

BOSTON GAS COMPANY

Chestnut Street PRV Installation Project Notice of Intent

Amesbury Conservation Commission
August 2026

Prepared for:
Boston Gas Company
170 Data Drive
Waltham, MA 02451

BSC Project No. 0103001.00

AUGUST 18, 2026

Amesbury Conservation Commission
1 Market Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

RE: Notice of Intent
Chestnut Street PRV Installation
Amesbury, Massachusetts
Boston Gas Company

Dear Members of the Amesbury Conservation Commission,

BSC Group, Inc. (BSC) is filing this Notice of Intent (NOI) on behalf of the Boston Gas Company (BGC) for to the installation of a new 8-inch gas main along Chestnut Street to connect to the existing gas main on Water Street and install a prefabricated pressure relief valve (PRV). All associated equipment will be contained within the roadway and a single concrete vault and box to be installed within the grassy road shoulder of Chestnut Street in Amesbury, Massachusetts. BGC is planning to upgrade the natural gas service in the area to better meet needs of utility customers. Components of the Project are within resource areas regulated by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Amesbury Conservation Commission. This NOI is being submitted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch.131, S.40) (WPA) and its implementing regulations (310 CMR 10.00), and the Amesbury Wetlands Protection Ordinance (Article 37).

While no direct impacts will occur to resource areas, work is proposed within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Inland Bank and the 200-foot Riverfront Area associated with Back River. Refer to the Project Narrative in **Attachment A**, enclosed USGS Site Locus Map and Environmental Resources Map in **Attachment B**, and Site Photographs in **Attachment C** for depictions of the proposed work.

We respectfully request that this matter be heard at the next scheduled Conservation Commission meeting. A copy of this application has been submitted online to MassDEP via their e-filing portal, eDEP. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please contact me at (508)-561-7000 or Patrick Hutchinson of BGC at Patrick.Hutchinson@nationalgrid.com. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
BSC Group, Inc.



Carolyn Holowczak
Ecological Project Manager

cc: Patrick Hutchinson, Boston Gas Company

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Project Narrative

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1. Introduction

BSC Group, Inc. (BSC) is filing this Notice of Intent (NOI) on behalf of the Boston Gas Company (BGC) to connect a new 8-inch gas main along Chestnut Street to the existing gas main on Water Street and install a prefabricated pressure relief valve (PRV). All associated equipment will be contained within a single concrete vault located on Chestnut Street in Amesbury, Massachusetts. This NOI is being submitted in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch.131, S.40; WPA) and its implementing regulations (310 CMR 10.00), and the Amesbury Wetlands Protection Ordinance (Article 37). The location of the proposed activities is shown on the USGS Site Locus Map in **Attachment B**.

The Project is located within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and Inland Bank, as well as the 200-foot Riverfront Area (RFA) of the Back River. While the Project is located adjacent to FEMA-mapped 100-year floodplain, no work is proposed directly within this resource area. Refer to the enclosed USGS Site Locus Map and Environmental Resources (ER) Map in **Attachment B**, and Site Photographs in **Attachment C**, for depictions of the Project area and proposed work.

The proposed gas main activities are considered as a Limited Project for the construction of underground public utilities under 310 CMR 10.53(3)(d) of the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA). Although the project qualifies for consideration as a Limited Project, it does not qualify as an exempt utility maintenance or minor buffer zone activity and is therefore subject to review under the WPA and Amesbury Wetlands Protection Ordinance. BGC is seeking an Order of Conditions for these project activities along Chestnut Street and Water Street.

The activities which are the subject of this NOI include installation of underground gas line, prefabricated gas relief valve system, and excavation along Chestnut Street for new line extension within 100-foot Buffer Zone to Inland Bank and the 200-foot Riverfront Area associated with Back River.

Throughout construction of the Project, crews will implement Best Management Practices (BMPs), including sediment and erosion controls, to ensure adjacent resource areas are adequately protected and impacts to the surrounding areas are minimized. Upon completion of the Project activities, all temporarily disturbed areas will be restored to pre-construction conditions to the maximum extent practicable.

2. Existing Conditions

The Project is located along Chestnut Street and Water Street, and consists of work within existing paved roadways and cleared road shoulders. Water Street crosses the Back River to the south. Land use in the surrounding area primarily consists of high-density residential and commercial properties.

2.1 Resource Area Summary

BSC conducted both a desktop analysis (using MassGIS data layers and publicly available data) and field investigations of the proposed Project area to assess permitting requirements pursuant to the WPA. A site visit was conducted on 8-3-2026. River bank and wetlands adjacent to the Project were not formally delineated because they are located on

private property.

Based on this analysis, activities were identified within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Inland Bank and the 200-foot Riverfront Area of the Back River. However, all work will be occurring within the existing roadway and road shoulder, and appropriate BMPs will be utilized to ensure that these areas are not directly impacted by Project activities. Existing conditions and wetland resource areas, in relation to the proposed activities, are shown on the Environmental Resource Map in **Attachment B**. Representative photographs of site conditions along the distribution lines are provided in **Attachment C**.

2.2 Other Resource Areas

No other jurisdictional resource areas, including NHESP Estimated and Priority Habitat, Certified or Potential Vernal Pools, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Outstanding Resource Waters (ORWs), Wellhead Protection Areas, Activity and Use Limitation sites, or MassDEP 21E sites were identified within the Project area.

3. Project Activities and Anticipated Impacts

The Project will involve the installation of a PRV, placement of all relief valve equipment within a single underground concrete vault and above-ground installation of a SCADA box and vent poles to safely vent gas released during pressure-relief events. The dimensions of the above-ground portion of this PRV are 20" x 33" x 27". The PRV will be installed to connect a new 8-inch gas main, which will be installed along Chestnut Street, to the existing gas main on Water Street. Most of the proposed work along Chestnut Street and Water Street are located within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Inland Bank and the 200-foot Riverfront Area.

All activities take place within paved roadways, and on the existing disturbed and cleared roadway edges and lawn. No tree removal is required.

Specific proposed activities include:

- Installation of a new prefabricated gas relief valve system
- Excavation along Chestnut Street for new gas main extension
- Placement of all relief valve equipment within a single concrete vault
- Install a SCADA box and install vent poles to safely vent gas released during pressure-relief events

Impacts to Buffer Zone and RFA include excavation along Chestnut Street for the new gas line extension and installation of the PRV and associated equipment. Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to avoid adverse impacts to Resource Areas, and disturbed areas will be stabilized once the work is complete.

