# ITEM 755.35 INLAND WETLAND REPLICATION AREA LUMP SUM

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**Designer Instructions**:

* Customize sections in **yellow highlight** for the project. Remove highlighted text when complete.
* Revisions to standard sections should be made only in coordination with the Landscape Design Section and Environmental Services Section.
* **PURPLE text is only required for Variance Projects. Remove for non-variance projects unless applicable to the Mitigation.**

The work under this item shall conform to the relevant provisions of Sections 120, 770, 771 of the Standard Specifications and the following:

Work under this item shall include furnishing material and the construction and maintenance of inland wetland replication areas as shown on the drawings and as required by the Engineer. Inland Wetland Replication Area shall hereafter be referred to as Replication Area. All work shall be in coordination with an approved Wetland Specialist as specified under that item.

Wetland Restoration work shall be as specified and compensated under that item. Construction of tidal wetlands shall be as specified under the appropr­­­iate item for tidal wetland mitigation.

The Replication Area shall be constructed prior to wetland impacts unless otherwise approved by the Engineer, specified herein, or specified in permit conditions and approvals. Construction schedule shall be appropriate to planting and seeding season (see below). Changes to this schedule will require written approval from the Engineer.

## DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Construction of the Replication Area shall be completed as shown on the drawings at the following location(s):

Area/s A at Station: XX+XX Area = XXX sf.

Replication Area shall be constructed to meet the requirements of all associated permits and certifications, including relevant performance standards of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL C. 131, s40), Section 401 Water Quality Certification, and Section 404, ­­­­­U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit.

The Contractor is responsible for protection and preservation of natural areas adjacent to the Replication Area both within and outside the project limits and for the duration of the Contract; including but not limited to damage to soils or vegetation due to erosion, sedimentation, compaction, trampling, vehicles, storage of materials, or other negligence shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Engineer and at the Contractor’s expense.

The Wetland Specialist overseeing the Wetland Replication construction work shall not be from the same company as that which is performing planting, seeding, or participating in any aspect of the Wetland Replication construction. ­

**FOR DESIGN-BUILD PROJECTS ONLY:** Any deviation from the methodology described in the Final Plan of Record for the Wetland Replication Area or other mitigation must be approved in writing by regulatory approval and implemented in accordance with the provisions described under Plan Changes and Amendments.

## SUBMITTALS - DOCUMENTS

Request for Conditional Acceptance: As specified below, a letter requesting Conditional Acceptance of the work and the site conditions shall be submitted to the Engineer.

Request for Certificate of Compliance (Partial or Full): As specified below, shall be submitted to the Engineer for distribution to appropriate regulatory agencies.

Request for Final Acceptance: As specified below, a letter requesting Final Acceptance of the work and the site conditions shall be submitted to the Engineer.

Monitoring Reports: Reports shall be submitted to the Engineer as specified below. Reports shall be compensated under Item 755.75 and 755.76.

## submittals - MATERIAL

### Soil and Amendments

No soil, compost, or other soil amendment imported to the work site shall contain seeds, roots, stems, or other viable parts of invasive plants or other noxious plants.

At least sixty (60) days prior to installation and prior to ordering, the Contractor shall submit for approval sources of soil, compost, and amendments. Submittal shall include the supplier and location of the source. Off-site sources shall be identified and available for inspection by the Wetland Specialist prior to transport of material to the site to verify that they are likely to be free of invasive plant species, including all viable plant parts.

Samples of tested and approved wetland soil and soil amendments for soil texture, organic carbon content or other routine soil analysis parameters (e.g., pH, Cation Exchange Capacity, Percent Base Saturation) and Soil Organic Matter Analysis will be required if requested by the Engineer. The grab samples shall be collected by the Contractor or Wetland Specialist from multiple representative locations in the wetland topsoil mix following the “Umass Soil and Plant Tissue Testing Laboratory Sampling and Collection Protocols” (or equivalent certification paperwork provided by the soil supplier). The lab analysis shall be provided to the Engineer along with written certification from the Contractor or Wetland Specialist that the wetland topsoil was collected per the referenced protocol and meets the desired specification. The analysis and written certification of same shall be provided to the Engineer prior to placing the wetland topsoil in the Replication Area.

