
Appendix C – Section 7 Agency Correspondence

Letters to Agencies

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October 30, 2012

Edward O'Donnell
Chief
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Re: MassDOT South Station Expansion Project - Planning, Design, &
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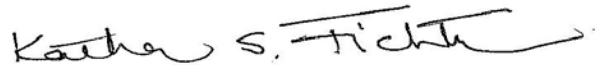
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Alan Anacheke-Nasemann
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division
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Gary Kassof
Commander (obr)
U.S. Coast Guard
First Coast Guard District
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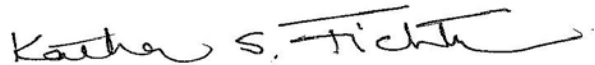
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John MacDonald
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First Coast Guard District
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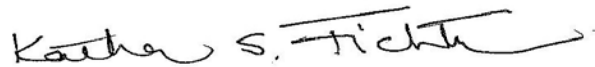
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Lou Chiarella
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National Marine Fisheries Service, Habitat Conservation Program
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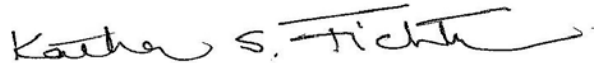
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cc: Mary Colligan, NMFS Protected Resources



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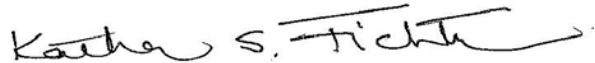
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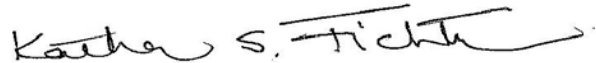
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Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries
Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Field Station
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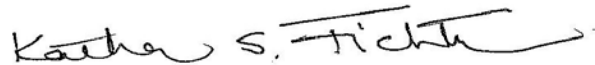
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Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
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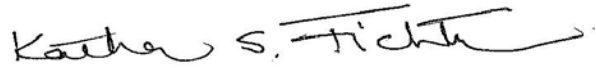
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Dean Savramis
Civil Engineer
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I
99 High Street, 6th Floor
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Re: MassDOT South Station Expansion Project - Planning, Design, &
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Dear Mr. Savramis:

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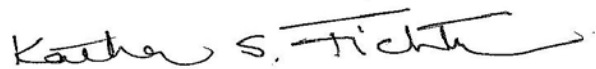
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Ben Lynch
Program Chief
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Waterways Division
One Winter Street
Boston, MA 02108

Re: MassDOT South Station Expansion Project - Planning, Design, &
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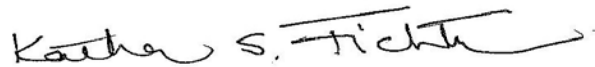
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Edward Lambert
Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114-2104

Re: MassDOT South Station Expansion Project - Planning, Design, &
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Dear Mr. Lambert:

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We are writing to inform you that work may occur in areas adjoining the Fort Point Channel. Information regarding site conditions, existing site plans and mapping, DCR facilities, land uses, natural resource, and cultural resource information is requested. Information on existing and

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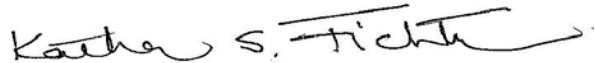
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Leslie-Ann McGee
Director
Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management
251 Causeway Street, Suite 800
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Re: MassDOT South Station Expansion Project - Planning, Design, &
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Dear Ms. McGee:

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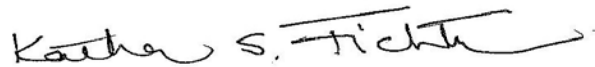
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Richard Zingarelli
Acting State Hazard Mitigation Officer/NFIP Coordinator
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation/ Floodplain Management
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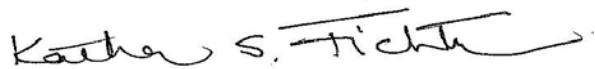
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Natural Resources Conservation Service
Westford Service Center
319 Littleton Road, Suite 205
Westford, MA 01886-4133