4. Alternatives Analysis

Due to the nature and purpose of the proposed activities, there are no practicable alternatives to the Project. The extension of new gas line along Chestnut Street and installation of the PRV is necessary for BGC to continue providing safe and reliable natural gas service to residents in Amesbury, MA. No significant adverse impacts to wetland resource

areas or values protected by the WPA are anticipated.

4.1 No Action Alternative

The No-Action Alternative would not resolve the needs of the natural gas service nor address the reliability and operability concerns of the existing system. If no action is taken, the existing natural gas service reliability issues will remain unresolved. Because it does not address the Project need and would not satisfy applicable distribution planning criteria, the No-Action Alternative was not considered a feasible option for the Chestnut Street PRV Installation, Project.

5. Proposed Avoidance and Minimization Measures

BGC has established procedures that are to be followed by all employees and its contractors for accessing sites and performing construction and maintenance activities on utility Rights-of-Way. These procedures ensure that BGC's projects are completed in accordance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations as well as with BGC policies and compliance objectives. The following sections provide a summary of BMPs that will be implemented for this Project. See **Attachment E** for an excerpt of BGC's Environmental Guidance Document, Access, Maintenance and Construction Best Management Practices.

5.1 Sediment and Erosion Controls

Sediment control measures will be installed prior to the commencement of work as necessary. These controls will function to mitigate work-related erosion and sedimentation, and to serve as a physical boundary that delineates work areas and contains construction activities within approved locations. Erosion and sediment control measures may include mulching and straw wattles or similar treatment. BMPs will be inspected regularly and maintained in working order until all disturbed areas are stabilized. Refer to **Attachment E** for erosion and sediment control details.

5.2 Construction Access

Construction access will be from the existing paved roadway or roadway shoulder of Chestnut Street and Water Street. The last crew to leave the site each day will be responsible for regularly sweeping the roadways, if and when sediment and/or rock have been tracked onto the street. No off-road vehicle or equipment access is anticipated for the Project.

5.3 Dewatering

If dewatering is needed for PRV installation, discharge water will be pumped through a filter bag located in an upland area, surrounded with additional sediment filtration such as fiber rolls, hay bales, or other appropriate containment. Refer to **Attachment E** for details.

5.4 Stormwater Management

There will be no change in grade, and minimal increase in impervious area (as a result of this Project). Therefore, additional stormwater management appurtenances will not be required.

5.5 Restoration of Disturbed Areas

Temporarily disturbed areas will be returned to pre-construction conditions to the extent practicable. As necessary, disturbed soil surfaces will be seeded with an upland conservation seed mixture and/or mulched and allowed to revegetate. Erosion and sediment control devices will be removed following stabilization of disturbed areas. In addition, all construction vehicles, construction debris, and non-biodegradable controls will be removed from the site during restoration.

6. Regulatory Compliance

6.1 Limited Project Status

Although the Project meets the criteria to be considered a Limited Project as outlined in 310 CMR 10.53(3)(d), the Project has been designed to meet all applicable performance standards for each affected resource area. In accordance with general condition 310 CMR 10.53(3)(d)(2), BGC will implement BMPs to ensure the adjacent resource areas are adequately protected, and impacts to the surrounding area are reduced, minimized, and restored to the maximum extent practicable. Additionally, no work is occurring directly within resource areas that have performance standards under the WPA.

7. Conclusion

Although the Project will occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to BVW and Inland Bank, as well as the 200-foot RFA of Back River, the proposed Project will:

- Minimize disturbance by utilizing existing disturbed areas to the greatest extent practicable.
- Result in only minor impacts to previously developed/disturbed portions of the Buffer Zone and RFA.
- Include activities that qualify as Limited Project under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (310 CMR 10.53(3)(d)), provided all specified conditions are met.
- Utilize appropriate BMPs to protect wetland resource areas from sedimentation during construction activities.

Therefore, BGC requests the Amesbury Conservation Commission find this proposal adequately protective of the public interests identified in the WPA and issue an Order of Conditions for proposed Project activities.



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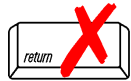
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When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



Note:
Before completing this form consult your local Conservation Commission regarding any municipal bylaw or ordinance.

A. General Information

1. Project Location (**Note:** electronic filers will click on button to locate project site):

a. Street Address

b. City/Town

c. Zip Code

Latitude and Longitude:

d. Latitude

e. Longitude

f. Assessors Map/Plat Number

g. Parcel /Lot Number

2. Applicant:

a. First Name

b. Last Name

c. Organization

d. Street Address

e. City/Town

f. State

g. Zip Code

h. Phone Number

i. Fax Number

j. Email Address

3. Property owner (required if different from applicant): ☐ Check if more than one owner

a. First Name

b. Last Name

c. Organization

d. Street Address

e. City/Town

f. State

g. Zip Code

h. Phone Number

i. Fax Number

j. Email address

4. Representative (if any):

a. First Name

b. Last Name

c. Company

d. Street Address

e. City/Town

f. State

g. Zip Code

h. Phone Number

i. Fax Number

j. Email address

5. Total WPA Fee Paid (from NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form):

a. Total Fee Paid

b. State Fee Paid

c. City/Town Fee Paid



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A. General Information (continued)

6. General 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 | |

7b. 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)

2. Limited Project Type

If the proposed activity is eligible to be treated as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project (310 CMR 10.24(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:

a. County

b. Certificate # (if registered land)

c. Book

d. Page Number

B. Buffer Zone & Resource Area Impacts (temporary & permanent)

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Inland Resource Areas (see 310 CMR 10.54-10.58; if not applicable, go to Section B.3, Coastal Resource Areas).

Check all that apply below. Attach narrative and any 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.



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

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

Resource Area	Size of Proposed Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)
a. ☐ Bank	1. linear feet	2. linear feet
b. ☐ Bordering Vegetated Wetland	1. square feet	2. square feet
c. ☐ Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways	1. square feet 3. cubic yards dredged	2. square feet

Resource Area	Size of Proposed Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)
d. ☐ Bordering Land Subject to Flooding	1. square feet 3. cubic feet of flood storage lost	2. square feet 4. cubic feet replaced
e. ☐ 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) - specify coastal or inland	

2. Width of Riverfront Area (check one):

- ☐ 25 ft. - Designated Densely Developed Areas only
- ☐ 100 ft. - New agricultural projects only
- ☐ 200 ft. - All other projects

3. Total area of Riverfront Area on the site of the proposed project: _____ 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 200 ft. _____

5. Has an alternatives analysis been done and is it attached to this NOI? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Was the lot where the activity is proposed created prior to August 1, 1996? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. ☐ Coastal 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.

