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February 19, 2025

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Town of Hamilton Conservation Commission
Hamilton Town Hall
PO Box 429
Hamilton, MA 01936

**RE: Request for a Certificate of Compliance:
ECTA Townwide Trail Maintenance Plan
Hamilton, Massachusetts
DEP File Number: 172-0493**

Dear Members of the Commission,

Our office has prepared the following Request for a Certificate of Compliance (COC) application to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Ch. 131 Sec. 40) and its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00, et seq) and the Town of Hamilton Conservation Bylaw (Article XVII). We were authorized to prepare this filing at the request of the Essex County Trail association, applicant of ECTA Townwide Trail Maintenance Plan in the Town of Hamilton Massachusetts.

The Order of Conditions was issued to the Essex County Trail Association on April 18, 2007, and extended until April 18, 2020. On February 13, 2020 a Request for an Amendment to the Order of Conditions was submitted to the Hamilton Conservation Commission. The Order of Conditions was issued on March 18, 2020 was valid for one (1) year until March 18, 2021 (Appendix B).

All work proposed was described in the Notice of Intent (NOI) Application dated December 13, 2006. And the Amendment Request dated February 27, 2020.

Summary of Project

The purpose of this Maintenance Plan was to provide a mechanism by which routine maintenance of the existing trail system can occur efficiently and in a timely manner. This program allowed the ECTA (Essex County Trail Association) to carry out seasonal activities associated with the ongoing Maintenance of trail system in their member towns, as well as other landowners if they are requested, including brush clearing and debris removal within the trail footprint, top-dressing and grading of existing trails, placement of new trail substrate (3/4-inch stone pack, tailings), construction of elevated boardwalks, installation of beaver deceivers, and, maintenance and replacement of culverts in areas, as needed. The process streamlined the permitting

Forms

Request for Certificate of Compliance Form 8A

Local Fee Schedule

Copy of Filing Fee Check



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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-office-for-your-city-or-town.html>).

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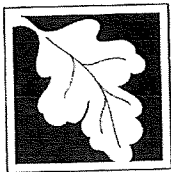
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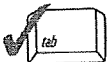
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A. General Information

Please note:
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with added
space to
accommodate
the Registry
of Deeds
Requirements

Important:
When filling
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1. From: Hamilton
Conservation Commission
2. This issuance is for (check one): a. ☐ Order of Conditions b. ☒ Amended Order of Conditions

3. To: Applicant:

Carol

a. First Name

Lloyd

b. Last Name

Essex County Trail Association

c. Organization

163 Argilla Road

d. Mailing Address

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e. City/Town

MA

f. State

01938

g. Zip Code

4. Property Owner (if different from applicant):

Town wide permit

a. First Name

b. Last Name

c. Organization

d. Mailing Address

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5. Project Location:

Town Wide

a. Street Address

Hamilton

b. City/Town

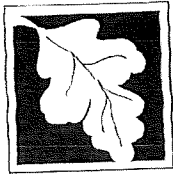
c. Assessors Map/Plat Number

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Latitude and Longitude, if known:

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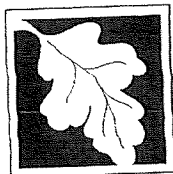
B. Findings (cont.)

Denied because:

- b. ☐ the proposed work cannot be conditioned to meet the performance standards set forth in the wetland regulations. Therefore, work on this project may not go forward unless and until a new Notice of Intent is submitted which provides measures which are adequate to protect the interests of the Act, and a final Order of Conditions is issued. **A description of the performance standards which the proposed work cannot meet is attached to this Order.**
- c. ☐ the information submitted by the applicant is not sufficient to describe the site, the work, or the effect of the work on the interests identified in the Wetlands Protection Act. Therefore, work on this project may not go forward unless and until a revised Notice of Intent is submitted which provides sufficient information and includes measures which are adequate to protect the Act's interests, and a final Order of Conditions is issued. **A description of the specific information which is lacking and why it is necessary is attached to this Order as per 310 CMR 10.05(6)(c).**
3. ☒ Buffer Zone Impacts: Shortest distance between limit of project disturbance and the wetland resource area specified in 310 CMR 10.02(1)(a) Varies
a. linear feet