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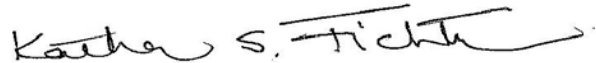
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12 New England Executive Park
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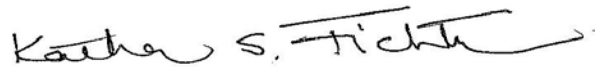
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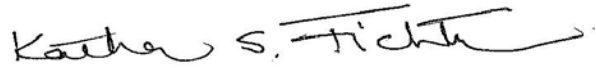
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Northeast Regional Office
Attn: MEPA Coordinator
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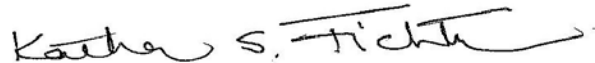
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October 30, 2012

Eric Bourassa
Metropolitan Area Planning Council
60 Temple Place/6th Floor
Boston, MA 01420

Re: MassDOT South Station Expansion Project - Planning, Design, &
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Dear Mr. Bourassa:

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We are writing to request information on existing land uses and proposed developments and plans for the areas adjoining the station.

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Department of Agricultural Resources
Attn: MEPA Coordinator
16 West Experiment Station
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, MA 01003

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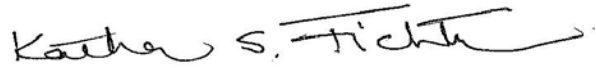
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Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Attn: MEPA Coordinator
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02115

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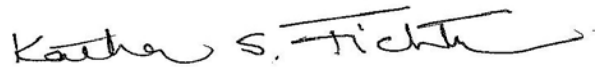
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Energy Facilities Siting Board
Attn: MEPA Coordinator
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

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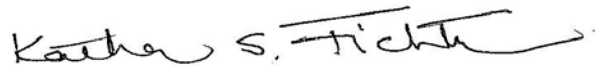
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Division of Energy Resources
Attn: MEPA Coordinator
100 Cambridge Street, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

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Massachusetts Water Resource Authority
Attn: MEPA Coordinator
100 First Street
Charlestown Navy Yard
Boston, MA 02129

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October 30, 2012

Stewart Dalzell
Deputy Director of Environmental Planning and Permitting
Massachusetts Port Authority
One Harborside Drive
East Boston, MA 02128

Re: MassDOT South Station Expansion Project - Planning, Design, &
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Dear Mr. Dalzell:

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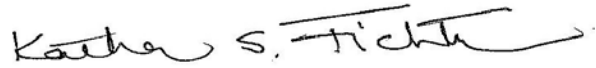
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Agency Response Letters

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November 6, 2012

Catherine S. Fichter
MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4150
Boston, MA 02116

Re: MassDOT South Station Expansion Project - Planning, Design, & Environmental Review Project
Notification and Request for Participation

Dear Ms. Fichter:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation ("DCR" or "Department") is pleased to submit the following comments in response to your October 30, 2012 correspondence regarding notification regarding the South Station Expansion Project (the "Project").

As described in your letter, the project is being undertaken to improve transportation capacity and on-time performance of the Northeast Corridor and other intercity passenger and commuter rail services, as well as to expand and modernize passenger facilities and amenities at South Station. The work is proposed to expand the South Station terminal facilities; demolish and relocate the existing U.S. Postal Service general mail facility; provide for the possibility of future joint development at an expanded South Station; and create a new MBTA vehicle layover facility for midday use.

