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Request for Determination of Applicability

Repaving Existing Parking Area 72 Elm Street Amesbury, Massachusetts

November 22, 2023

File No. 18.0175500.00



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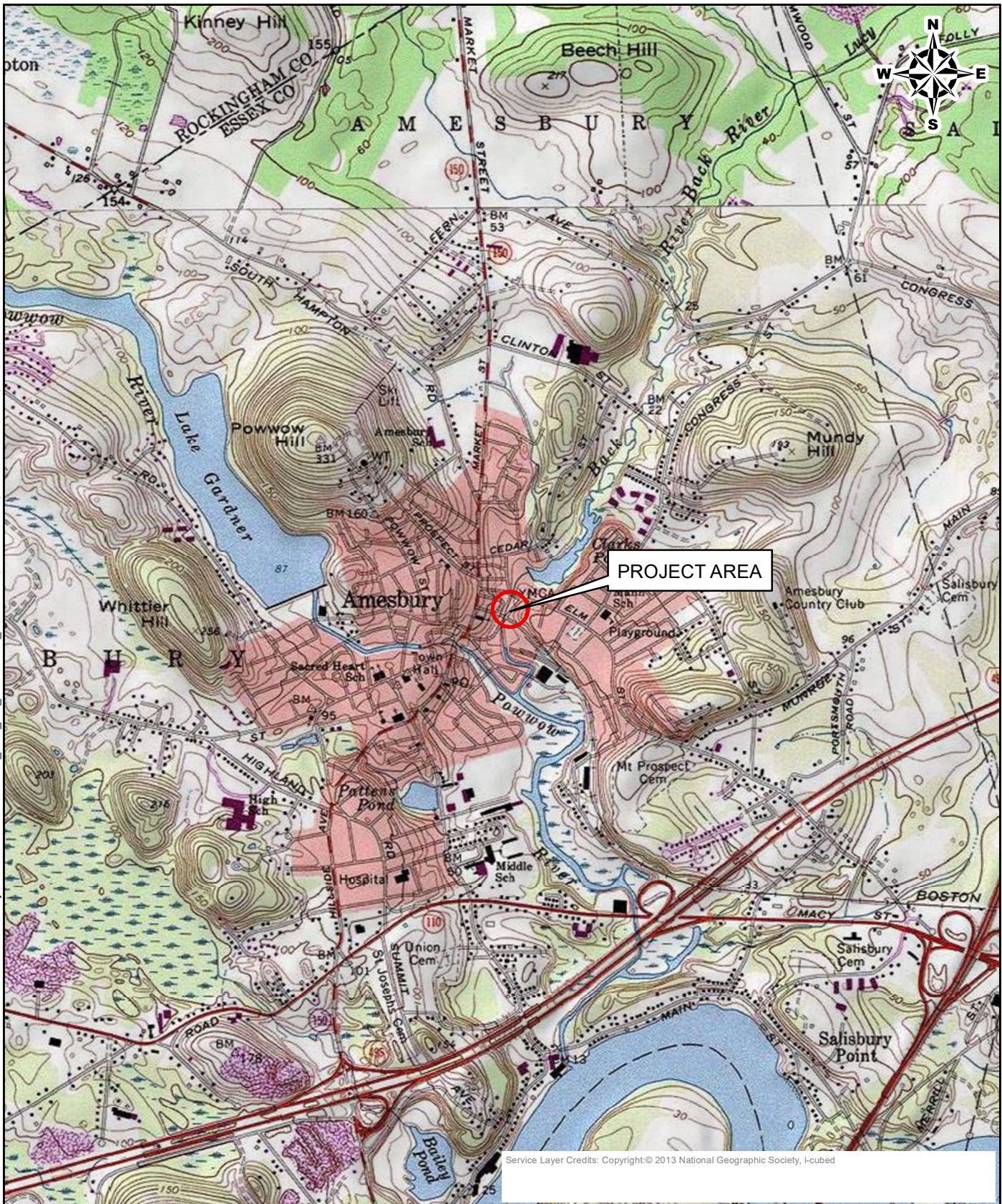
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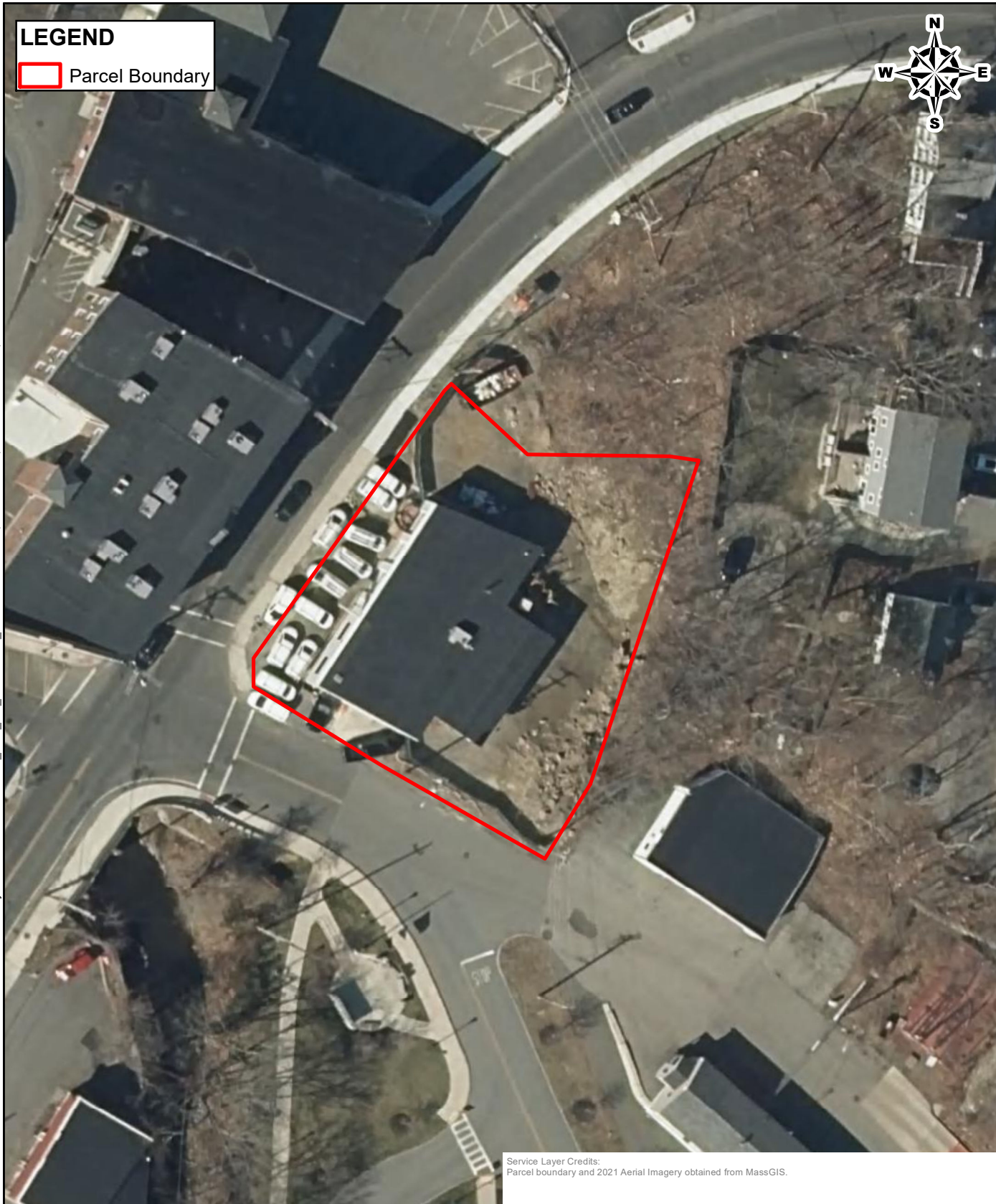
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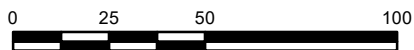
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**Submittal Platform for WPA Form 1 - Request for
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A. General Information

1. Project Location:

a. Street Address 72 ELM STREET

b. City/Town AMESBURY c. State MA d. Zip Code 01913

e. Latitude 42.85883 N f. Longitude 70.92744 W

g. Map/Plat # 53 h. Parcel/Lot # 63

i. Project Description THE REPAVING OF AN EXISTING PARKING AREA.