### Seed Mix

Certificate of Materials from the supplier shall be submitted 30 days prior to seeding and must be approved prior to ordering materials. Seed species listed on the certificate shall include ecotype region (i.e., *Asclepias incarnata*, PA Ecotype).

Seed tag from the bag of seed used shall be submitted to the Engineer at the time of seeding. Seed tag shall include ecotype region and species, guaranteed percentages of purity, weed content and germination of the seed, and the net weight. Seed tag shall match the Certificate of Materials, include the name of the supplier, and date material was sent.

Bill of lading or notarized Certificate of Compliance from the Supplier serving as proof of purchase shall be submitted if requested by the Engineer. Document shall include date of sale, quantity, lot number, and address of Supplier. This shall match the seed tag. Notary shall not work for either the contractor or seed supplier.

### Plant Certification

Plant Certification shall be per the applicable requirements of Subsection 771, PLANTING TREES, SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVER, of the Standard Specifications. The nursery source shall certify the provenance or origin of all plants.

**Other Material:** Submittals shall be per the respective item.

## MATERIALS

**Sediment Control Barrier and Erosion Prevention Measures**

[Change language as appropriate if coir logs shall be used in lieu of Compost Filter Tubes.]

Sediment control barriers shall be per Item 767.121.

Erosion prevention measures for disturbed areas adjacent to the Replication Area shall include but not necessarily be limited to compost blankets, jute mesh, seeding, and/or combinations thereof as approved by the Engineer. [Select/add/delete as appropriate and ensure item is in the contract.]

Sediment controls and erosion prevention devices and measures shall be compensated under the respective items.

### Wetland Soil

Soil appropriate for the Replication Area may be either hydric soil excavated from the impacted wetland, a manufactured mix of compost and on-site borrow, or a combination thereof, as approved by the Engineer.

Hydric soil from the impacted wetland area may be spread on the surface of the constructed Replication Area as an inoculant or can be placed in a bulk fashion in a roughly 1:1 ratio of area and depth. Soil shall be handled such that the original soil structure is preserved and shall not be compacted, screened, or otherwise processed.

Hydric soil from the impacted wetland that is infested with invasive plant species identified on the Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group (MIPAG) shall not be used in the Replication Area unless approved by the Wetland Specialist and Engineer. To the extent possible, infested soil shall be disposed of within the project limits in an upland area outside of regulated areas and as approved by the Invasive Plant Management Strategy item (if in the contract) or by the Engineer.

A manufactured mix suitable for wetlands shall consist of on-site borrow from the proposed Replication Area (if approved by the Wetland Specialist and Engineer) thoroughly mixed with compost to achieve a target organic carbon content of 10-12% (up to 21% percent organic matter) by dry weight. The organic material used for mixing shall be well or partially decomposed. Clean leaf compost is the preferred soil amendment to achieve these standards though other materials may be used if approved by the Wetland Specialist and Engineer. Note that “clean” refers both to a negligible amount (<1%) of physical contaminants such as plastic and to the lack of chemical contaminants that might pose a hazard to plants or animals. Off-site borrow may be used for mixing if approved in advance by the Engineer.

No soil or soil amendment shall be brought on site without approval of the material source by the Wetland Specialist and the Engineer. Soils used in the replacement area shall be free of rocks greater than 4 inches in diameter.

### Plants

If no planting is proposed, delete all language applicable to planting and plant material.

Plant material shall conform to the applicable r­­­­­­equire­­­­ments of Section 771, PLANTING TREES, SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVER, of the latest edition of the Standard Specifications and as amended below.

Plants shall be native species, not cultivars. To the extent possible, plants shall originate from the applicable EPA Level III Ecoregion.

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Plant species and sizes to be included in the Replication Area shall be

* as specified on the plans.
* as follows: Insert Plant List including Botanical Name/Common Name/Size/Quantity

Requests for substitutions shall be submitted in writing to the Engineer for review by the Wetland Specialist, MassDOT Landscape Architect, and, if required, the relevant regulatory agency at least thirty (30) days prior to planting. All proposed substitutes shall be in conformance with the requirements herein and suitable for the site conditions.

