



City of Peabody

Department of Community Development and Planning

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To: Peabody Residents
From: Community Development and Planning Department, City of Peabody
Subject: Crystal Lake and Elginwood Pond Dredging Project
Date: Thursday May 21, 2015 1:00 PM

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE OF MEPA CONSULTATION SESSION

EEA No. 15366 Crystal Lake and Elginwood Pond Dredging Project, Peabody

Project Description: An [Expanded Environmental Notification Form \(EENF\)](#) has been filed with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs by the City of Peabody to dredge Crystal Lake and Elginwood Pond to enhance aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and restore recreational uses. The project will dredge the water bodies to inhibit the growth of nuisance aquatic plants, remove nutrient-laden sediments, and provide deeper water for fish habitat and recreational boating. The project will dredge 51,500 cubic yards of sediment from Crystal Lake and 31,000 cy from Elginwood Pond to increase the water depth in each water body to 8 feet. The dredged material will be disposed of at the Peabody Landfill. The City will also create a waterfront park along Crystal Lake, with a 10' x 45' pile-supported fishing pier, a seasonal floating dock for launching boats, picnic tables, a gazebo, and a trail. The City has requested a Phase 1 Waiver to allow the dredging of Crystal Lake and a portion of Elginwood Pond and park construction to occur prior to filing of an EIR. The City has also requested a Single EIR.

The project is subject to a mandatory EIR pursuant to 301 CMR 11.03(3)(a)(1)(b) because it will alter ten or more acres of wetlands. The project also exceeds ENF thresholds related to the alteration of 500 or more linear feet of inland Bank [301 CMR 11.03(3)(b)(1)(b)], Dredging of 10,000 cy or more of material [301 CMR 11.03(3)(b)(3)], and disposal of 10,000 cy or more of dredged material [301 CMR 11.03(3)(b)(4)]. The project will require approvals from MassDEP, including a 401 Water Quality Certificate, SW45 approval for landfill liner repair, and landfill Authorization to Operate. The City may also seek state funding for a portion of the project.

A public consultation session will be held to receive advice and comments from agencies, officials, and citizens regarding which environmental issues, if any, are significant for this project. Opinions as to the extent and significance of possible environmental impact and the City's waiver request will be welcome.

MEPA site walk and consultation session scheduled for: Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 1:00 PM. We will meet at the West Branch Library, 603 Lowell Street for a presentation and discussion about the project. The meeting will be followed by a site visit.

MEPA comments due on or before: 06/05/2015

MEPA Certificate due: 06/12/2015

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