Inland Resource Area Impacts: Check all that apply below. (For Approvals Only)

Resource Area	Proposed Alteration	Permitted Alteration	Proposed Replacement	Permitted Replacement
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Bank	a. linear feet	b. linear feet	c. linear feet	d. linear feet
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Bordering Vegetated Wetland	a. square feet	b. square feet	c. square feet	d. square feet
6. <input type="checkbox"/> Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways	a. square feet e. c/y dredged	b. square feet f. c/y dredged	c. square feet	d. square feet
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Bordering Land Subject to Flooding	a. square feet	b. square feet	c. square feet	d. square feet
Cubic Feet Flood Storage	e. cubic feet	f. cubic feet	g. cubic feet	h. cubic feet
8. <input type="checkbox"/> Isolated Land Subject to Flooding	a. square feet	b. square feet		
Cubic Feet Flood Storage	c. cubic feet	d. cubic feet	e. cubic feet	f. cubic feet
9. <input type="checkbox"/> Riverfront Area	a. total sq. feet	b. total sq. feet		
Sq ft within 100 ft	c. square feet	d. square feet	e. square feet	f. square feet
Sq ft between 100-200 ft	g. square feet	h. square feet	i. square feet	j. square feet



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B. Findings (cont.)

* #22. 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.5.c (BVW) or B.17.c (Salt Marsh) above, please enter the additional amount here.

22. ☐ Restoration/Enhancement *:

a. square feet of BVW

b. square feet of salt marsh

23. ☐ Stream Crossing(s):

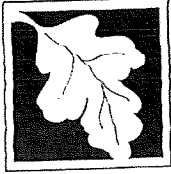
a. number of new stream crossings

b. number of replacement stream crossings

C. General Conditions Under Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act

The following conditions are only applicable to Approved projects.

1. Failure to comply with all conditions stated herein, and with all related statutes and other regulatory measures, shall be deemed cause to revoke or modify this Order.
2. The Order does not grant any property rights or any exclusive privileges; it does not authorize any injury to private property or invasion of private rights.
3. This Order does not relieve the permittee or any other person of the necessity of complying with all other applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, bylaws, or regulations.
4. The work authorized hereunder shall be completed within three years from the date of this Order unless either of the following apply:
 - a. The work is a maintenance dredging project as provided for in the Act; or
 - b. The time for completion has been extended to a specified date more than three years, but less than five years, from the date of issuance. If this Order is intended to be valid for more than three years, the extension date and the special circumstances warranting the extended time period are set forth as a special condition in this Order.
 - c. If the work is for a Test Project, this Order of Conditions shall be valid for no more than one year.
5. This Order may be extended by the issuing authority for one or more periods of up to three years each upon application to the issuing authority at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the Order. An Order of Conditions for a Test Project may be extended for one additional year only upon written application by the applicant, subject to the provisions of 310 CMR 10.05(11)(f).
6. If this Order constitutes an Amended Order of Conditions, this Amended Order of Conditions does not extend the issuance date of the original Final Order of Conditions and the Order will expire on 4/18/2020 unless extended in writing by the Department.
7. Any fill used in connection with this project shall be clean fill. Any fill shall contain no trash, refuse, rubbish, or debris, including but not limited to lumber, bricks, plaster, wire, lath, paper, cardboard, pipe, tires, ashes, refrigerators, motor vehicles, or parts of any of the foregoing.



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C. General Conditions Under Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (cont.)

17. Prior to the start of work, and if the project involves work adjacent to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, the boundary of the wetland in the vicinity of the proposed work area shall be marked by wooden stakes or flagging. Once in place, the wetland boundary markers shall be maintained until a Certificate of Compliance has been issued by the Conservation Commission.
18. All sedimentation barriers shall be maintained in good repair until all disturbed areas have been fully stabilized with vegetation or other means. At no time shall sediments be deposited in a wetland or water body. During construction, the applicant or his/her designee shall inspect the erosion controls on a daily basis and shall remove accumulated sediments as needed. The applicant shall immediately control any erosion problems that occur at the site and shall also immediately notify the Conservation Commission, which reserves the right to require additional erosion and/or damage prevention controls it may deem necessary. Sedimentation barriers shall serve as the limit of work unless another limit of work line has been approved by this Order.
19. The work associated with this Order (the "Project")
- (1) ☐ is subject to the Massachusetts Stormwater Standards
- (2) ☒ is NOT subject to the Massachusetts Stormwater Standards