2. Applicant:

☐ Individual ☒ Organization

a. First Name _____ b. Last Name _____

c. Organization BIG BLOCKS, LLC

d. Mailing Address 2093 PHILADELPHIA PIKE #8844

e. City/Town CLAYMONT f. State DE g. Zip Code 19703

h. Phone Number 405-486-9339 i. Email bigblockslimited@gmail.com

3. Property Owner:

☐ more than one owner

a. First Name _____ b. Last Name _____

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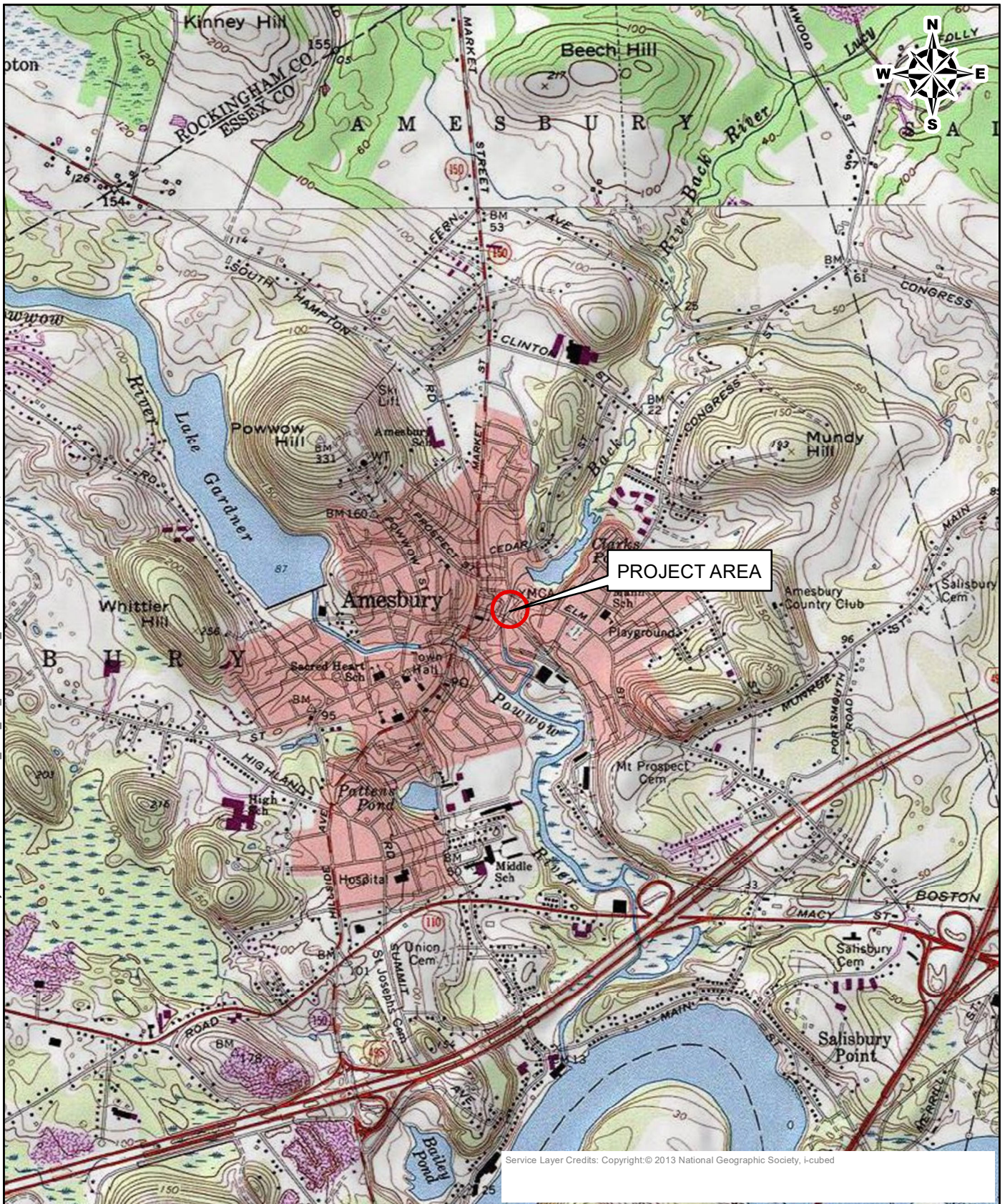
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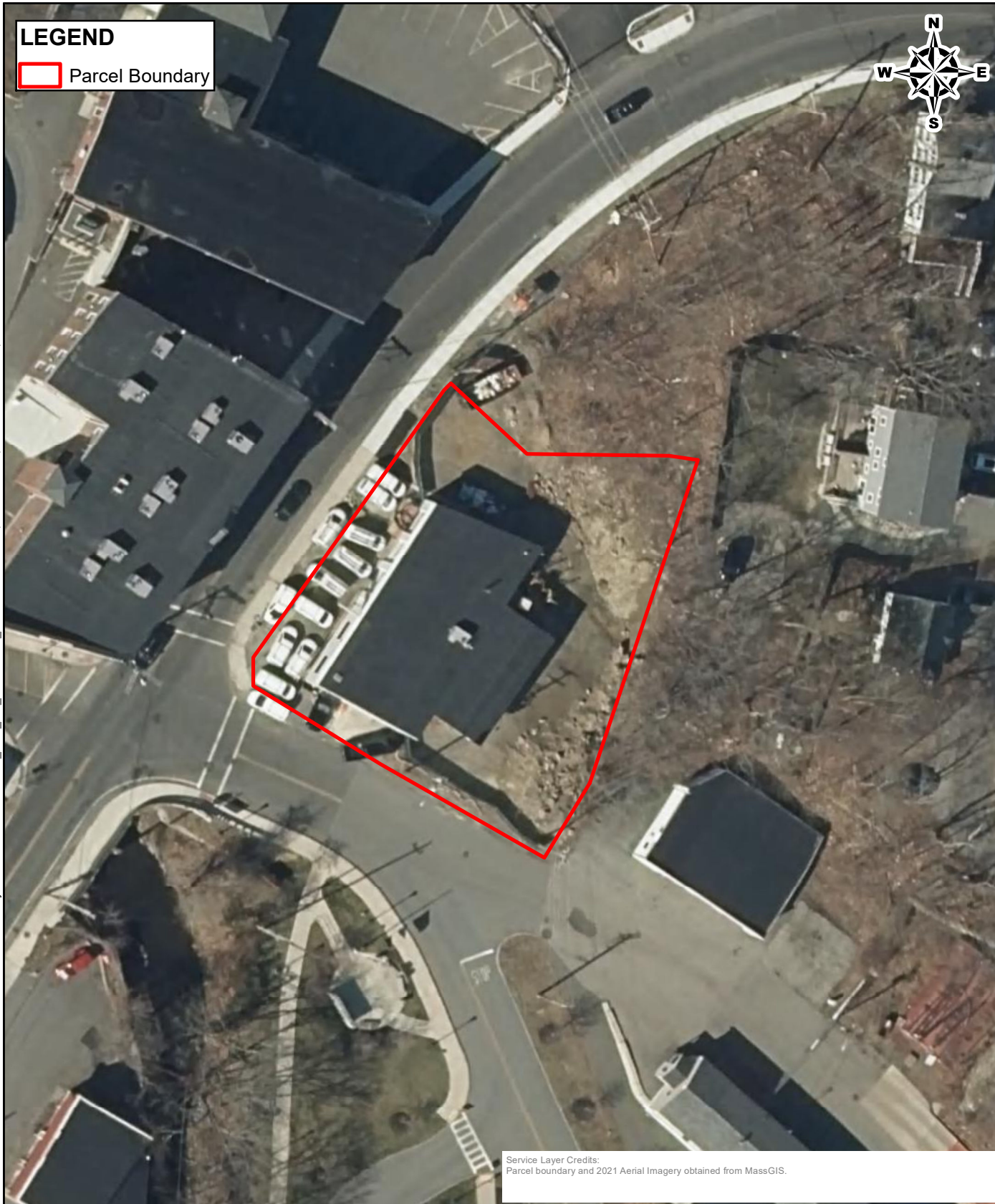
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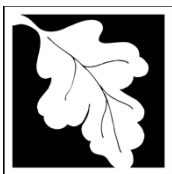
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WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability

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

Municipality _____

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First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

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Last Name _____

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Email Address (if known) _____

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First Name _____

Last Name _____

Company Name _____

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Street Address _____

City/Town _____

Latitude (Decimal Degrees Format with 5 digits after decimal
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Longitude (Decimal Degrees Format with 5 digits after
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Assessors' Lot/Parcel Number _____

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c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s): (use additional paper if necessary)

Title _____

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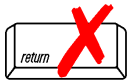
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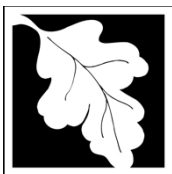
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C. Determinations

1. I request the _____ make the following determination(s). Check any that apply:
Conservation Commission

- ☐ a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced above is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
- ☐ b. whether the **boundaries** of resource area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced above are accurately delineated.
- ☐ c. whether the **Activities** depicted on plan(s) referenced above is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations.
- ☐ d. whether the area and/or Activities depicted on plan(s) referenced above is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands' ordinance** or **bylaw** of:

Name of Municipality

- ☐ e. whether the following **scope of alternatives** is adequate for Activities in the Riverfront Area as depicted on referenced plan(s).
- _____

D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

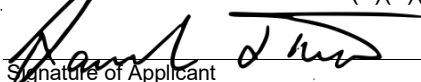
I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

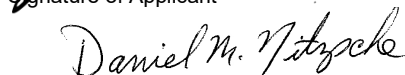
Signatures:

I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.



Signature of Applicant

Date



Signature of Representative (if any)

Date



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ATTACHMENT 3
2022 DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

DATE OF ISSUANCE, 2022

Big Blocks, LLC
2093 Philadelphia Pike #8844
Claymont, DE 19703

Re: Determination of Applicability – 72 Elm Street, Amesbury, MA 01913 – Pavement Repair

Dear Big Blocks, LLC,

Enclosed is your Determination of Applicability for the Request for Determination of Applicability that was filed by you or your representative for asphalt pavement repair of an existing paved driveway within the 200' riverfront area at 72 Elm Street, Amesbury, MA.

The Determination is valid for three years from the issuance date for the work specified. Any future work at the property proposed in a buffer zone or resource area as defined in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Amesbury Wetlands Protection Ordinance will require a new permit issued by the Commission.

Please read the material carefully. It is your responsibility to ensure that all work at your property is done according to any issued conditions found on page 3 of the Determination. There is a ten-day appeal period before any work can begin however, you may begin earlier at your own risk.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Michelle Greene
Conservation Agent



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability

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

A. General Information

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From:

Amesbury
Conservation Commission

To: Applicant

Big Blocks, LLC
Name
2093 Philadelphia Pike #8844
Mailing Address
Claymont DE 19703
City/Town State Zip Code

Property Owner (if different from applicant):

SAME
Name

Mailing Address

City/Town State Zip Code

1. Title and Date (or Revised Date if applicable) of Final Plans and Other Documents:

72 Elm Street frontal paving scope plan	11/21/2022
Title	Date
New England Paving Co. Letter	11/21/2022
Title	Date
Title	Date

2. Date Request Filed:

11/21/2022

B. Determination

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, the Conservation Commission considered your Request for Determination of Applicability, with its supporting documentation, and made the following Determination.