DCR reviewed the project location and determined that the Project will not affect any DCR resources, as the Department does not own and/or operate any facilities in the Project locus or immediate vicinity. Furthermore, DCR does not have any plans to locate any such facilities in the Project vicinity, and is not aware of prior use of Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funds to purchase Commonwealth recreation lands in the Project locus.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. If you have questions or need further information regarding DCR assets, please contact Nat Tipton, MEPA Review Coordinator at (617) 626-1341 or nathaniel.tipton@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,


Edward M. Lambert, Jr.
Commissioner

cc: Mike Misslin, Bureau of Engineering
Joe Orfant, Bureau of Planning and Resource Protection

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Department of Conservation & Recreation

From: [Zingarelli, Richard \(DCR\)](#)
To: [Fichter, Katherine \(DOT\)](#)
Cc: [Bogdan, Kerry](#)
Subject: South Station Expansion Project
Date: Friday, November 09, 2012 3:55:31 PM

Hello Katherine

I received your letter in the mail about the South Station Expansion Project. FEMA is indeed in the process of updating the Suffolk County flood insurance study, with new coastal analyses that could affect flood elevations in the project area. Please give me a call at your convenience, and I can update you on where we stand on study progress and the types of changes we have seen in similar studies.

Richard Zingarelli
MA DCR Flood Hazard Management Program
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-900
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Paul J. Diodati
Director

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Marine Fisheries

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Gloucester, MA 01930
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December 5, 2012

Katherine S. Fichter
Project Manager
MassDOT office of Transportation Planning
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4150
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Ms. Fichter,

Thank you for your letter of October 30, 2012 introducing the South Station Expansion Project and requesting information on fisheries resources in the vicinity. I've reviewed your letter and the information on the website. South Station and the post office building are adjacent to the Fort Point Channel. The Fort Point Channel is considered habitat for larval settlement and juvenile development of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) and may serve as refuge for migrating diadromous fish. Without a more detailed site plan there is not enough information to assess potential impacts to fisheries resources from the proposed project. For more information about fisheries resources in the Boston Harbor region including Fort Point Channel, with details about potential time of year restrictions for in- water, silt-producing work, please refer to *MarineFisheries* Technical Report TR-47 on our website.
<http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/publications/technical.htm>.

Please send site plans when more project detail is available. Thank you for contacting *MarineFisheries*. If you have any questions about this review please contact me at our Gloucester office at tay.evans@state.ma.us or 978-282-0308 x. 168.

Sincerely yours,

N. Tay Evans
Environmental Reviewer



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

New England Field Office
70 Commercial Street, Suite 300
Concord, NH 03301-5087
<http://www.fws.gov/newengland>



December 11, 2012

Reference:	<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>
	South Station Expansion	Boston, MA

Ms. Katherine S. Fichter
MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4150
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Ms. Fichter:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting information on the presence of federally listed and/or proposed endangered or threatened species in relation to the proposed activity referenced above.

Based on information currently available to us, no federally listed or proposed, threatened or endangered species or critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are known to occur in the project area. Preparation of a Biological Assessment or further consultation with us under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required. No further Endangered Species Act coordination is necessary for a period of one year from the date of this letter, unless additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available.

To obtain updated lists of federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered species and critical habitats, it is not necessary to contact this office. Instead, please visit the Endangered Species Consultation page on the New England Field Office's website:

www.fws.gov/newengland/endangeredspec-consultation.htm

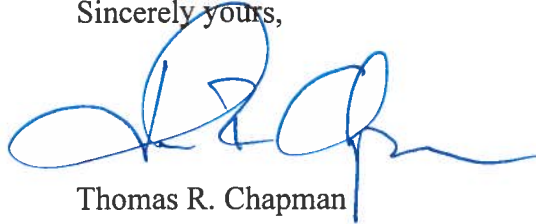
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Ms. Katherine S. Fichter
December 11, 2012

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Thank you for your coordination. Please contact Brett Hillman of this office at 603-223-2541, extension 34, if we can be of further assistance.

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Thomas R. Chapman
Supervisor
New England Field Office

Joe Grilli

From: Glorioso, Lauren (FWE) <lauren.glorioso@state.ma.us>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 5:34 PM
To: katherine.fitcher@state.ma.us; Joe Grilli
Subject: Rare species information for South Station Expansion
Attachments: Information Request.pdf

Joe & Katherine,

The NHESP received the project narrative and Data Release form for the South Station Expansion project in Boston. Requesting species information for this project should proceed under the Information Request form process (form attached for your convenience); this project does not qualify for the Data Release form because the project is not intended for the habitat management of rare species.