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

<u>Resource Area</u>	<u>Size of Proposed Alteration</u>	<u>Proposed Replacement (if any)</u>
a. ☐ Designated Port Areas	Indicate size under Land Under the Ocean, below	
b. ☐ Land Under the Ocean	1. square feet _____ 2. cubic yards dredged _____	
c. ☐ Barrier Beach	Indicate size under Coastal Beaches and/or Coastal Dunes below	
d. ☐ Coastal Beaches	1. square feet _____	2. cubic yards beach nourishment _____
e. ☐ Coastal Dunes	1. square feet _____	2. cubic yards dune nourishment _____
	<u>Size of Proposed Alteration</u>	<u>Proposed Replacement (if any)</u>
f. ☐ Coastal Banks	1. linear feet _____	
g. ☐ Rocky Intertidal Shores	1. square feet _____	
h. ☐ Salt Marshes	1. square feet _____	2. sq ft restoration, rehab., creation _____
i. ☐ Land Under Salt Ponds	1. square feet _____	
	2. cubic yards dredged _____	
j. ☐ Land Containing Shellfish	1. square feet _____	
k. ☐ Fish Runs	Indicate size under Coastal Banks, inland Bank, Land Under the Ocean, and/or inland Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways, above	
	1. cubic yards dredged _____	
l. ☐ Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage	1. square feet _____	

4. ☐ 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 feet of BVW _____

b. square feet of Salt Marsh _____

5. ☐ Project Involves Stream Crossings

a. number of new stream crossings _____

b. number of replacement 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 (310 CMR 10.11).

Streamlined Massachusetts Endangered Species Act/Wetlands Protection Act Review

1. Is any portion of the proposed project located in **Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife** 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 *Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas* or go to http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/PRI_EST_HAB/viewer.htm.

a. ☐ Yes ☐ 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**

b. Date of map

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).*

- c. Submit Supplemental Information for Endangered Species Review*

1. ☐ 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 **

(a) ☐ Project description (including description of impacts outside of wetland resource area & buffer zone)

(b) ☐ Photographs representative of the site

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

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

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

Make check payable to "Commonwealth of Massachusetts - NHESP" and **mail to NHESP** at above address

Projects altering 10 or more acres of land, also submit:

- (d) ☐ Vegetation cover type map of site
- (e) ☐ Project plans showing Priority & Estimated Habitat boundaries
- (f) OR Check One of the Following

1. ☐ Project is exempt from MESA review.
Attach applicant letter indicating which MESA exemption applies. (See 321 CMR 10.14, <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/exemptions-from-review-for-projectsactivities-in-priority-habitat>; the NOI must still be sent to NHESP if the project is within estimated habitat pursuant to 310 CMR 10.37 and 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" determination or valid Conservation & Management Permit with approved plan.

3. For coastal projects only, is any portion of the proposed project located below the mean high water line or in a fish run?

- a. ☐ Not applicable – project is in inland resource area only b. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, include proof of mailing, hand delivery, or electronic delivery of NOI to either:

South Shore - Bourne to Rhode Island border, and the Cape & Islands:

North Shore - Plymouth to New Hampshire border:

Division of Marine Fisheries -
Southeast Marine Fisheries Station
Attn: Environmental Reviewer
836 South Rodney French Blvd.
New Bedford, MA 02744
Email: dmf.envreview-south@mass.gov

Division of Marine Fisheries -
North Shore Office
Attn: Environmental Reviewer
30 Emerson Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930
Email: dmf.envreview-north@mass.gov

Also if yes, the project may require a Chapter 91 license. For coastal towns in the Northeast Region, please contact MassDEP's Boston Office. For coastal towns in the Southeast Region, please contact MassDEP's Southeast Regional Office.

- c. ☐ Is this an aquaculture project? d. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, include a copy of the Division of Marine Fisheries Certification Letter (M.G.L. c. 130, § 57).



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

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4. Is any portion of the proposed project within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)?
a. ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide name of ACEC (see instructions to WPA Form 3 or MassDEP Website for ACEC locations). **Note:** electronic filers click on Website.
- b. ACEC
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?
a. ☐ Yes ☐ No
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?
a. ☐ 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:
1. ☐ Applying for Low Impact Development (LID) site design credits (as described in Stormwater Management Handbook Vol. 2, Chapter 3)
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 or equal to 4 units in multi-family housing project) with no discharge to Critical Areas.

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.

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.)
2. ☐ 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)

3. ☐ Identify the method for BVW and other resource area boundary delineations (MassDEP BVW Field Data Form(s), Determination of Applicability, Order of Resource Area Delineation, etc.), and attach documentation of the methodology.

4. ☐ List the titles and dates for all plans and other materials submitted with this NOI.

a. Plan Title

b. Prepared By

c. Signed and Stamped by

d. Final Revision Date

e. Scale

f. Additional Plan or Document Title

g. Date

5. ☐ If there is more than one property owner, please attach a list of these property owners not listed on this form.
6. ☐ Attach proof of mailing for Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, if needed.
7. ☐ Attach proof of mailing for Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, if needed.
8. ☐ Attach NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form
9. ☐ Attach Stormwater Report, if needed.

E. Fees

1. ☐ 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 housing authority, or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

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. Municipal Check Number

3. Check date

4. State Check Number

5. Check date

6. Payor name on check: First Name

7. Payor name on check: Last Name



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent

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

Provided by MassDEP:

MassDEP File Number

Document Transaction Number

City/Town

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.

1. Signature of Applicant

2. Date

3. Signature of Property Owner (if different)

4. Date

8/18/2026

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:

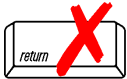
If the applicant has checked the "yes" box in any part of Section C, Item 3, above, refer to that section and the Instructions for additional submittal requirements.

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.



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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

1. Location of Project:

a. Street Address

b. City/Town

c. Check number

d. Fee amount

2. Applicant Mailing Address:

a. First Name

b. Last Name

c. Organization

d. Mailing Address

e. City/Town

f. State

g. Zip Code

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

f. State

g. Zip Code

h. Phone Number

i. Fax Number

j. Email Address

B. Fees

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

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.

