

Fact Sheet (Revised)

Brooke Charter School/Olmsted Green Community Field
550 Morton Street, Mattapan, MA 02131
Appeal of the Order of Conditions (DEP File No. 006-1931)

February 26, 2024

Proposed Project:

The proposed project includes the construction of a new community athletic field, walkway, bathroom building, seating, storage area, driveway, associated utilities, and stormwater management systems located at 550 Morton Street in Mattapan, MA. On April 4, 2023, the Boston Conservation Commission (the “Commission”) issued an Order of Conditions under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Ch. 131, s 40 (the “Act”), approving this proposed project. Through issuance of that Order of Conditions, it was the Commission’s opinion that the proposed project could be conditioned to meet the Act and the Wetlands Regulations set out at 310 CMR 10.00 (the “Regulations”). Areas of the project within the jurisdiction of the Act and Regulations include the proposed driveway, portions of the proposed community athletic field, sections of proposed pedestrian walkways and sidewalk, and stormwater outfalls.

On May 3, 2023, MassDEP received a Request for a Superseding Order of Conditions (the “Request”) from a ten (10) Resident Group that seeks MassDEP review of the project and issuance of a Superseding Order of Conditions (“SOC”) denying the project.

MassDEP is currently reviewing the permit application (Notice of Intent), the Order of Conditions (DEP File #006-1931) that the Commission issued, and the Request for the issuance of a SOC, a Request for Information letter pertaining to changes, requested by MassDEP, to portions of the existing stormwater systems as currently proposed, as well as the applicable Act and Regulations. After this review is complete, MassDEP will issue a SOC to either approve or deny the proposed project.

Information on how to review the permit application, to be notified of MassDEP’s proposed decision, and how to submit comments, can be found at the end of this Fact Sheet.

Environmental Justice (EJ) Populations:

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) EJ Policy went into effect on September 3, 2020, and was updated on June 24, 2021. The proposed project property is identified by MassDEP as part of an EJ population based on minority population and income criteria. Within the local EJ population, the following languages are spoken in addition to English: Spanish and Haitian Creole.

The attached map shows the location of the facility and the nearby EJ population.

Public Participation and Comment:

MassDEP is currently reviewing the permit application from the Brooke Charter School and the Request for MassDEP to issue a SOC, from the 10 Resident Group.

If you have questions or would like more information about the permit application or agency review process or would like to be added to the distribution list to be notified when the MassDEP issues its SOC decision, please contact the MassDEP personnel listed below. Please also note that MassDEP's review is limited to those elements of the project, including the proposed driveway, portions of the proposed community athletic field, sections of proposed pedestrian walkways and sidewalk, and stormwater outfalls that are proposed within jurisdiction of the Act and Regulations.

The permit application, the Request, other supporting information, and links to the Act and Regulations are currently available for public review via the EEA ePLACE Public Access Portal at <https://www.mass.gov/lists/brooke-charter-school> on the main EEA ePLACE Portal page, click on the **orange** "Search and/or Comment" button, then on the name of the applicant/facility on the resulting page.

If you would like to provide any comments or concerns, please do so in writing to the MassDEP staff person listed below by no later than 5:00PM EST on March 18, 2024. The Subject Line for all emailed comments shall include the following: **Brooke Charter School DEP File #006-1931**.

After MassDEP completes its review of the permit application, including any comments received, the agency will issue a decision, which is subject to M.G.L. c.131 s. 40 and the regulations set out at 310 CMR 1.00 and 310 CMR 10.00.

This information will also be posted in the ePLACE Public Access Portal. If you would like to be notified of the proposed decision and the public comment period, please contact Jill Provencal at jill.provencal@mass.gov.

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