Transplanting and plant material collected from the wild is prohibited unless approved in writing by the Engineer. Plants shall be selected from certified nurseries that have been inspected by state and/or federal agencies.

Seed Mix

Seeding shall conform to the Standard Specifications Section M6, ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT MATERIALS.

[Insert Mix and Rate of Application. Wetland seed mixes available at <https://www.mass.gov/lists/landscape-design-and-roadside-maintenance>].

Fertilizers shall not be used.

Water

The Contractor shall provide water and all equipment required at no extra cost. Water shall be suitable for irrigation and free from ingredients harmful to plants and wildlife. Water from the adjacent water bodies or waterways shall not be utilized. It is the Contractor's responsibility to correct injury or damage due to the lack of water, too much water, or use of contaminated water.

Mulch/Compost Blanket for Seeding

Hydromulch shall be per the manufacturer’s recommendations and shall be wood fiber or straw mulch only. Mulch shall be incidental to seeding.

Compost Blanket may be used in lieu of mulch for seeding. Compost Blanket shall meet the material and submittal requirements of that Item and shall be applied as specified below. Compost Blanket shall be compensated under that item.

## CONSTRUCTION METHODS & sequence

### SITE PROTECTION MEASURES

Minimizing Damage

The Contractor shall plan and execute operations in a manner minimizing the amount of excavated and exposed fill or other foreign materials that could be washed or otherwise carried into Replication Area and nearby resource areas.

Construction of and access to the Replication Area shall minimize damage to existing vegetation and soils as specified herein. Damage to soils or vegetation shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Engineer and at the Contractor’s expense. If required for soil remediation, tilling and the addition of compost shall be at the Contractor’s expense.

Wetland topsoil shall be deposited and graded in the Replication Area in a manner that minimizes travel and subsequent compaction of the subgrade (including any specified pit and mound topography) to the extent practicable, including use of track mounted excavators as appropriate. Should soils be compacted, they shall be loosened by a method such as disking, spring-tooth harrowing and/or rototilling. The Contractor shall use boards, timber or composite mats, or other approved materials as necessary, to protect existing and/or new wetlands from compaction due to heavy foot traffic or if equipment is required to travel over wetland soil. All labor and materials required for protection and preservation of site shall be incidental to this item. [Modify to include protection measure if known, include Item for Timber Matting if required.]

Stockpiling of Soil

Stockpiling of soil, including hydric soil for replication, shall be at least 100 feet from the edge of the bordering and isolated vegetated wetlands and inland banks, unless approved otherwise by the Engineer. Stockpiled soils shall be securely stabilized and contained. Any areas of exposed soil or stockpiles within and adjacent to the Replication Area that will remain inactive for more than 7 calendar days shall be sown with a mix of rapid germinating annual grasses (e.g., annual rye) covered with a layer of straw mulch applied at a rate of 90 pounds per 1,000 square feet. As necessary, the mulch shall be anchored with a tacking coat (non-tar) applied by a hydro seeder or other method recommended by the Wetland Specialist in consultation with the Engineer. In the event that there is excess borrow, it shall be disposed of under Excavation, Item 120.1.

Sediment Barriers

***Placement:*** Sediment barriers shall be installed along the downslope perimeter of the Replication Area beginning and ending in the surrounding upland so that no excavated material or disturbed soil can enter adjacent wetlands or waters. Where construction work is immediately upgradient of the wetland, barriers shall be located so as to protect the Replication Area until slopes are stabilized. Sediment barriers shall be in place and approved by the Engineer prior to excavation work. No work shall take place outside the barriers.

***Maintenance:*** The Contractor shall ensure that all sediment barriers function as intended and at all times per the specifications of those respective items.

Existing Trees to Remain

***Tree protection*** shall be per the relevant specifications and as shown on the plans or as required by the Engineer. To protect root systems of existing trees to remain, the limits of the Replication Area may be adjusted, but, the total area of replication required by the permits shall not be reduced. Access route may be adjusted as required.

