

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

Leicester
City/Town

WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability

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

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.



1. Applicant:

Christopher Rodwill

Name

iwillrodwill@outlook.com

E-Mail Address

26 Mayflower Circle

Mailing Address

Leicester

City/Town

MA

State

01524

Zip Code

508-963-3102

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

2. Representative (if any):

Firm

Contact Name

E-Mail Address

Mailing Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

B. Determinations

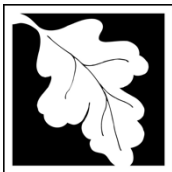
1. I request the Conservation Commission make the following determination(s). Check any that apply:
Conservation Commission

- ☒ a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below 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 below are accurately delineated.
- ☒ c. whether the **work** depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.
- ☒ d. whether the area and/or work depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands ordinance** or **bylaw** of:

Town of Leicester

Name of Municipality

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



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C. Project Description

1. a. Project Location (use maps and plans to identify the location of the area subject to this request):

26 Mayflower Circle

Street Address

Leicester

City/Town

Assessors Map/Plat Number

Parcel/Lot Number

- b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessary):

A brook, starting 1500 feet upstream within my neighborhood, runs through my yard from north to south. The banks of the brook are 6 feet deep from the property ground surface with trees and underbrush lining the edge of the banks.

- c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s):

File: map_of_mayflower.png

Title

27 SEP 2021

Date

File: Photo evidence of current state and proposed tree cutting.png

Title

27 SEP 2021

Date

Title

Date

2. a. Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of work, if necessary):

Cut three trees at the base of the trunk and trim other trees near the residential structure. The trees are located on the east bank of the brook, closest to the home. All three have a trunk diameter of 12 inches. Two trees have historically had a clothes line wrapped around them which will cause suffocation and death of the trees. A third tree has signs of rot and splitting at the base of the trunk. All three are being removed proactively to prevent damage to the residential structure. Stumps and root balls will remain in place so as not to disturb the banking. Further trimming of two large pine trees and other underbrush will be performed to allow for sunlight and air circulation along that side of the house. The northwest corner of the home shows growth of moss and lichen along the roof and siding from the shade and dampness harbored by the trees which were allowed to grow along the banking 20 feet from the home. All work will be done by a professional tree service with respect to continued health of the trees and removal of trees with minimal disruption to the banking or brook.



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C. Project Description (cont.)

b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.

- ☒ Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96
- ☐ Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- ☐ Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- ☐ Project, other than a single-family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96
- ☐ New agriculture or aquaculture project
- ☐ Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96
- ☐ Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision
- ☐ Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project
- ☐ Municipal project
- ☐ District, county, state, or federal government project
- ☐ Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.

b. Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification above (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.)

Year built :1971; recorded with the registry of deeds

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Property ID: 29A E3 0

Location ID: M_165817_887197



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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.

Name and address of the property owner:

Christopher Rodwill

Name

26 Mayflower Circle

Mailing Address

Leicester

City/Town

Massachusetts

State

01524

Zip Code

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

27 SEP 2021

Date

Signature of Representative (if any)

Date

Tree thinning at 26 Mayflower Circle

Photo reference of proposed work



1

26 Mayflower Circle, Leicester

Multiple trees and underbrush along the brook. Significant shade, dampness on northwest corner of structure.



2

Three trees identified for removal marked with red arrows.



3

Same three trees identified, point of view from rear yard. These three are responsible for greatest encroachment of tree canopy on the structure.





4

Clothes line wrapped around trunk, left side



5

Clothes line wrapped around trunk, right side. Wrought iron hook implanted.



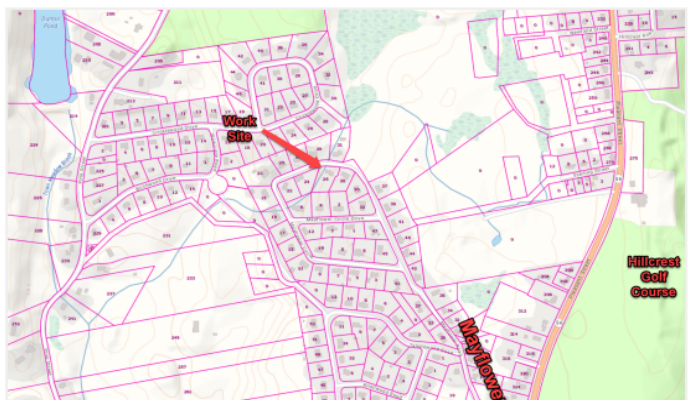
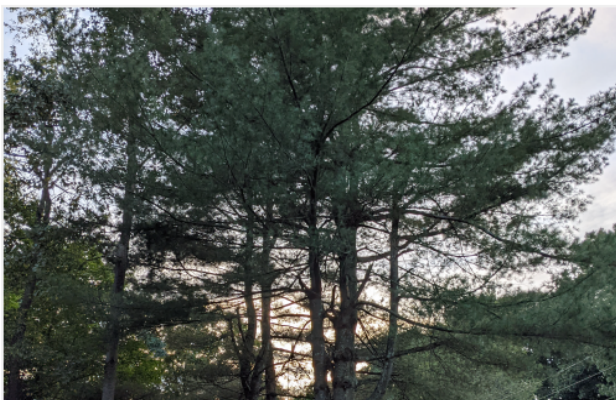
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Trunk is splitting and rotting



7

Three pre-existing tree stumps 20 feet away from brook. I want to grind but leave root structure and chippings in place, no disruption to ground surface or water flow into brook.





8

Trimming branches of two pine trees. Removing low hanging branches and boughs over road



9

Map of neighborhood. Brook starts some 1500 ft from site. No disruption to the brook, bankings, ground surface or