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.

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



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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

Step 5/Total Project Fee: _____

Step 6/Fee Payments:

Total Project Fee: _____
a. Total Fee from Step 5

State share of filing Fee: _____
b. 1/2 Total Fee **less** \$12.50

City/Town share of filing Fee: _____
c. 1/2 Total Fee **plus** \$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.

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Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

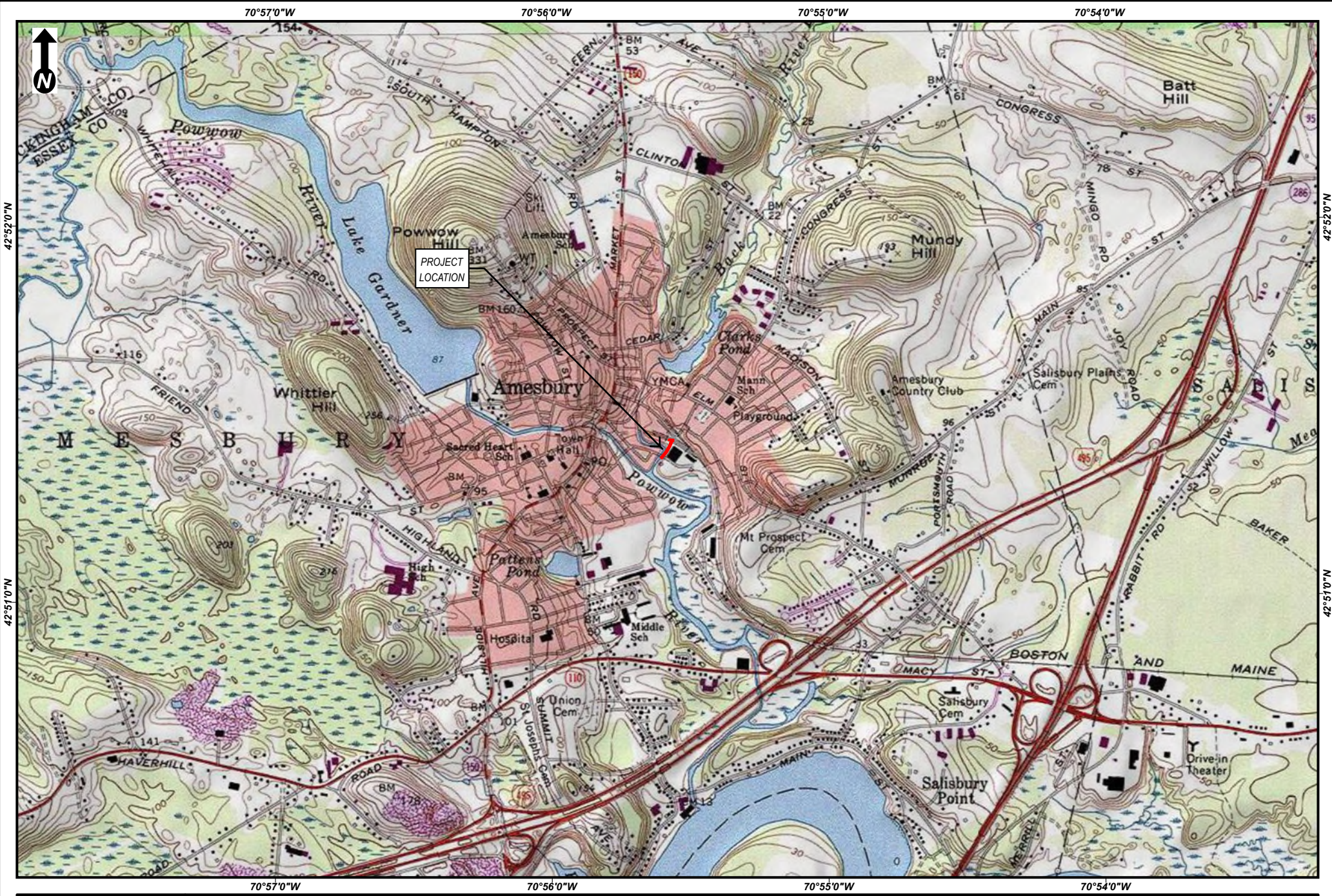
- b.) **To the Conservation Commission:** Send the Notice of Intent or Abbreviated Notice of Intent; a **copy** of this form; and the city/town fee payment.

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 B

Chestnut Street PRV Installation Project
Amesbury, Massachusetts
Notice of Intent

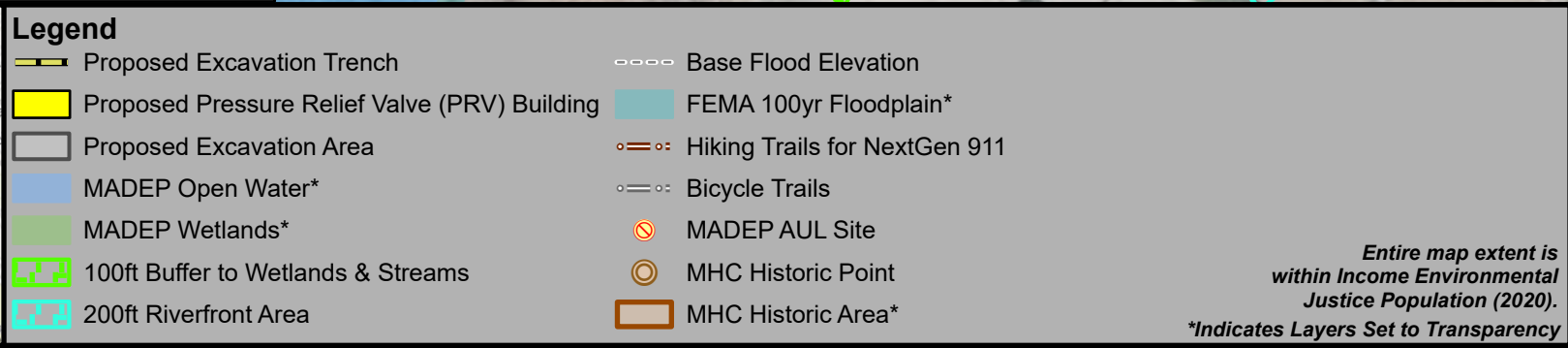
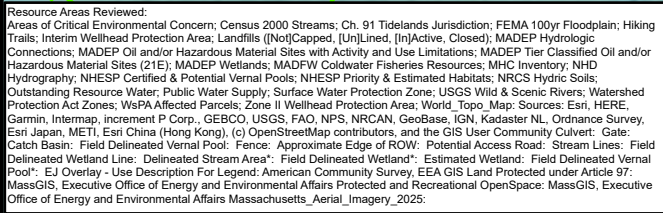
USGS Site Locus Map
Environmental Resource Map



Scale:
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CHESTNUT ST PRV INSTALLATION
USGS Site Location Map
Amesbury, MA

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Environmental Resources Map

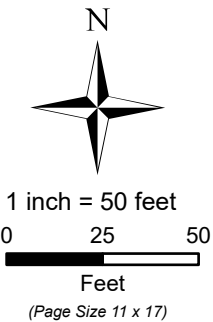
Amesbury, MA

Entire map extent is within Income Environmental Justice Population (2020).
*Indicates Layers Set to Transparency

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Attachment C

Chestnut Street PRV Installation Project
Amesbury, Massachusetts
Notice of Intent

Site Photographs



Photo #1: Proposed location of the PRV, facing north.



Photo #2: Proposed location of gas main work along Chestnut Street, facing north.



Photo #3: Back River crossing along Water Street, south of the project work, facing north.



Photo #4: Corner of Chestnut Street and Water Street, facing northwest

Attachment D

Chestnut Street PRV Installation Project
Amesbury, Massachusetts
Notice of Intent

List of Abutters
Abutter Notification Letter

53/ / 91/ /
CARRIAGE HILL METALS, LLC
P.O. BOX 26
AMESBURY, MA 01913

53/ / 51/ /
AMESBURY CITY OF
1 MARKET ST
AMESBURY, MA 01913

54/ / 214/ /
BOSTONIA NOMINEE TRUST
C/O DEMETRIOS VARDAKOSTAS
235 ADAMS ST
QUINCY, MA 02169

53/ / 94/ /
9 OAKLAND STREET AMESBURY LLC
PO BOX 999
DANVILLE, NH 03819

53/ / 135/ /
AMESBURY CITY OF
C/O MAYORS OFFICE
1 MARKET ST
AMESBURY, MA 01913

53/ / 106/ /
MERRIMACK VALLEY REGIONAL
TRANSI
85 RAILROAD AVE
HAVERHILL, MA 01835

53/ / 101/ /
ELIE ON CHESTNUT STREET LLC
997 NEW HAVEN STREET
WEST ROXBURY , MA 02132

53/ / 105/ /
29 WATER STREET, LLC
21 WATER STREET
AMESBURY, MA 01913

53/ / 110/ /
AMESBURY CITY OF
1 MARKET ST
AMESBURY, MA 01913

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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 another parcel of land for 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, and 310 CMR 10.05(4)(a) of the Wetlands Regulations, you are hereby notified that:

- A. A Notice of Intent was filed with the Amesbury Conservation Commission on August 18th, 2026 seeking permission to remove, fill, dredge, or alter an area subject to protection under M.G.L. c. 131 §40. The following is a description of the proposed activity/activities:

Boston Gas Company is proposing to install a new 8-inch gas main along Chestnut Street to connect to the existing gas main on Water Street, as well as a prefabricated pressure relief valve, for which site preparation activities be located within the 200-ft Riverfront Area and 100-ft Buffer Zone to Inland Bank associated with the Back River.

- B. The name of the applicant is: Boston Gas Company (BGC)
- C. The address of the land where the activity is proposed is: Public Roadway along Chestnut Street, approximately 300-ft north of the intersection with County Road.
- D. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined or obtained at the office of the Amesbury Conservation Commission, located at 1 Market Street, Amesbury MA, 01913. The regular business hours of the Commission are Monday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Tuesday from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Wednesday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, but are closed on Fridays. The Commission may be reached at 978-388-8110.
- E. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be obtained from the applicant or their representative by calling Carolyn Holowczak, BSC Group Inc., at 617-896-4341. An administrative fee may be applied for providing copies of the NOI and plans.
- F. Information regarding the date, time, and location of the public hearing regarding the Notice of Intent may be obtained from the Amesbury Conservation Commission. Notice of the public hearing will be published at least five business days in advance, in a local newspaper.

Notification provided pursuant to the above requirement does not automatically confer standing to the recipient to request Departmental Action for the underlying matter. See 310 CMR 10.05(7)(a)4.

Attachment E

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Amesbury, Massachusetts
Notice of Intent

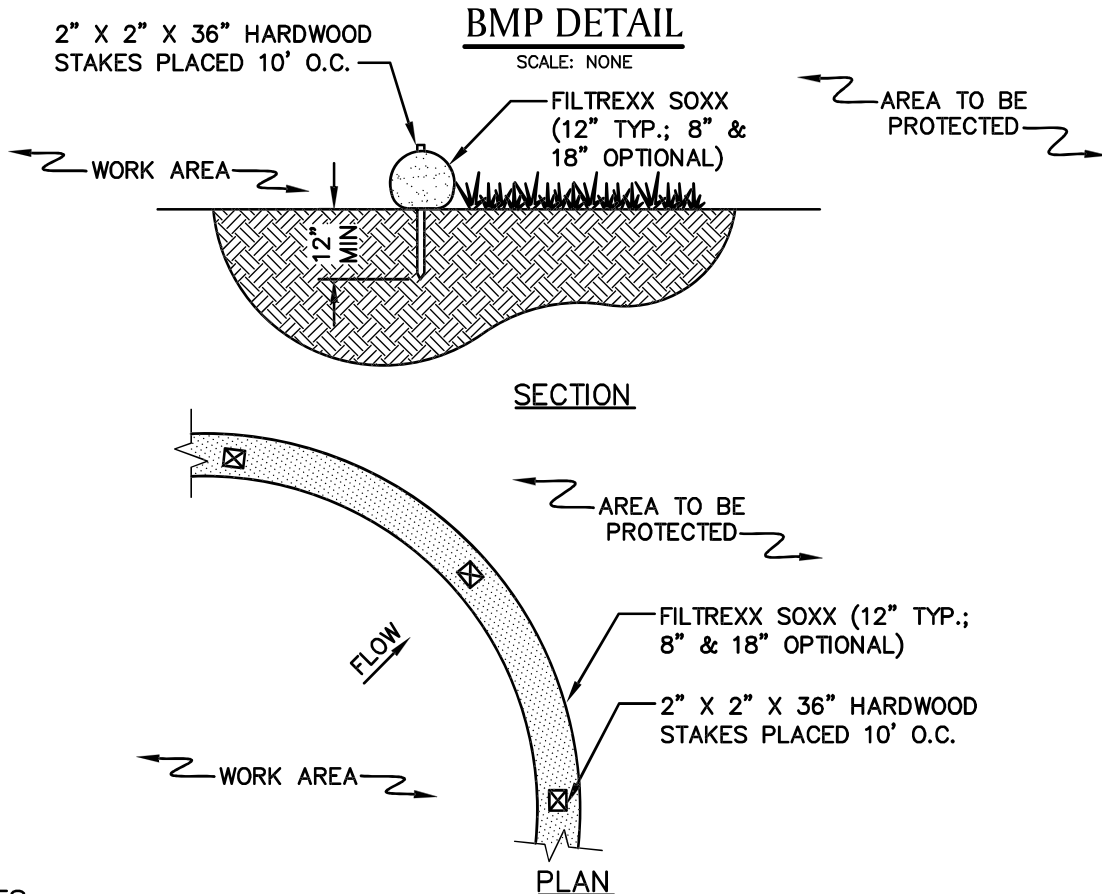
National Grid's Best Management Practices

