

APPENDIX 1

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in Massachusetts

If the project is proposed in one of the communities listed in the following pages, the project may be located in an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Please refer to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/acec-program-overview> for more information and the most current listing of ACECs.

To confirm whether the project is located in an ACEC, contact the community's conservation commission **OR** the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's ACEC program:

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MASSACHUSETTS AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN – November 2010

Total Approximate Acreage: 268,000 acres

Bourne Back River

(1,850 acres, 1989) Bourne

Canoe River Aquifer and Associated Areas (17,200 acres, 1991) Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, and Taunton

Cedar Swamp

(1,650 acres, 1975) Hopkinton and Westborough

Central Nashua River Valley

(12,900 acres, 1996) Bolton, Harvard, Lancaster, and Leominster

Cranberry Brook Watershed

(1,050 acres, 1983) Braintree and Holbrook

Ellisville Harbor

(600 acres, 1980) Plymouth

Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog

(8,350 acres, 1992) Boston, Canton, Dedham, Milton, Norwood, Randolph, Sharon, and Westwood

Golden Hills

(500 acres, 1987) Melrose, Saugus, and Wakefield

Great Marsh (originally designated as Parker River/Essex Bay)

(25,500 acres, 1979) Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newbury, and Rowley

Herring River Watershed

(4,450 acres, 1991) Bourne and Plymouth

Hinsdale Flats Watershed

(14,500 acres, 1992) Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, and Washington

Hockomock Swamp

(16,950 acres, 1990) Bridgewater, Easton, Norton, Raynham, Taunton, and West Bridgewater

Inner Cape Cod Bay

(2,600 acres, 1985) Brewster, Eastham, and Orleans

Kampoosa Bog Drainage Basin

(1,350 acres, 1995) Lee and Stockbridge

Karner Brook Watershed

(7,000 acres, 1992) Egremont and Mount Washington

Miscoe, Warren, and Whitehall Watersheds (8,700 acres, 2000) Grafton, Hopkinton, and Upton

Neponset River Estuary

(1,300 acres, 1995) Boston, Milton, and Quincy

Petapawag

(25,680 acres, 2002) Ayer, Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, and Tyngsborough

Pleasant Bay

(9,240 acres, 1987) Brewster, Chatham, Harwich, and Orleans

Pocasset River

(160 acres, 1980) Bourne

Rumney Marshes

(2,800 acres, 1988) Boston, Lynn, Revere, Saugus, and Winthrop

Sandy Neck Barrier Beach System

(9,130 acres, 1978) Barnstable and Sandwich

Schenob Brook Drainage Basin

(13,750 acres, 1990) Mount Washington and Sheffield

Squannassit

(37,420 acres, 2002) Ashby, Ayer, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Lunenburg, Pepperell, Shirley, and Townsend

Three Mile River Watershed

(14,280 acres, 2008) Dighton, Norton, Taunton

Upper Housatonic River

(12,280 acres, 2009) Lee, Lenox, Pittsfield, Washington

Waquoit Bay

(2,580 acres, 1979) Falmouth and Mashpee

Weir River

(950 acres, 1986) Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull

Wellfleet Harbor

(12,480 acres, 1989) Eastham, Truro, and Wellfleet

Weymouth Back River

(800 acres, 1982) Hingham and Weymouth

ACEC acreages above are based on MassGIS calculations and may differ from numbers originally presented in designation documents and other ACEC publications due to improvements in accuracy of GIS data and boundary clarifications. Listed acreages have been rounded to the nearest 50 or 10 depending on whether boundary clarification has occurred.