

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



## Department of Agricultural Resources

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Pursuant to the provisions of the **Rights of Way Management Regulations, 333 CMR 11:00**, in order to apply herbicides to control vegetation along rights of way, a 5 year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) must be approved by the (DAR) Department of Agricultural Resources. Therefore, notice of receipt of a YOP and procedures for public review is hereby given as required by Section 11.06 (3).

A Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) has been submitted for: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Division of Urban Parkways

This plan has been prepared by and submitted to the Department by:

DCR Division of Urban Parks  
Mat Thurlow  
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Areas identified in the YOP as locations where treatment of Rights of Way with herbicides will be carried out in calendar year 2012 are:

<b>Town</b>	<b>DCR Property South District</b>	<b>Treatment Target</b>	<b>Treatment Method</b>
Boston	VFW	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom
	West Roxbury Pkwy		
	Enneking Pkwy		
Boston	Turtle Pond Pkwy		
	Boston Stony Brook Reservation	Brush and Invasives	Low pressure
	Mother Brook Reservation	Poison Ivy	backpack
Boston	Chestnut Hill Reservation		
	Lost Pond Reservation	Poison Ivy	Low pressure
	Hammond Pond Pkwy	Grass and Weeds	backpack
Wellesley	Leo J Martin Golf Course	Poison Ivy Invasives	Low pressure backpack
Weston	Leo J Martin Golf Course	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure
	Norumbega Road	Poison Ivy Invasives	backpack Low pressure boom
Waltham	Charles River Reservation	Poison Ivy	Low pressure

	MetFern Cemetery	Grass, Weeds	backpack
Needham	Needham Pathway Hemlock Gorge Reservation	Brush & Invasives Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack
<b>Town</b>	<b>DCR Property North District</b>	<b>Treatment Target</b>	<b>Treatment Method</b>
Belmont	Beaverbrook	Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack
Arlington	Mystic Valley Pkwy Mystic River Reservation	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom
Somerville	Alewife Brook Pkwy Mystic River Reservation McGrath Obrien Hwy	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom
Winchester	Mystic Valley Pkwy Hillcrest Pkwy Mystic River Reservation	Grass & Weeds Poison Ivy	Low pressure boom Low pressure backpack
Lynn	Lynnway, Carroll Parkway Nahant Beach Blvd	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom
Milton	Blue Hills Reservation	Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack
Medford	Fellsway East and West Mystic Valley Pkwy South Border Rd East Border Rd Woodland Rd	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom
Stoneham	Fellsway North Border Rd Woodland Rd Pond St. Ravine Rd Middlesex Fells Reservation	Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack
Melrose	Lynn Fells Pkwy Middlesex Fells Reservation	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom
Saugus	Breakheart Reservation	Grass and Weeds	Low pressure boom

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Malden	Fellsway Fellsway East	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom
Everett	Revere Beach Pkwy	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom
Chelsea	Mary OMalley Park	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom
Revere	Revere Beach Pkwy Ocean Avenue Winthrop Pkwy	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom
Boston	Constitution Beach Rd Storrow Dr Park Dr Fenway Soldiers Field Rd Birmingham Pkwy Nonantum Rd	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom
Boston	Charles River Reservation	Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack
Cambridge	Memorial Drive Land Blvd Obrien Hwy Fresh Pond Pkwy Alewife Brook Pkwy	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom
Watertown	Charles River Rd Greenough Blvd Charles River Reservation	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom

<b>Town</b>	<b>DCR Property North District</b>	<b>Treatment Target</b>	<b>Treatment Method</b>
Hingham	Stodders Neck	Poison Ivy	Low pressure backpack
Boston	Morrissey Blvd Day Blvd Arborway Jamaica Way	Grass & Weeds	Low pressure boom

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**Public Review**

The Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR) in particular seeks the verification of sensitive area locations reported in the Yearly Operational Plan (YOP). The Department itself has a limited ability to survey the geography, land use, and the water supplies in all the communities through which the rights of way are located. Municipalities, however, have most of this information readily available, and the particular knowledge with which to better certify the sensitive areas in their communities. Therefore, the Department requests, and urges, the assistance of the "affected" municipality in reviewing the completeness and accuracy of the maps contained in the submitted document. The DAR has established the following procedures for this review.

The YOP may be viewed online at <http://www.mass.gov/agr/pesticides/rightofway/plans.htm>.

Yearly Operational Plans (YOP) and a copy of this notice will be sent by the applicant to the Conservation Commission, Board of Health (or designated health agent), and to the head of government (Mayor, City Manager, Chair of the Board of Selectmen) of the municipality where herbicides are to be applied along the rights of way during the calendar year 2012. Municipal agencies and officials will have forty-five (45) days following receipt of the YOP to review the maps contained in the document that indicate the location of "sensitive areas not readily identifiable in the field" for inaccuracies and omissions. "Sensitive areas" will be defined as in Section 11.02 a-f.

Municipal agencies and officials are requested to forward the YOP to other appropriate official(s) in their municipality qualified to certify the accuracy of sensitive area locations as indicated on the maps. The maps should be "corrected" and returned to the applicant, also a copy of the maps with these corrections indicated should be sent to the DAR to the address listed below, within the forty-five day review period. If the city or town needs more time to carry out this review, it should send a written request for an extension to the DAR and cite why there is a "good cause" for requesting additional time.

All corrections will be required to be made by the applicant, and corrected maps sent back to the city/town before the YOP can be considered "approved" by the Department for vegetation maintenance in that municipality. Any dispute on the part of the applicant regarding corrections made by municipal authorities should be indicated in writing to the Department and to the city/town which requested the disputed changes within (15) fifteen days of receipt of the request. The Department will decide whether or not YOP should be approved with or without the requested changes. The DAR will consider the "final approval" of a YOP individually for the municipality.

The final (21) twenty-one days of the public review period can serve concurrently to provide public notification as required by section 11.07 of the Rights of Way Management regulations, if the applicant has an approved VMP and if all the requisite city/town offices which have received copies of the YOP have completed their review and corrections have been duly made by the applicant and approved by the Department.

A failure by the city/town to respond to the applicant's submission of the YOP within the forty-five day public review period will be considered by the DAR to indicate agreement by municipal officials with the sensitive area demarcations as provided by the applicant in their YOP.

Any questions or comments on the information provided in this Notice and the procedures established for the municipal review as outlined above, should be addressed to:

Michael W. McClean  
Right of Way Program  
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

Pesticide Bureau  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Any additional questions or comments on any information provided as part of the proposed YOP should be addressed in writing to:

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A copy should be sent to the Right of Way program at the above address.

**COMMENT PERIOD ENDS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, Friday, May 4, 2012**