Additionally, the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas maps are publicly available on our website:
http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/regulatory_review/priority_habitat/online_viewer.htm

Please contact me if you have questions,

Sincerely,

Lauren Glorioso

Endangered Species Review Assistant

PLEASE NOTE NEW FIELD HEADQUARTERS ADDRESS (phone & email will not change)

Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program | Division of Fisheries & Wildlife | 100 Hartwell Street, Suite 230 |
West Boylston, MA 01583 | ph: 508-389-6361 | fax: 508-389-7890 | lauren.glorioso@state.ma.us | www.nhesp.org

MESA Information Request Form

Please complete this form to request site-specific information from the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program
(Please submit only one project per request form).

Please include a check for \$50.00 made out to the Comm. of MA - NHESP

Requestor Information

Name:

Affiliation:

Address:

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Zip Code:

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Email address:

Project Information

Project or Site Name:

Location:

Town:

Name of Landowner or Project Proponent:

Acreage of the Property:

Description of Proposed Project and Current Site Conditions: (If necessary attach additional sheet)

- ☐ Will this project be reviewed as a Notice of Intent by the local Conservation Commission?
- ☐ Will this project be undergoing MEPA review for reasons other than rare species?
- ☐ Have you enclosed the required copy of a USGS topographic map in the scale 1:24,000 or 1:25,000 (not copy reduced) with the site location clearly marked and centered on the copy page? (Copies of Natural Heritage Atlas pages are not accepted)

Please **mail** this completed form and topographic map to:

Regulatory Review
Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
1 Rabbit Hill Road
Westborough, MA 01581

Questions regarding this form should be directed according to the county that the property is located:

Berkshire, Essex, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden, Middlesex & Worcester Counties call: 508-389-6361

Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth & Suffolk Counties call: 508-389-6364

Persons requesting information will receive a written response within 30 days of receipt of all information required. Please do not ask for an expedited review. *If you are requesting information for habitat management or conservation purposes and you are a non-profit conservation group, government agency or working with a government agency please fill out a Data Release Form.

From: [Mike R Johnson](#)
To: [Fichter, Katherine \(DOT\)](#)
Cc: [Chiarella, Lou](#)
Subject: South Station Expansion Project - NOAA
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 12:21:42 PM

Katherine,

We received your letter, dated October 30, 2012, regarding the MassDOT South Station Expansion Project. Your letter requested information on habitats and species within our regulatory authorities such as the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The Boston Harbor area has been identified as Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for a number of managed species, and the proposed project appears to be adjacent to those waters.

In addition, a number of other species under our mandated responsibilities (e.g., Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, FWCA) occur in the Boston Harbor area, such as alewife, blueback herring, striped bass, American lobster, and American eel. More information on EFH, and MSA and FWCA consultations can be found at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/hcd/>.

Regarding time of year restrictions for work in Massachusetts waters, you may refer MA Division of Marine Fisheries report at http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/publications/tr_47.pdf/. NMFS follows the time of year windows contained with MA DMF's report.

If you have any questions, please contact me at this email or at 978-281-9130.