Project Description (if applicable):

Resurface existing asphalt pavement around front (along Elm St) and along side (Railroad Ave) around existing building by milling existing pavement and adding up to 11/2" pavement to replace missing pavement and fill depressions. Remove existing concrete/cement on side of building (along Railroad Ave) and replace with asphalt pavement.

Project Location:

72 Elm Street
Street Address
53
Assessors Map/Plat Number

Amesbury
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B. Determination (cont.)

The following Determination(s) is/are applicable to the proposed site and/or project relative to the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations:

Positive Determination

Note: No work within the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act may proceed until a final Order of Conditions (issued following submittal of a Notice of Intent or Abbreviated Notice of Intent) or Order of Resource Area Delineation (issued following submittal of Simplified Review ANRAD) has been received from the issuing authority (i.e., Conservation Commission or the Department of Environmental Protection).

☐ 1. The area described on the referenced plan(s) is an area subject to protection under the Act. Removing, filling, dredging, or altering of the area requires the filing of a Notice of Intent.

☐ 2a. The boundary delineations of the following resource areas described on the referenced plan(s) are confirmed as accurate. Therefore, the resource area boundaries confirmed in this Determination are binding as to all decisions rendered pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations regarding such boundaries for as long as this Determination is valid.

☐ 2b. The boundaries of resource areas listed below are not confirmed by this Determination, regardless of whether such boundaries are contained on the plans attached to this Determination or to the Request for Determination.

☐ 3. The work described on referenced plan(s) and document(s) is within an area subject to protection under the Act and will remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work requires the filing of a Notice of Intent.

☐ 4. The work described on referenced plan(s) and document(s) is within the Buffer Zone and will alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work requires the filing of a Notice of Intent or ANRAD Simplified Review (if work is limited to the Buffer Zone).

☐ 5. The area and/or work described on referenced plan(s) and document(s) is subject to review and approval by:

Name of Municipality

Pursuant to the following municipal wetland ordinance or bylaw:

Name

Ordinance or Bylaw Citation



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B. Determination (cont.)

- ☐ 6. The following area and/or work, if any, is subject to a municipal ordinance or bylaw but not subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act:
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- ☐ 7. If a Notice of Intent is filed for the work in the Riverfront Area described on referenced plan(s) and document(s), which includes all or part of the work described in the Request, the applicant must consider the following alternatives. (Refer to the wetland regulations at 10.58(4)c. for more information about the scope of alternatives requirements):
- ☐ Alternatives limited to the lot on which the project is located.
 - ☐ Alternatives limited to the lot on which the project is located, the subdivided lots, and any adjacent lots formerly or presently owned by the same owner.
 - ☐ Alternatives limited to the original parcel on which the project is located, the subdivided parcels, any adjacent parcels, and any other land which can reasonably be obtained within the municipality.
 - ☐ Alternatives extend to any sites which can reasonably be obtained within the appropriate region of the state.

Negative Determination

Note: No further action under the Wetlands Protection Act is required by the applicant. However, if the Department is requested to issue a Superseding Determination of Applicability, work may not proceed on this project unless the Department fails to act on such request within 35 days of the date the request is post-marked for certified mail or hand delivered to the Department. Work may then proceed at the owner's risk only upon notice to the Department and to the Conservation Commission. Requirements for requests for Superseding Determinations are listed at the end of this document.

- ☐ 1. The area described in the Request is not an area subject to protection under the Act or the Buffer Zone.
- ☐ 2. The work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.
- ☒ 3. The work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, subject to the following conditions (if any).
The applicant shall ensure all stormwater structures on the property are protected either with silt sacks or coir logs prior to the commencement of work. The applicant shall be responsible for clearing any silt sack protection regularly to ensure the stormwater structures remain functioning.
- ☐ 4. The work described in the Request is not within an Area subject to protection under the Act (including the Buffer Zone). Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, unless and until said work alters an Area subject to protection under the Act.



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B. Determination (cont.)

- ☐ 5. The area described in the Request is subject to protection under the Act. Since the work described therein meets the requirements for the following exemption, as specified in the Act and the regulations, no Notice of Intent is required:

Exempt Activity (site applicable statutory/regulatory provisions)

- ☐ 6. The area and/or work described in the Request is not subject to review and approval by:

Name of Municipality

Pursuant to a municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw.

Name

Ordinance or Bylaw Citation

C. Authorization

This Determination is issued to the applicant and delivered as follows:

- ☐ by hand delivery on ☒ by certified mail, return receipt requested on

Date

Date

12-22-2022

This Determination is valid for **three years** from the date of issuance (except Determinations for Vegetation Management Plans which are valid for the duration of the Plan). This Determination does not relieve the applicant from complying with all other applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, bylaws, or regulations.

This Determination must be signed by a majority of the Conservation Commission. A copy must be sent to the appropriate DEP Regional Office (see <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-regional-offices-by-community>) and the property owner (if different from the applicant).



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C. Authorization (cont.)

Signatures:

Signature

Signature

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Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Printed Name

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D. Appeals

The applicant, owner, any person aggrieved by this Determination, any owner of land abutting the land upon which the proposed work is to be done, 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 Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office (see <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-regional-offices-by-community>) to issue a Superseding Determination of Applicability. The request must be made by certified mail or hand delivery to the Department, with the appropriate filing fee and Fee Transmittal Form (see Request for Departmental Action Fee Transmittal Form) as provided in 310 CMR 10.03(7) within ten business days from the date of issuance of this Determination. 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. The request shall state clearly and concisely the objections to the Determination which is being appealed. To the extent that the Determination is based on a municipal ordinance or bylaw and not on the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or regulations, the Department of Environmental Protection has no appellate jurisdiction.



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A. Request Information

1. Location of Project

a. Street Address _____

b. City/Town, Zip _____

c. Check number _____

d. Fee amount _____

2. Person or party making request (if appropriate, name the citizen group's representative):

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Fax Number (if applicable) _____

3. Applicant (as shown on Determination of Applicability (Form 2), Order of Resource Area Delineation (Form 4B), Order of Conditions (Form 5), Restoration Order of Conditions (Form 5A), or Notice of Non-Significance (Form 6)):

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Fax Number (if applicable) _____

4. DEP File Number: _____

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B. Instructions

1. When the Departmental action request is for (check one):

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- ☐ Superseding Determination of Applicability – Fee: \$120
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Send this form and check or money order, payable to the *Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, to:

Department of Environmental Protection
Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211



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B. Instructions (cont.)

2. On a separate sheet attached to this form, state clearly and concisely the objections to the Determination or Order which is being appealed. To the extent that the Determination or Order is based on a municipal bylaw, and not on the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or regulations, the Department has no appellate jurisdiction.
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ATTACHMENT 4
CERTIFIED ABUTTERS LIST STATEMENT



1.0 CERTIFIED ABUTTERS LIST

As previously advised for the 2022 Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) filing, the Amesbury Wetland Protection Ordinance does not require a Notice to Abutters for an RDA.





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DATE OF ISSUANCE, 2022

Big Blocks, LLC
2093 Philadelphia Pike #8844
Claymont, DE 19703

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Conservation Agent



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Amesbury
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B. Determination (cont.)

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Positive Determination

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- ☐ 2a. The boundary delineations of the following resource areas described on the referenced plan(s) are confirmed as accurate. Therefore, the resource area boundaries confirmed in this Determination are binding as to all decisions rendered pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations regarding such boundaries for as long as this Determination is valid.

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Name of Municipality

Pursuant to the following municipal wetland ordinance or bylaw:

Name

Ordinance or Bylaw Citation



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B. Determination (cont.)

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Negative Determination

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B. Determination (cont.)

- ☐ 5. The area described in the Request is subject to protection under the Act. Since the work described therein meets the requirements for the following exemption, as specified in the Act and the regulations, no Notice of Intent is required:

Exempt Activity (site applicable statutory/regulatory provisions)

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Name of Municipality

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Date

Date

12-22-2022

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A. Request Information

1. Location of Project

a. Street Address _____

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Mailing Address _____

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Phone Number _____

Fax Number (if applicable) _____

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Department of Environmental Protection
Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211



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