***Trees to be retained as snags*** (upright dead or dying trees left for wildlife habitat) within or adjacent to the Replication Area shall be as shown on the plans or as directed by the Wetland Specialist or Landscape Architect during the initial site walk. Trees to remain as snags shall be clearly marked prior to clearing. Trees that pose a potential fall hazard (i.e., are near a roadway) should have limbs and trunk cut such that the tree does not pose a fall hazard.

***Coarse woody debris*** in the form of cut trees, stumps, logs, and brush shall be incorporated as shown on the plans or as directed by the Wetland Specialist or Landscape Architect. On site material shall be selected and marked by the Wetland Specialist, retained on the project site, and placed as specified below under Placement of Coarse Woody Debris.

All trees, stumps, or brush not specified to remain shall be removed and shall not be stockpiled in the wetland resource areas while awaiting disposal.

Work shall be coordinated with Clearing or Tree Removal Item and compensated under that Item.

### PRE-WETLAND CONSTRUCTION SITE WALK

***Delineating the Replication Area and Access Route.*** The Contractor shall stake out the Replication Area boundaries and the intended access route and set grade stakes for approval by the Wetland Specialist and Engineer. Following staking and demarcation of areas, the Engineer and Wetland Specialist shall approve or modify as necessary the limits of work, the access route, final location and configuration of replication, grade stake elevations, proposed location of sediment barriers, and review proposed construction methods.

As part of the delineation and approval process, the Wetland Specialist shall mark trees to be converted to snags, select course woody debris to be retained for re-use, and select rocks or other elements to be used for habitat features.

***Invasive Plants:***As part of the initial site walk, the wetland to be impacted and the proposed replication site shall be inspected for the presence of invasive plants. If invasive plants are found they shall be addressed as described herein under Invasive Plants.

### SOIL WORK

Final grades in the Replication Area shall meet the target elevations as shown on the Plans or as adjusted by the Wetland Specialist to achieve the desired hydrology and micro-habitat. If adjustments are required, a Request for Information (RFI) shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval. Adjustments shall be documented and included in the As-Built plans (if required) and/or other applicable required documents.

Excavation & Grading

When required by permits, the Wetland Specialist shall notify MADEP and the ACOE (as applicable) at least 72 hours prior to excavation.

Soil in the proposed wetland areas that must be removed for grades to conform to the proposed elevations shall be stripped and disposed of, or, if suitable for reuse, be stockpiled in an approved location. Stockpiled soils shall be kept wet and not allowed to dry out. Procedures for maintaining appropriate moisture levels shall be documented by the Wetland Specialist and provided to the Engineer and the Contractor.

Replication area shall be excavated as shown on the drawings. Where replication area is adjacent to existing reference wetland, finish grade of replication shall generally match existing grades and micro-topography, notwithstanding any deviations that are necessary to achieve the desired hydrology and habitat in the Replication Area.

Prior to placement of backfill, scarify subgrade to a depth of 4 to 6 inches.

The Contractor shall survey cross sections of the excavation prior to backfill and prepare an interim as-built plan, certified by a Massachusetts Registered Professional Land Surveyor, depicting sub-grade contours (1-foot intervals with representative spot elevations in plan view and section views), and limits of grading. The interim as-built shall include a calculation confirming that sufficient surface area has been provided (excluding side slopes), as per environmental permit requirements. Locations of cross-sections should be indicated on the plan view.

Placement of Wetland Soil

Following excavation, scarification, and grading of sub-grade, and after the sub-grade elevations are approved by the Wetland Specialist, suitable soil previously removed or an evenly mixed organic/mineral soil created on-site shall be spread to the design depth and thickness over the proposed wetland areas as shown on the plans and as directed by the Wetland Specialist.

Vehicles used to transport soil from offsite shall be washed or cleaned with air pressure to prevent exotic or invasive seeds or root fragments from contaminating the Replication Area.