Thanks,

Mike

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Katherine S. Fitcher
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza, Suite 3170
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

RE: South Station Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Fitcher,

We have reviewed the project information contained in your October 30, 2012 letter regarding the proposed expansion of South Station, Boston, MA. Several species listed by NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) occur in Massachusetts waters. Based on the project description, it does not appear that there will be any in-water work. As such, NMFS Protected Resources Division (PRD) does not intend to offer additional comments on the proposed project and no further coordination with NMFS PRD is necessary. Should project plans change to include in-water work or new information become available that changes the basis for this determination, further coordination should be pursued. If you have any questions regarding listed species, please contact Julie Crocker of my staff at (978) 282-8480 or by e-mail (Julie.Crocker@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

Kimberly Damon-Randall
Acting Assistant Regional Administrator
for Protected Resources

EC: Crocker, F/NER3
Chiarella, F/NER4

File Code: Sec 7 No Species Present 2012



From: [Weiss, Julie - NRCS-CD, Westford, MA](#)
To: [Fichter, Katherine \(DOT\)](#)
Subject: NRCS response to request info South Station Expansion
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 8:04:34 AM
Attachments: [Urbanland_Hydric.pdf](#)
[South Station Soils.pdf](#)
[South Station Farmland Classification.pdf](#)
[South Station Highly erodible.pdf](#)

Hello,

I am responding to your request for information for the MassDOT South Station Expansion Project. I have attached several documents as follows:

South Station Soils: Using the most current soil survey for Suffolk County (September 1989) this map shows that the area of interest is mapped as Urban land, wet substratum, 0 to 3 percent slopes.

South Station Farmland Classification: shows there are no prime farmlands or lands of statewide or unique interest in the area of interest.

South Station Highly erodible: details there are no highly erodible lands in the area of interest.

Urbanland Hydric: this is a page from the 11/1/1994 Comprehensive Hydric Soils list detailing that the land mapped as Urban land, wet substratum, 0 to 3 percent slopes has not been ranked by the agency.

As this land is highly developed land, not involved in agriculture at this time, our agency would have no issues of concern that should be considered in your planning process.

We would be happy to answer any further questions you may have concerning soils at this site.

Julie Weiss
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South Station Area Farmland Classification Map Boston, MA

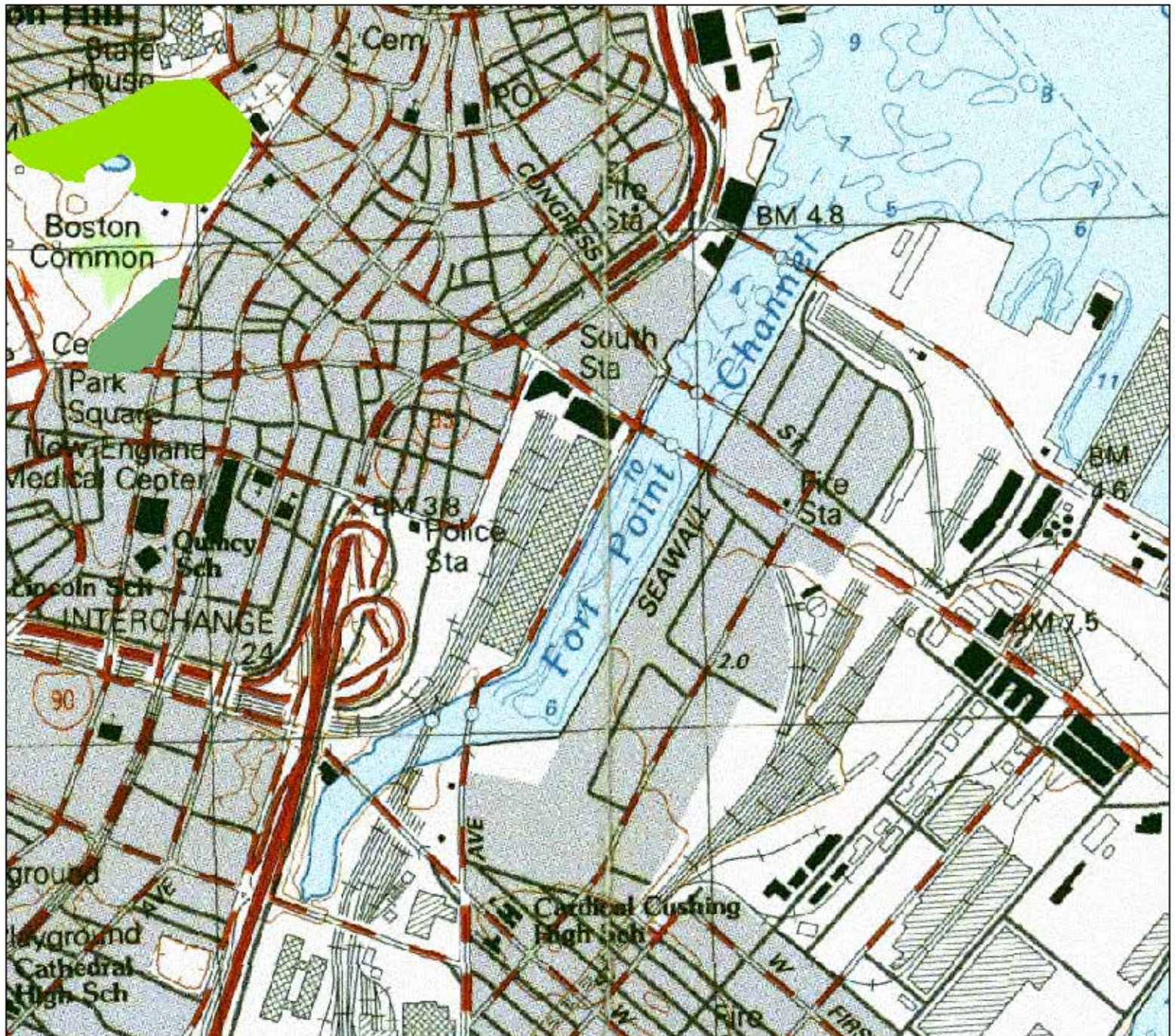
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Suffolk Co. Massachusetts