If the work is subject to the Stormwater Standards, then the project is subject to the following conditions:

- a) All work, including site preparation, land disturbance, construction and redevelopment, shall be implemented in accordance with the construction period pollution prevention and erosion and sedimentation control plan and, if applicable, the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan required by the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Construction General Permit as required by Stormwater Condition 8. Construction period erosion, sedimentation and pollution control measures and best management practices (BMPs) shall remain in place until the site is fully stabilized.
- b) No stormwater runoff may be discharged to the post-construction stormwater BMPs unless and until a Registered Professional Engineer provides a Certification that:
- i. all construction period BMPs have been removed or will be removed by a date certain specified in the Certification. For any construction period BMPs intended to be converted to post construction operation for stormwater attenuation, recharge, and/or treatment, the conversion is allowed by the MassDEP Stormwater Handbook BMP specifications and that the BMP has been properly cleaned or prepared for post construction operation, including removal of all construction period sediment trapped in inlet and outlet control structures;
 - ii. as-built final construction BMP plans are included, signed and stamped by a Registered Professional Engineer, certifying the site is fully stabilized;
 - iii. any illicit discharges to the stormwater management system have been removed, as per the requirements of Stormwater Standard 10;



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C. General Conditions Under Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (cont.)

- g) The responsible party shall:
1. Maintain an operation and maintenance log for the last three (3) consecutive calendar years of inspections, repairs, maintenance and/or replacement of the stormwater management system or any part thereof, and disposal (for disposal the log shall indicate the type of material and the disposal location);
 2. Make the maintenance log available to MassDEP and the Conservation Commission ("Commission") upon request; and
 3. Allow members and agents of the MassDEP and the Commission to enter and inspect the site to evaluate and ensure that the responsible party is in compliance with the requirements for each BMP established in the O&M Plan approved by the issuing authority.
- h) All sediment or other contaminants removed from stormwater BMPs shall be disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- i) Illicit discharges to the stormwater management system as defined in 310 CMR 10.04 are prohibited.
- j) The stormwater management system approved in the Order of Conditions shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the issuing authority.
- k) Areas designated as qualifying pervious areas for the purpose of the Low Impact Site Design Credit (as defined in the MassDEP Stormwater Handbook, Volume 3, Chapter 1, Low Impact Development Site Design Credits) shall not be altered without the prior written approval of the issuing authority.
- l) Access for maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of BMPs shall not be withheld. Any fencing constructed around stormwater BMPs shall include access gates and shall be at least six inches above grade to allow for wildlife passage.

Special Conditions (if you need more space for additional conditions, please attach a text document):

See Attached "Amended Conditions Essex County Trail Association Trail Management Plan"

20. For Test Projects subject to 310 CMR 10.05(11), the applicant shall also implement the monitoring plan and the restoration plan submitted with the Notice of Intent. If the conservation commission or Department determines that the Test Project threatens the public health, safety or the environment, the applicant shall implement the removal plan submitted with the Notice of Intent or modify the project as directed by the conservation commission or the Department.



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E. Signatures

This Order is valid for three years, unless otherwise specified as a special condition pursuant to General Conditions #4, from the date of issuance.

Please indicate the number of members who will sign this form.

This Order must be signed by a majority of the Conservation Commission.

The Order must be mailed by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivered to the applicant. A copy also must be mailed or hand delivered at the same time to the appropriate Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office, if not filing electronically, and the property owner, if different from applicant.

