



WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability

DA2017-060

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

and Article XIV, Andover Wetlands Protection By-Law

A. General Information

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



From:

Andover
Conservation Commission

To: Applicant

Columbia Gas of MA
Name
1600 Colony Road
Mailing Address
York PA 17408
City/Town State Zip Code

Property Owner (if different from applicant):

Name

Mailing Address

City/Town State Zip Code

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

USGS Map, FEMA Map, NHESP Map _____
Title Date
Wetland Delineation Overlay Plan _____
Title Date

Title Date

2. Date Request Filed:

September 15, 2017

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):

Gas main replacement within the existing paved roadway installed along the northerly side of the existing bridge.

Project Location:

Portions of Andover Street
Street Address
public roadway layout
Assessors Map/Plat Number

Andover
City/Town
public roadway layout
Parcel/Lot Number



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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:

Andover Conservation Commission

Name of Municipality

Pursuant to the following municipal wetland ordinance or bylaw:

Andover Wetlands Protection By-Law

Name

By-Law

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).
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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.

Columbia Gas – Portions of Andover Street

ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

DENIAL SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The attached Determination of Applicability is issued by the Andover Conservation Commission subject to the following conditions:

1 FINDING - NOTICE OF JURISDICTION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT, M.G.L.c. 131, § 40. The Andover Conservation Commission hereby finds that all or part of the property on which the work authorized by this Determination of Applicability is proposed is subject to jurisdiction under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L.c. 131, § 40. The owner is hereby notified of his or her responsibility to comply with the provisions of that statute. This condition shall remain in effect in perpetuity.

2 FINDING – NOTICE OF JURISDICTION UNDER ARTICLE XIV, ANDOVER WETLANDS PROTECTION BY-LAW. The Andover Conservation Commission hereby finds that all or part of the property on which the work authorized by this Determination of Applicability is proposed is subject to jurisdiction under Article XIV, ANDOVER WETLANDS PROTECTION BY-LAW. The owner is hereby notified of his or her responsibility to comply with the provisions of that by-law. This condition shall remain in effect in perpetuity. |

Please Note: The Commission reviewed this RDA application at a properly noticed Public Meeting on October 3rd. While the project could be considered small in nature (replacement of a gas line) its location may be problematic. The work will take place in an area of multiple resources; including Buffer to BVW, the Riverfront Resource Area, and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding. While it is stated in the application that the work will not alter the Resource area, the Commission had multiple questions about how the work would take place, and what protective measures would be used. Unfortunately, the proponent did not provide representation at the meeting, and the Commission felt it did not have sufficient information to issue the permit. The Commission subsequently voted unanimously to deny the project on the grounds of a lack of critical information.

The Request for Determination is Denied due to a failure in whole or in part to provide information on the construction sequencing, how the pipeline will be attached to the bridge, what protective measure will ensure the river from being damaged, if the repair will take place from the waterway, if scaffolding will be necessary, the use of boats, riverside clearing of trees for access and other possible issues.



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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

October 10, 2017

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

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/find-the-massdep-regional-office-for-your-city-or-town.html>) and the property owner (if different from the applicant).

Signatures:

[Handwritten signatures]

[Handwritten signatures: Stephen J. Bates, Alexander Prescott]

October 3, 2017

Date