Field Office: WESTFORD SERVICE CENTER

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Assisted By: Julie Weiss



Legend

Norfolk-Suffolk (616) farmland classification farmland classification

- All areas are prime farmland
- Farmland of statewide importance
- Farmland of unique importance



South Station Area
Highly-erodible Lands Map
Boston, MA

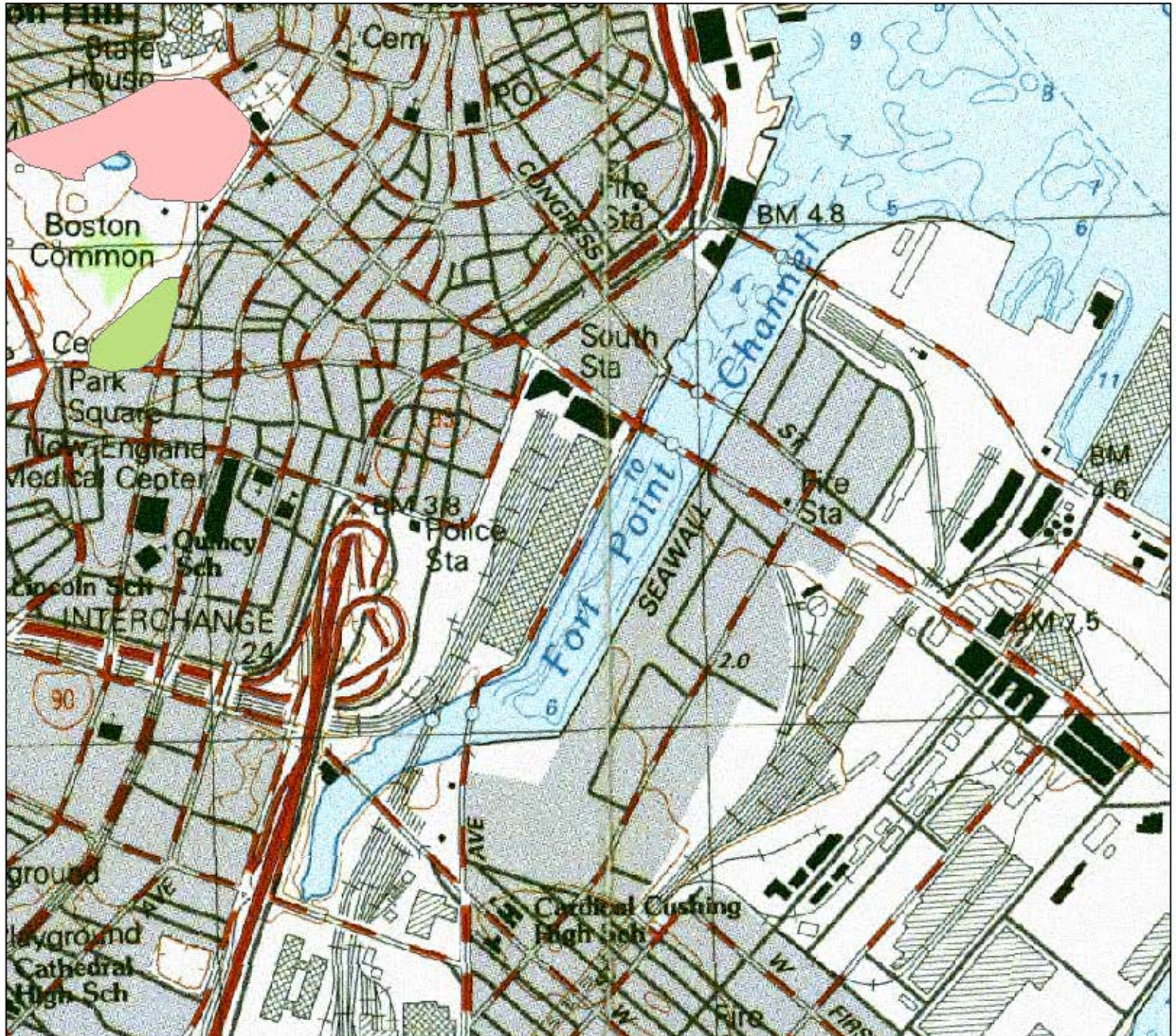
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Legend

Norfolk-Suffolk (616) highly-erodible lands (HEL)

Erodibility

- HEL
- PHEL (potentially HEL)