3/18/2020

1. Date of Issuance

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2. Number of Signers

Signatures:

Cheryl J. Allen
Brian J. Hynes
George P. Tarr

Virginia M. Cookson

☐ by hand delivery on

☒ by certified mail, return receipt requested, on

3/18/2020

Date

Date

F. Appeals

The applicant, the owner, any person aggrieved by this Order, any owner of land abutting the land subject to this Order, or any ten residents of the city or town in which such land is located, are hereby notified of their right to request the appropriate MassDEP Regional Office to issue a Superseding Order of Conditions. The request must be made by certified mail or hand delivery to the Department, with the appropriate filing fee and a completed Request of Departmental Action Fee Transmittal Form, as provided in 310 CMR 10.03(7) within ten business days from the date of issuance of this Order. A copy of the request shall at the same time be sent by certified mail or hand delivery to the Conservation Commission and to the applicant, if he/she is not the appellant.

Any appellants seeking to appeal the Department's Superseding Order associated with this appeal will be required to demonstrate prior participation in the review of this project. Previous participation in the permit proceeding means the submission of written information to the Conservation Commission prior to the close of the public hearing, requesting a Superseding Order, or providing written information to the Department prior to issuance of a Superseding Order.

The request shall state clearly and concisely the objections to the Order which is being appealed and how the Order does not contribute to the protection of the interests identified in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40), and is inconsistent with the wetlands regulations (310 CMR 10.00). To the extent that the Order is based on a municipal ordinance or bylaw, and not on the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or regulations, the Department has no appellate jurisdiction.



TOWN OF HAMILTON Conservation Commission

Amended Conditions
Essex County Trail Association Trail Management Plan
DEP File # 172-0493

Findings

The Commission approves the Request to Amend and extend in perpetuity The Essex County Trail Association (ECTA) Town of Hamilton Management Plan. This approval includes the addition of Special Condition 29 and the addition of Section 3.9 "Culverts" as proposed. All other conditions of DEP File # 172-0493 remain in full force and effect.

Special Conditions

29. The Essex County Trail Association shall comply with the Town of Hamilton Town Wide Trail Management plan, in its entirety as amended. The Trail Management Plan was approved by the Hamilton Conservation Commission and dated April 2007. *This Condition shall exist in perpetuity and shall survive the issuance of any Certificate of Compliance for this Order.*

Section 3.9 "Culverts"

3.9.1

Maintenance of existing culverts may occur under this Order of Conditions provided that the existing culvert is failing to direct flow beneath an existing trail. In addition, any material restricting flow into and out of the culvert will be removed, as needed, with appropriate tools and equipment, as required.

3.9.2

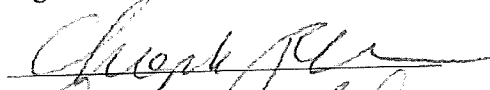
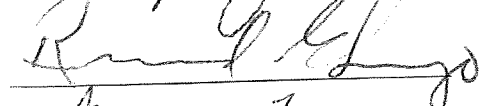
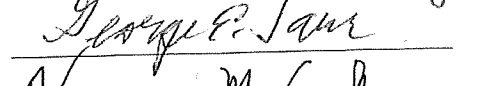
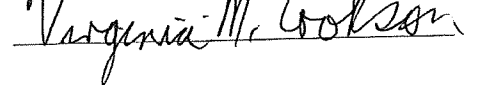
For culverts where: (1) there is neither a defined bed nor bank; (2) the diameter of the existing/original pipe is no greater than 24 inches; and (3) the Conservation Coordinator/Agent agrees there would be no negligible impact to Resource Area functions and values, culvers

CONSERVATION BYLAW (CH. 17) PERMIT (contd.)

This Permit is issued by the Town under its Bylaw and its effect is independent of any Wetlands Protection Act Order of Conditions, so that it is unaffected by any appeal of an Order of Conditions to the Department of Environmental Protection, or by any superseding order from the Department.

Issued by Hamilton Conservation Commission

Signature(s):

DEP FILE # 172-0493

This permit EXPIRES one year from the date of issuance, 3/18, 2020.
Either all work pursuant to this permit is completed by the expiration date, or the Applicant must obtain an extension from the Commission.
Applications for extensions must be filed no later than 30 days prior to the expiration date.

This Permit must be signed by a majority of the Conservation Commission.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On this 26th day of February 2020, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared _____ proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were the undersigned notary public's personal knowledge of the identities of the principals, to be the person whose names are signed on the preceding document, and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

All signed as duly appointed Members of the Town of Hamilton Conservation Commission.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires