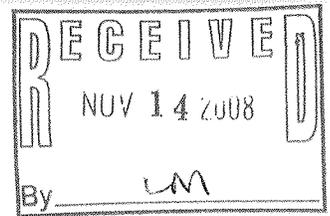




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Wayne F. MacCallum, Director

11/11/2008

J. Jefferson Gregg
Stearns & Wheeler, LLC
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Hyannis MA 02601

RE: Project Location: 380 Asher's Path
Town: MASHPEE
NHESP Tracking No.: 08-25582

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for contacting the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program ("NHESP") of the MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife for information regarding state-listed rare species in the vicinity of the above referenced site. Based on the information provided, this project site, or a portion thereof, is located **within** *Priority Habitat 15* (PH 15) and *Estimated Habitat 79* (EH 79) as indicated in the *Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas* (13th Edition). Our database indicates that the following state-listed rare species have been found in the vicinity of the site:

<u>Scientific name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Taxonomic Group</u>	<u>State Status</u>
<i>Terrapene carolina</i>	Eastern Box Turtle	Reptile	Special Concern
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow	Bird	Threatened

The species listed above are protected under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) (M.G.L. c. 131A) and its implementing regulations (321 CMR 10.00). State-listed wildlife are also protected under the state's Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and its implementing regulations (310 CMR 10.00). Fact sheets for most state-listed rare species can be found on our website (www.nhesp.org).

Please note that projects and activities located within Priority and/or Estimated Habitat must be reviewed by the NHESP for compliance with the state-listed rare species protection provisions of MESA (321 CMR 10.00) and/or the WPA (310 CMR 10.00).

Wetlands Protection Act (310 CMR 10.00)

If the project site is within Estimated Habitat and a Notice of Intent (NOI) is required, then a copy of the NOI must be submitted to the NHESP so that it is received at the same time as the local conservation commission. If the NHESP determines that the proposed project will adversely affect the actual Resource Area habitat of state-protected wildlife, than the proposed project may not be permitted (310 CMR 10.37, 10.58(4)(b) & 10.59). In such a case, the project proponent may request a consultation with the NHESP to discuss potential project design modifications that would avoid adverse effects to rare wildlife habitat.

A streamlined joint MESA/WPA review process is now available. When filing a Notice of Intent (NOI), the applicant may now file concurrently under the MESA on the same NOI form and qualify for a 30-day

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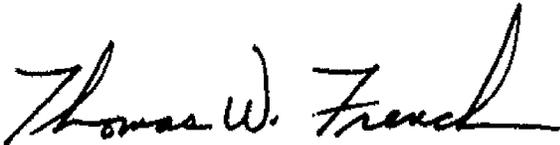
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- [10] performance of customary land surveying activities, wetland resource area delineations, environmental assessments and investigations performed in accordance with M. G. L. c. 21E, and other customary preliminary site investigations;

We recommend that rare species habitat concerns be addressed during the project design phase prior to submission of a formal MESA filing, as avoidance and minimization of impacts to rare species and their habitats is likely to expedite endangered species regulatory review.

This evaluation is based on the most recent information available in the Natural Heritage database, which is constantly being expanded and updated through ongoing research and inventory. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Amy Coman, Endangered Species Review Assistant, at (508) 389-6364.

Sincerely,



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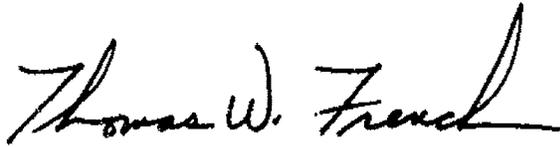
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