South Station Area Soils Map Boston, MA

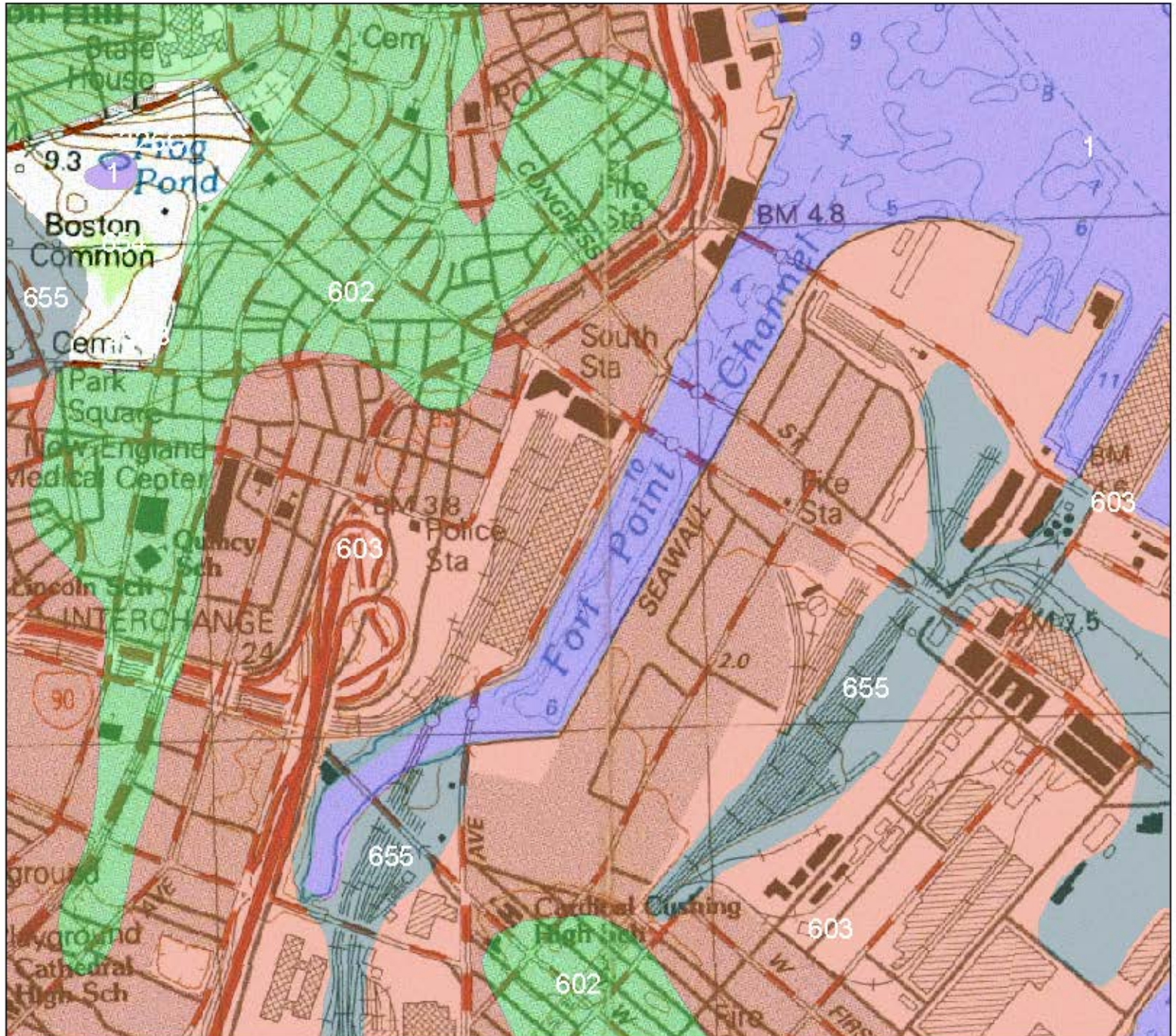
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Legend

Norfolk-Suffolk Counties Soil Survey (ma616)

- 1, Water
- 602, Urban land, 0 to 15 percent slopes
- 603, Urban land, wet substratum, 0 to 3 percent slopes
- 655, Udorthents, wet substratum



NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES, MASSACHUSETTS
COMPREHENSIVE HYDRIC SOILS LIST (Continued)

Map Symbol Mapunit Name	Component(C)/ Inclusion(I)	Hydric	Local Landform	Hydric Soils Criteria				FSA Criteria and Information		
				Hydric Criteria Code	Meets Saturation Criteria	Meets Flooding Criteria	Meets Ponding Criteria	Natural Condition of Soil	Needs On- Site	Acres
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Uf: UDORTHENTS, REFUSE SUBSTRATUM-----	UDORTHENTS(C) UDORTHENTS(I)	Unranked Unranked								900
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Fort Point Channel

November 27, 2012

Katherine S. Fichter
South Station Expansion Project Manager
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10 Park Plaza, Suite 4150
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Re: MassDOT South Station Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Fichter

This is in response to your letter dated 30 October 2012 inquiring whether the Coast Guard had any concerns regarding the referenced expansion project adjacent to Fort Point Channel. We have examined the waterway with regards to its status as a navigable water of the United States for purposes of Coast Guard bridge jurisdiction.

Our examination indicates that Fort Point Channel above the easterly side of the Dorchester Ave highway bridge is a non-navigable water of United States for purposes of general Coast Guard jurisdiction. Since this is the case, a Coast Guard bridge permit will not be required for the referenced project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact ENS Ydania Matos at the above telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Kassof".

Gary Kassof
Bridge Program Manager
First Coast Guard District
By direction

Copy: FRA, ACOE NE