

Notification to Abutters

By Hand Delivery, Certified Mail (return receipt requested), or Certificates of Mailing

This is a notification required by law. **You are receiving this notification because you have been identified as the owner of land abutting a parcel of land at which certain activities are proposed.** Those activities require a permit under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40). In accordance with the second paragraph of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, 310 CMR 10.05(4)(a) of the Wetlands Regulations, and the Wellesley Wetlands Bylaw (Article 44), you are hereby notified that:

A. An application was filed with the Town of Wellesley Wetlands Protection Committee on date seeking permission to remove, fill, dredge, or alter an area subject to protection under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and/or Wellesley Wetlands Bylaw:

- A Notice of Intent, seeking permission to remove, fill, dredge or alter an Area Subject to Protection (Wetland Resource Area and/or Buffer Zone) under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (General Laws Chapter 131, Sec.40) and/or the Wellesley Wetlands Bylaw (Article 44)
- A Notice of Resource Area Delineation, seeking to determine the extent of areas subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act and/or Wellesley Wetlands Bylaw (Article 44)
- A Request to Amend an existing Order of Conditions confirming that proposed changes will result in unchanged or reduced impacts to the Bylaw Interests and Values, or reflect an unchanged or reduced scope of project, and still meet applicable performance standards.

B. The application was filed for the following proposed activity/activities:

Brief Description of Project

C. The name of the applicant:

Name of Applicant

D. The address of the land where the activity is proposed:

Physical Address and Assessors Map(s) and Parcel Number(s)

E. Information on the proposed project can be obtained from the Town of Wellesley Wetlands Protection Committee by visiting the Natural Resources Commission office at 888 Worcester Street, Suite 160, Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00, or by contacting the Wetlands Administrator at 781-431-1019 x 2292, jmeyer@wellesleyma.gov or NRC Clerk at x2294, nrc@wellesleyma.gov. An administrative fee may be charged for document copies. **You may also review the application online** at the Wetlands Protection Committee Applications Under Review web page: <https://wellesleyma.gov/1608/Applications-Under-Review>.

Copies of the filing may also be requested from the Applicant or their Representative:

Name of Applicant or Representative

Address, Phone, Email, and Days and Hours of Operation

F. A Public Hearing regarding this application will be held remotely* on Thursday, _____ at 6:30 p.m.

***Public participation will be via virtual means only.* * Public Participation via Virtual Means:**

The Wellesley Wetlands Protection Committee values public participation. Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time via technological means. You may watch the meeting on tv or the internet, register to attend on Zoom, or send written comments in advance to the WPC. If, despite our best efforts, our technological capabilities do not adequately support public access to virtual or remote meetings, the Town will ensure that an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings at the meeting is posted as soon as possible after the meeting. Access both livestream and recorded meetings at Wellesley Media at

<https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/LGze1WqTsE8jwTKC--4xu4kSh8jPidoJ/playlists/2794?autostart=false&showtabssearch=true>

The Public Hearing Notice will be published at least 5 days in advance in the Wellesley Townsman (or MetroWest Daily if the Wellesley Townsman is not available), including its date, time, and place

Guidelines

Members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting should review these guidelines: <https://wellesleyma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/24129/Public-Meeting-Procedures> and on the Town of Wellesley's website at <https://wellesleyma.gov/>.

Watch

- **broadcast proceedings via local cable TV** Comcast channel 8 or 9/Verizon channel 39 or 40
- **livestream via Wellesley Media** at: <https://www.wellesleymedia.org/live-streaming.html>
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Comment

- **verbally** during the remote meeting: pre-register on Zoom to receive an attendee link to the meeting. Follow the instructions on the agenda posted 48 hours prior to the meeting at: <https://wellesleyma.gov/AgendaCenter/Wetlands-Protection-Committee-20>
- **by letter** to the Wetlands Protection Committee members by email. If time allows, the WPC will read a summary during the public meeting. In addition, unless you request otherwise, your letter will be posted to the Applications under Review web page and forwarded as a courtesy to the Applicant. To email the WPC, send your letter to the Wetlands Administrator at jmeyer@wellesleyma.gov

To learn about the March 29, 2023 bill that further extends temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025 to allow public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body or the chair be physically present at a meeting location, and to provide “adequate, alternative” access to remote meetings: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/updated-guidance-on-holding-meetings-pursuant-to-the-act-extending-certain-covid-19-measures>. See also <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H62> (where lawmakers are planning to extend remote meeting rules through June 30, 2027: accessed 03/18/2025)

G. For general questions about the Wetlands Protection Act, you may contact the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Northeast Regional Office (NERO) in Woburn by calling the MassDEP NERO Wetlands Helpline at 978-694-3405. **MassDEP NERO Staff do not have detailed information about the project.**

H. You may also have jurisdictional wetland resource areas on your property (Riverfront Area, Land Subject to Flooding, Vernal Pool Habitat, Buffer Zones, etc.). Construction, cutting, clearing, or grading may require advance approval in these areas. Before commencing *any* work, contact the Natural Resources Commission at 781-431-1019 x 2294 or 2292 and/or visit wellesleyma.gov/421/Wetlands-Protection-Committee to learn whether you may need to receive prior approval, determination, or a permit.