

May 28, 2021

**Re: Notice of Availability and Public Comment Procedures
Quinapoxet Dam Removal
West Boylston, MA**

Dear Reviewer,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) this letter serves as notification as to the availability of an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for dam removal and channel restoration project of Quinapoxet Dam in West Boylston, Massachusetts. The project proposes to restore the Quinapoxet River in-stream habitat, enable fish and wildlife passage, maintain public river access, maintain flood control, protect water quality, ensure climate change resiliency, and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

Electronic and/or hard copies of the EENF have been distributed to the required circulation list as stipulated by the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office. Hard copies may be requested by contacting Aidan Barry at (203) 271-1773 or abarry@slrconsulting.com.

Availability of the EENF will be noticed in the June 9, 2021 edition of the *Environmental Monitor*, an online publication maintained by MEPA. This publication date establishes the beginning of a 30-day public comment review period. Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period (July 9, 2021) may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Persons wishing to comment on the ENF can do so in writing, via email, or online through MEPA's Public Comment Portal (<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicComment/Landing/>).

All comments should identify the name of the project and its EEA #, which will be identified in the *Environmental Monitor* notice. Emailed comments should be directed to the environmental analyst assigned to review the project, who will also be identified in the *Environmental Monitor*. Written comments can be mailed to the following:

**Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)
Attn: MEPA Office
[Analyst Name], EEA No. _____
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114**

Please note that comments must be received by July 9, 2021.