SUBJECT

Access, Maintenance and Construction
Best Management Practices

Reference

EP No. 3 - Natural Resource
Protection (Chapter 6)

NOTES

1. PRODUCT TO BE FILTREXX SILT SOXX OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. ALL MATERIAL TO MEET FILTREXX SPECIFICATIONS.
3. FILTER MEDIA FILL TO MEET APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.
4. MESH CONTAINMENT MATERIAL SHOULD BE KNITTED PHOTODEGRADABLE OR BIODEGRADABLE MATERIAL, WITH OPENING SIZES BETWEEN 1/8" – 3/8".
5. COMPOST MEDIA SHOULD HAVE PARTICLE SIZE WHERE 99% < 2", 50% > 1/2".
6. COMPOST MATERIAL TO BE DISPERSED ON SITE, AS DETERMINED BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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SEC-4
SILT SOXX *

SUBJECT

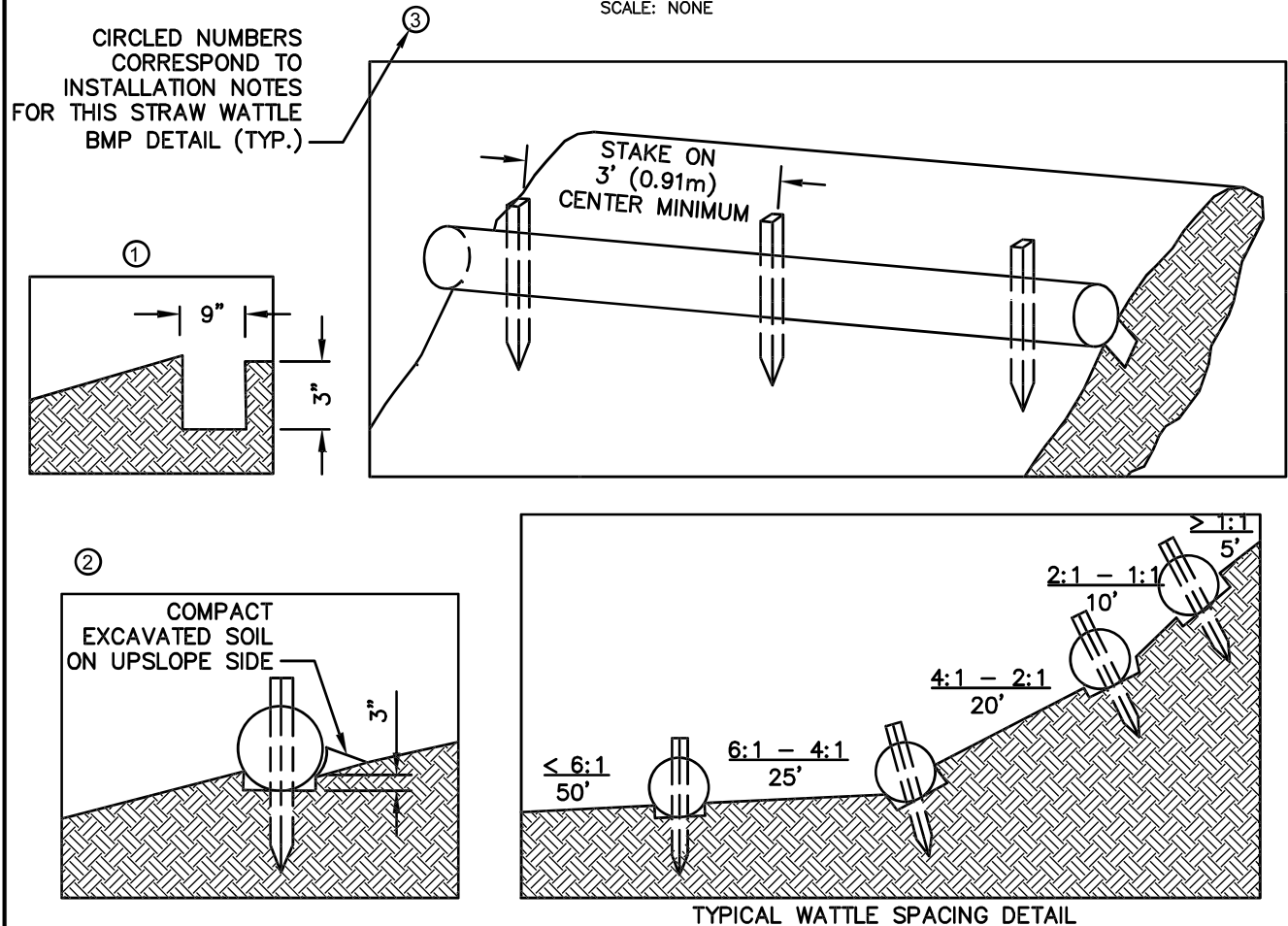
Access, Maintenance and Construction
Best Management Practices

Reference

EP No. 3 - Natural Resource
Protection (Chapter 6)

BMP DETAIL

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. PRODUCT TO BE TENSAR NORTH AMERICAN GREEN STRAW WATTLE OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. TYPICAL WATTLE SPACING BASED ON SLOPE GRADIENT. COORDINATE SPACING AND LOCATION WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
3. MINIMUM 12" DIAMETER WATTLES SHOULD BE USED FOR HIGHLY DISTURBED AREAS (I.E., HEAVILY USED ACCESS ROAD WITH ADJACENT WETLAND) AND MINIMUM 9-10" WATTLES SHOULD BE USED FOR LESS DISTURBED SOILS.

