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Priority Habitats and Estimated Habitats

Priority Habitats, for use with the MA Endangered Species Act Regulations (321 CMR 10)

Estimated Habitats, for use with the MA Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10)

Effective August 1, 2017

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Data Sources:

Priority Habitats and Estimated Habitats: created by NHESP in 2017.
Certified Vernal Pools: created by NHESP, JuNE 30, 2017.
Town Boundaries: 1:25,000 community boundary data, from MassGIS (updated March, 2017).
Roads: MassDOT roads, from MassGIS (updated 2014).
Digital Orthophoto: 30cm resolution, taken in 2013/2014, from MassGIS.

Priority Habitat of Rare Species

Project or Activity falls within Priority Habitat only:
- You must file directly with NHESP pursuant to Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA)

Examples of projects: single family home, subdivision, commercial building, widening of driveway/road, beaver dam removal, etc.

Some projects or activities may be exempt from MESA filing: see 321 CMR 10.14

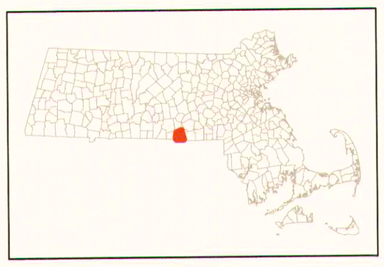
Priority Habitat of Rare Species and also Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife

Project or Activity is within BOTH Estimated Habitat and Priority Habitat:
- Is a Notice of Intent (NOI) under wetlands regulations required?
  - -Yes
    Send copy of NOI to NHESP and must also file under MESA (streamlined MESA-NOI filing option available)
  - -No
    MESA filing only (see 'Priority Habitat' details at left)

For more information, see our website at: www.mass.gov/nhesp

Certified Vernal Pools (as of June 30, 2017)
Town Boundary

Transportation:
- Interstate
- U.S. Highway
- State Route
- Non-numbered Route
- Railroad



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