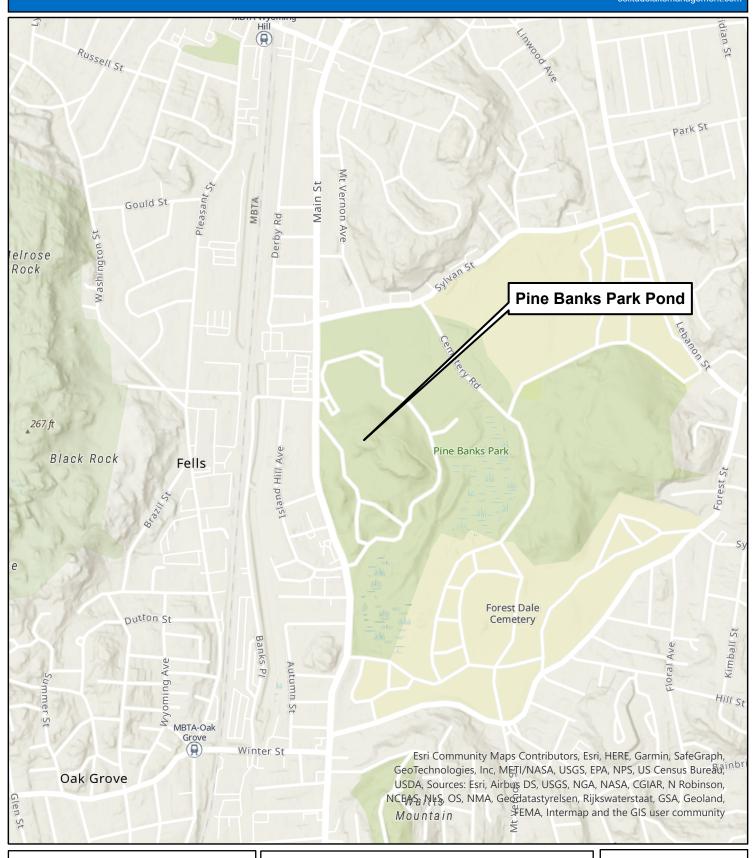
#### Protection of Fisheries and Shellfisheries

The contiguous, dense beds of aquatic vegetation provide poor habitat to fish and other aquatic organisms. The dense plant cover frequently results in significant diurnal fluctuations in dissolved oxygen as well as oxygen depletion during certain times of the year. Dense vegetation growth also may inhibit predator/prey relationships and potentially yield an altered fish population. While temporary effects on some desirable submersed and floating-leafed species may occur following the application of an aquatic herbicide, non-target plants typically rebound quickly.

### Protection of Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

In general, excessive and abundant vegetation provides poor wildlife habitat. The proposed management plan is expected to help prevent further degradation of the waterbody through excessive weed growth and improve the wildlife habitat value of the pond in the long-term. Maintaining a balance of open water and vegetated areas is intended.

# ATTACHMENT C



**Pine Banks Park Pond** Malden, MA

## **Pine Banks Park Pond**

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# ATTACHMENT D



# **Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

WPA Form 8A - Request for Certificate of Compliance

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

DEP File Number:

217-0198

Provided by DEP

## A. Project Information

# Important: When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor do not use the



return key.



Upon completion 3 of the work authorized in an Order of Conditions, the property owner must request a Certificate of Compliance from the issuing authority stating that the work or portion of the work has been satisfactorily completed.

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## **Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection** Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

WPA Form 8A - Request for Certificate of Compliance

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

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A. Project Information (cont.)

6.	Did the Order of Conditions for this project, or the portion of the project subject to this request, contain an approval of any plans stamped by a registered professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, or land surveyor?					
	Yes	If yes, attach a written statement by such a professional certifying substantial compliance with the plans and describing what deviation, if any, exists from the plans approved in the Order.				
	□ No					

## **B. Submittal Requirements**

Requests for Certificates of Compliance should be directed to the issuing authority that issued the final Order of Conditions (OOC). If the project received an OOC from the Conservation Commission, submit this request to that Commission. If the project was issued a Superseding Order of Conditions or was the subject of an Adjudicatory Hearing Final Decision, submit this request to the appropriate DEP Regional Office (see http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/find-the-massdep-regional-officefor-your-city-or-town.html).

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## ATTACHMENT E

#### Herbicide/Algaecide Information

Detailed information herbicides proposed in this NOI can be found at the **Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation**, **Lakes and Ponds Program website**. There are links under the Publications tab to the "Generic Environmental Impact Report for Eutrophication and Lake Management in Massachusetts" and the "Practical Guide to Lake Management in Massachusetts."

<a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/water-res-protection/lakes-and-ponds/">http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/water-res-protection/lakes-and-ponds/>

Additional information on these herbicides can be found at the **Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources website** 

http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/pesticides/aquatic-vegetation-management.html