INSTALLATION NOTES:

1. BEGIN AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE WATTLE IS TO BE INSTALLED BY EXCAVATING A 2-3" DEEP X 9" WIDE TRENCH ALONG THE CONTOUR OF THE SLOPE. EXCAVATED SOIL SHOULD BE PLACED UPSLOPE FROM THE ANCHOR TRENCH.
2. PLACE THE WATTLE IN THE TRENCH SO THAT IT CONTOURS TO THE SOIL SURFACE. COMPACT SOIL FROM THE EXCAVATED TRENCH AGAINST THE WATTLE ON THE UPHILL SIDE. ADJACENT WATTLES SHOULD TIGHTLY ABUT.
3. SECURE THE WATTLE WITH 18-24" HARDWOOD STAKES EVERY 3-4' AND WITH A STAKE ON EACH END. STAKES SHOULD BE DRIVEN THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE WATTLE LEAVING AT LEAST 2-3" OF STAKE EXTENDING ABOVE THE WATTLE. STAKES SHOULD BE DRIVEN PERPENDICULAR TO THE SLOPE FACE.

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SEC-5
STRAW WATTLE * (1 OF 2)

SUBJECT

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Reference

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STRAW WATTLE – SHALLOW SLOPE ($\leq 4:1$)
(ALTERNATE STAKING)

ALTERNATE STAKING INSTALLATION NOTES:

1. ON SHALLOW SLOPES ($\leq 4:1$), STRAW WATTLE MAY BE SECURED WITH 18–24" HARDWOOD STAKES DRIVEN AGAINST THE SIDES OF THE WATTLE INSTEAD OF THROUGH. STAKES SHALL ALTERNATE SIDES, AND BE SPACED 3–4' MAX.
2. TWINE SHALL BE TIED FROM STAKE TO STAKE, CRISS-CROSSING THE STRAW WATTLE. TIE TWINE TO STAKES BELOW THE HEIGHT OF THE WATTLE.

SUBJECT

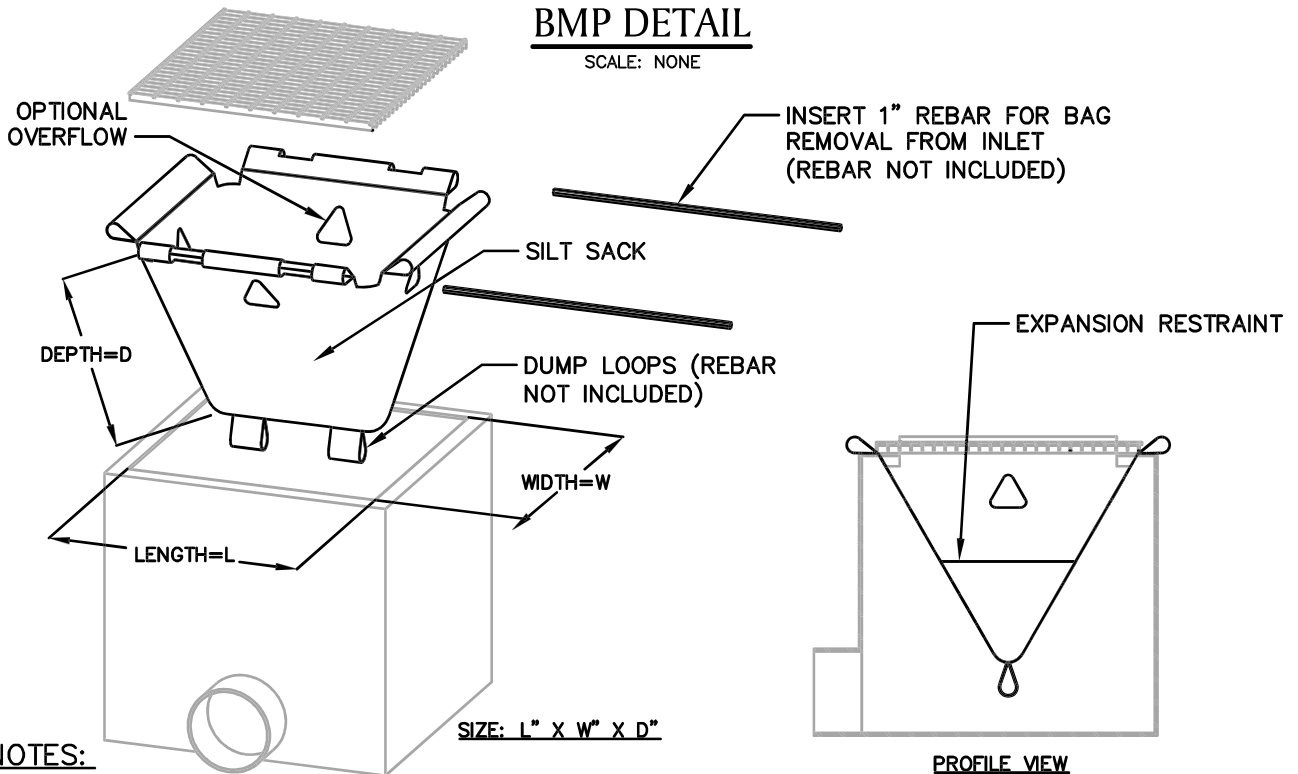
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Reference

EP No. 3 - Natural Resource
Protection (Chapter 6)

BMP DETAIL

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. PRODUCT TO BE SILT SACK OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. THE USE OF A SILT SACK OPTIONAL OVERFLOW AND OVERALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO BE COORDINATED WITH A NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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SILT SACK *