Final Grading

The finished grade of the Replication Area shall be at an elevation that will provide an unrestricted hydrologic connection between the Replication Area and adjacent resource areas. The hydrologic connection should be in keeping with restoring the intended function of the replacement wetland relative to the impacted reference wetland. The Contractor shall verify that this elevation is not at a level that could negatively alter the hydrology of an adjacent wetland. Microtopography in the form of hummocks, pits and mounds shall be as shown on the plans or as adjusted by the Wetland Specialist. Final elevations and grading of wetland soil shall be approved by the Wetland Specialist and the Engineer.

To avoid compaction once soil has been placed, no heavy equipment shall travel across placed soil and no work shall occur in wet or moist soil. Soil that is compacted due to construction activities shall be replaced with soil as specified herein and at the Contractor’s expense.

The finished surface shall be surveyed by a registered surveyor prior to planting and a plan of the surveyed subgrades and final grades submitted to MADEP and other regulatory agencies as appropriate (e.g., Corps), within 30 days of final soil placement, to ensure that the correct topography and hydrology are met.

Cross sections shall also be submitted of sufficient number to represent the proposed locations of each different plant community, estimated seasonal average, high, and low groundwater elevations provided with the variance documents or observed prior to soil placement. The Wetland Specialist shall assist with the establishment of these elevations and shall certify that the excavated elevations are suitable for success of the proposed plant species.

Installation of Monitoring Wells in Replication Area

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For a constructed Replication Area over 1,000 square feet, a representative number of monitoring wells shall be installed in locations as shown on the Plans. Monitoring wells shall include data loggers. For purposes of this specification, a data logger refers to a battery powered device that records groundwater level. Data shall be collected by the Wetland Specialist and submitted with Monitoring Reports and as required by applicable permits. Wells shall be installed immediately following completion of construction of the Wetland Replication Area. Wells shall be installed in accordance with USDA/NRCS technical report entitled: “Sprecher, S.W. 2008. Installing monitoring wells in soils (Version 1.0). National Soil Survey Center, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, Lincoln, NE.” or equivalent methodology approved by Engineer.

### RESTORING VEGETATION

Placement of Coarse Woody Material

If specified within this Contract or if directed by the Wetland Specialist or Landscape Architect during the initial site walk, woody debris shall be placed in the Replication Area and/or adjacent upland buffer. Material shall be placed as shown on the plans or as directed following placement of wetland soil and prior to application of compost and/or seed. Woody material shall cover a minimum of 5-20 percent of the Replication Area, depending on whether it is a meadow or woodland wetland and how much wood is available from construction clearing. Where trees are cut for construction purposes, logs of a minimum length of 8 feet must comprise a minimum of 50% of the woody material left on site. Brush shall be included along with logs and stumps as directed. Woody material shall be placed in a deliberate and naturalistic manner.

Planting

Following placement of wetland soil and approval of final grade and conditions, Replication Area shall be planted. Planting shall conform to SECTION 771 PLANTING TREES, SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVER of the Division I Standard Specifications and as amended below.

Planting Season shall be May 15-June 15 and September 1-November 1 unless otherwise specified in applicable permit conditions.

Prior to planting, the Wetland Specialist shall approve the condition of the plant material and the method of installation and shall oversee the planting work. Replication Area shall be planted in the dry. Plants shall be placed according to the planting details and within the range of target elevations and at the spacing shown on the Plans or, if spacing is not indicated on the Plans, at the direction of the Wetland Specialist. Unless otherwise noted on the Plans, final plant locations shall be determined on site and located with regard to expected hydrology, plant growth characteristics, habitat desired, and water protection.

Plant material shall be installed as soon as possible after delivery. Plants stored on-site prior to installation shall be stored in the shade and watered twice daily up until time of installation. Plants showing signs of stress or compromised health may be rejected by the Engineer or Wetland Specialist and shall be replaced at the Contractor’s expense.

Plant material shall be furnished and installed as indicated including all labor, materials, plants, equipment, incidentals, re-setting of plants (frost heaves, etc), irrigation, re-planting and clean up. If previously approved species are not available at the time of planting, the Wetland Specialist may propose substitutions relative to species, size, and quantities for review and approval by the MassDOT Landscape Architect. Upon approval by MassDOT, substitutions shall be approved by the regulating authority, if and as necessary. Provisions shall be made for a growth warranty of at least two (2) calendar years from the date of Conditional Acceptance as described below or as required by permits.

Seeding

Following placement of wetland soil and planting (if included), the Replication Area shall be seeded using one of the following methods:

* Broadcast by hand or with a hand-held spreader followed by application of straw mulch. If necessary, seed shall be lightly raked to insure good seed-to-soil contact.
* Hydro-seeded with hydro mulch per the Standard Specifications and per the manufacturer’s directions.
* Hand broadcast seed with Compost Blanket pneumatically applied at the same time to ensure light cover of soil topdressing over seed.

If spring conditions are drier than usual, supplemental watering may be required. If sowing during the summer months, supplemental watering will likely be required until germination.

If required, seeding limits for different seed mixes shall be determined by the Wetland Specialist.

PLANT ESTABLISHMENT AND INVASIVE MANAGEMENT

*Plants* shall be watered as necessary to maintain healthy establishment. Plants that fail by September 1 after spring planting or by May 15 after fall planting shall be replaced within the immediate or next planting period and at the Contractor’s expense.

*Seeding* that fails to established according to the conditions of acceptance below shall be over-seeded as required by the Engineer. Washouts and channels shall be repaired and stabilized prior to overseeding. Excessive weed growth shall be pulled out by the roots or, with approval from the Engineer, cut prior to over-seeding. Soil repair and weed control are incidental to this item.

*Invasive Plants:* Corrective measures shall be taken to remove or treat invasive plant species in the Replication Areas. Invasive plants shall include those listed as invasive by Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group (MIPAG) and the US Army Corp of Engineer’s New England District’s Compensatory Mitigation Guidance

[Coordinate with MassDOT, select the appropriate method below and include ite­­­ms in the contract as necessary.]

Option 1: If chemical treatment of invasive plants is necessary, the strategy for treatment shall be as determined under Item 102.3 Invasive Plant Management Strategy. That strategy shall be coordinated with the Wetland Specialist and all applicable permits and permitting agencies. Chemical application under 102.33 Invasive Plant Management On-site shall be compensated under that item and shall be for the duration of the contract only.

Option 2: The strategy for chemical and/or manual removal shall be as directed by the Wetland Specialist, shall continue for the duration of the monitoring period, and shall be incidental to this item.

## conditional acceptance of work

Conditional Acceptance shall indicate approval of the wetland construction work and agreement that work has been done according to plan or modified as approved.

Upon completion of construction, the Contractor shall submit a Request for Conditional Acceptance that includes a brief narrative from the Wetland Specialist demonstrating that the wetland replication construction work was done according to plans (or how modified) and meets required permit conditions. The narrative shall include, photo-documentation of pre-construction conditions as well as soil work, planting, and seeding. Seed tags shall be submitted as part of the Request for Conditional Acceptance.

Upon receipt of a Request for Conditional Acceptance, the Engineer, the Wetland Specialist, and regulatory representative (if required) shall assess the Replication Area and surrounding areas. At a minimum, the following conditions shall be included in the narrative and reviewed as part of the on-site assessment of whether:

* The final finished target elevations have been met and maintained relative to the approved plans and reference wetland.  Areas that are too high or too low should be identified along with suggested corrective measures.
* Hydrology meets performance standards.
* Specified seed mix has been seeded. If inspected 30 or more days after seeding, seeded species in the wetland and adjacent upland shall show signs of good germination and healthy growth.
* Planted woody and herbaceous species meet specifications and are establishing well.
* Soils are stabilized and there is no sediment in the wetland and no channeling of slopes.
* There are no invasive plants visible in the replication area.

Upon approval that the work meets the above conditions, MassDOT will issue a letter of Conditional Acceptance. If the Wetland Replication work is not approved, MassDOT will issue a rejection letter requiring corrective actions. The Wetland Specialist shall recommend corrective actions. Work not approved shall be addressed by the Contractor at no extra cost.

Wetland Specialist shall be compensated under Item 755.75.

Erosion of adjacent slopes or the flow of sediments into the wetland between Conditional and Final Acceptance shall be immediately addressed by the Contractor.

## REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

[Remove section if no COC is required.]

If required, a request for a Certificate of Compliance (Partial or Full) pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act regulations shall be prepared and submitted to MassDOT within 30 days following Conditional Acceptance.

The Request for Certificate of Compliance shall include the following:

* A brief narrative of the work on company letterhead signed by the Wetland Specialist. Narrative shall be prepared as a MS Word document and shall include substantive explanation that demonstrates compliance with EACH relevant permit condition. Narrative shall note variations from the originally permitted design.
* As-built Drawings signed by the Contractor’s PE registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As-built drawings shall show hydrologic conditions, status of plantings and seeding, and shall include a narrative and minimum of 4 photographs documenting site conditions. Plans should note variations from the originally permitted design.

When required, drawings shall meet the Army Corp of Engineer’s New England District’s Compensatory Replication Guidance, including: scale in the range of 1”=20’ to 1” = 100’, contours at 1’ intervals, spot elevations for intermediate elevations, and polygons outlining each Replication Area, and, as applicable, plant community types.  The As-built Drawings shall be provided to the Engineer electronically in Portable Document Format (PDF). If requested by the Engineer, the Drawings shall be provided in printed paper format (11” x 17” sheets, unless otherwise directed). Drawings must be scalable.

* Other documents as required.

## FINAL acceptance OF WORK

Following one full growing season, the Contractor shall submit a Request for Final Acceptance. Submittal shall include a brief narrative of conditions. Upon receiving the Request, the Engineer, Contractor, Wetland Specialist and regulatory representative (if required) shall assess the Replication Area. Final Acceptance will initiate the start of the Wetland Monitoring Period.

The following conditions shall be inspected and approved for acceptance and payment.

* Hydrology is functioning as intended.
* The desired seeded species are establishing well and cover at least 95 percent of the Replication Area, excluding areas of open water areas or planned bare soil.
* No sediments have entered the wetland.
* Adjacent slopes are stabilized with desirable vegetation.
* All planted species (if included) are living and establishing well.
* There are no visible invasive plants.
* Silt fence and non-biodegradable sediment barrier materials have been removed.

If the mitigation work does not meet the above condition and is not approved, MassDOT will issue a rejection letter requiring corrective action. The Wetland Specialist shall recommend corrective actions. Work not approved will be addressed by the Contractor at no extra cost.

Wetland Specialist shall be compensated under Item 755.75.

## monitoring REPORTS for regulatory compliance

Post wetland construction Monitoring Reports shall be completed and submitted by the Wetland Specialist as specified and compensated under Item 755.76 Wetland Monitoring Reports.

Generally, the following conditions shall be met upon each inspection:

* Hydrology is functioning as intended.
* The desired seeded species are establishing well and cover 95 percent of the area, excluding areas of open water areas or planned bare soil.
* No sediments have entered into wetland.
* Adjacent slopes are stabilized with desirable vegetation.
* All planted species (if included) are living and establishing well.
* There are no visible invasive plants.

If, at the end of the required monitoring period, the requirements have not been met and success of the wetland replication area has not been achieved as determined by the Monitoring Reports, the Contractor shall provide corrective measures. All costs associated with corrective measures and plant replacement shall be incidental to this item with no additional compensation.

## METHOD OF MEASUREMENT AND BASIS OF PAYMENT

Item 755.35 will be paid for at the Contract unit price per Lump Sum, which price shall include all labor, materials, equipment, submittals, maintenance, all required soil, site preparation, grading, wetland seeding, planting, mulching, watering, monitoring wells, registered surveyor, as-built plans, Request for Certificate of Compliance, and all incidental costs necessary to complete the work as required.

Payment shall be as follows:

* 60% upon Conditional Acceptance.
* 20% after receipt and acceptance of Certificate of Compliance by the Engineer and once all permit construction requirements have been met and approved.
* 20% upon Final Acceptance.

[Delete or add as necessary]

Excavation will be paid under Item 120.1

Sediment Control Barrier will be paid under Item 767.121

Wetland Specialist will be paid under Item 755.75

Wetland Monitoring Reports for follow-up monitoring will be paid under Item 755.76