SUBJECT

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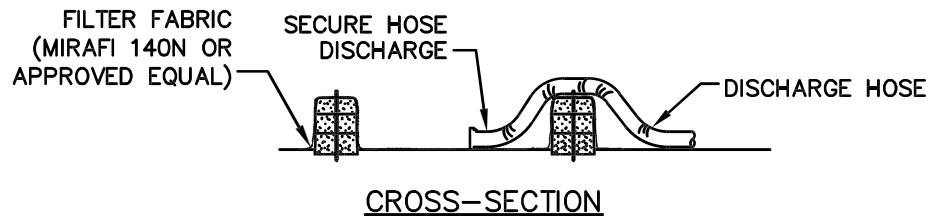
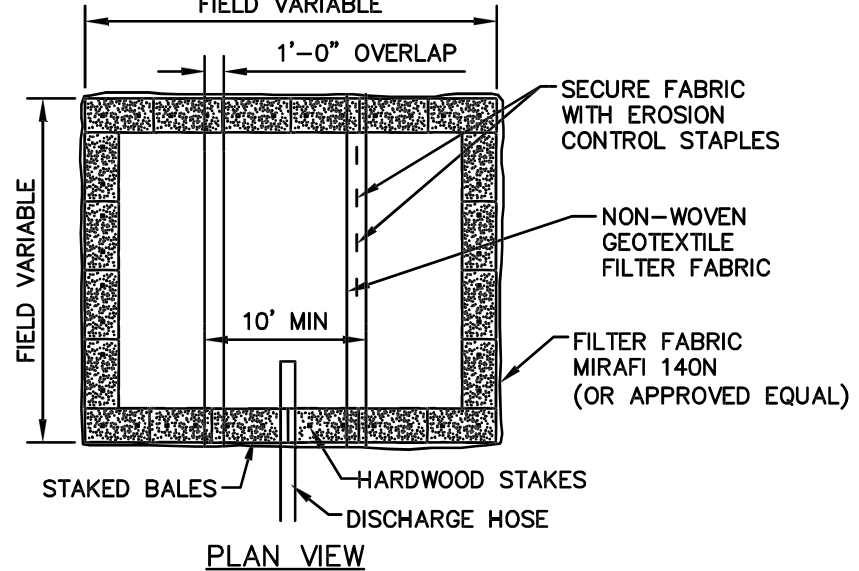
Reference

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BMP DETAIL

SCALE: NONE

FIELD VARIABLE

**NOTES:**

1. NUMBER OF BALES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON SITE CONDITIONS,
2. THE BASIN TO BE SIZED TO PREVENT DISCHARGE WATER FROM OVERTOPPING BASIN.
3. KEEP AS FAR FROM WETLANDS AS PRACTICAL.
4. CLEAN AND REMOVE AS SOON AS DEWATERING IS COMPLETE.

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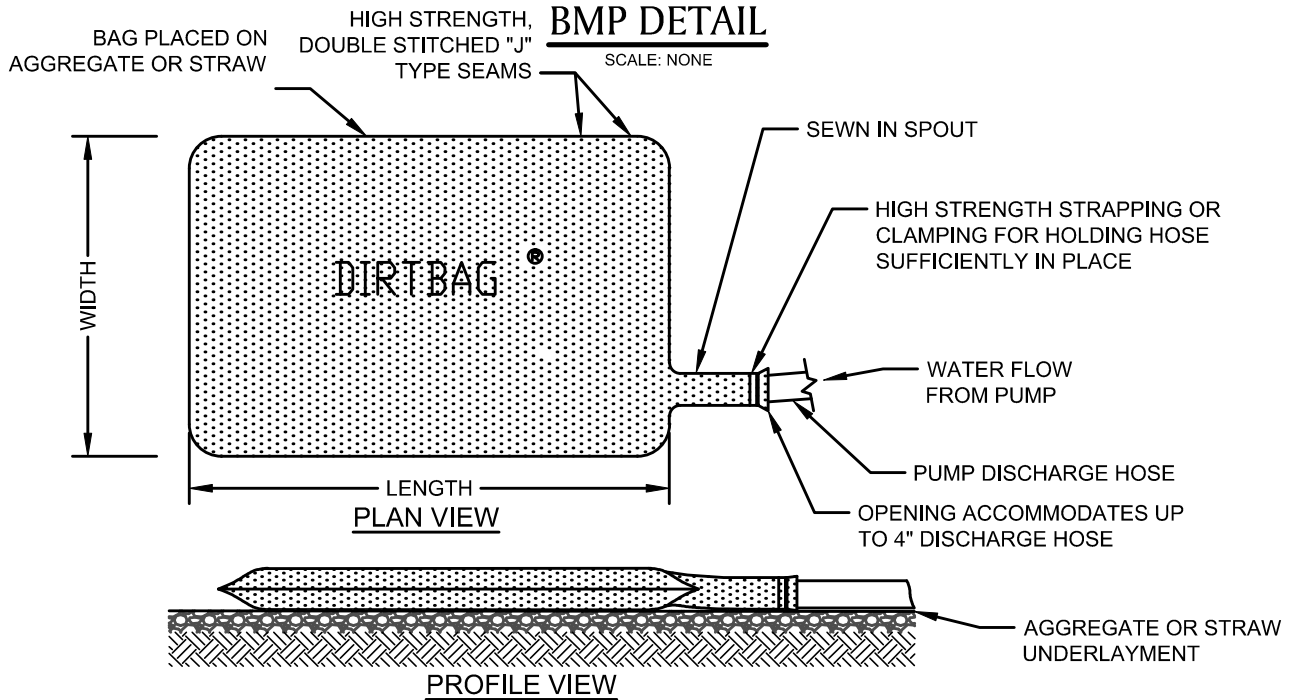
AA-10
DEWATERING BASIN
(SMALL SCALE)

SUBJECT

Access, Maintenance and Construction
Best Management Practices

Reference

EP No. 3 - Natural Resource
Protection (Chapter 6)

**NOTE:**

ONCE PUMPING COMMENCES, THE DIRT BAG SHALL BE MONITORED FREQUENTLY TO ASSURE THAT THE CONNECTIONS ARE SECURELY FASTENED AND THE RATE OF WATER DELIVERY TO THE STRUCTURE IS LOW ENOUGH TO PREVENT UNFILTERED WATER FROM FLOWING FROM THE HOSE CONNECTIONS OR BAG.

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DIRTBAG *