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Proponent

Applying Entity (Proponent)

Town of Hingham

Point of Contact (Name/Title)

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Owner of the land/interest in land subject to the Art. 97 Action

Town of Hingham

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* Alternatives Analysis


Alternatives Analysis


[Hingham-HCAL-Article-97-Petition-Narrative-7.30.25.pdf](#)


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List entities that must approve the Art. 97 Action itself.

Town Meeting

Select Board

School Committee

Conservation Commission

Consistency between local approval language and that of legislation authorizing an Art. 97 Action is important. So that it can be confirmed, if proposed or passed warrant article or other approval language. is available attach it here, along with documentation of any approval that has already occurred. Suitable language could come from a variety of sources such as a draft or approved warrant article from the clerk, meeting minutes, or other suitable documentation.

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[2025.4.28-Certified-School-Committee-Vote-with-MOU.pdf](#)

[2025.2.10-Relevant-pages-Conservation-Commission-Minutes.pdf](#)

[2025-ATM-Art-16-Certified-Vote.pdf](#)

Status of Local Approval Language

Already approved

Impacted Land

Location

Off Bare Cove Park Drive

Hingham, Massachusetts 02043

United States

[Map It](#)

Current Holder of the Conservation Interest (identify any public entity that owns a property interest subject to Article 97 that will be impacted by the proposed Art. 97 Action)

Town of Hingham

Natural resources present and current Art. 97 Use(s) such as Active Recreation, Passive Recreation, Habitat Protection, or Climate Change Mitigation that would be impacted by the proposed Art. 97 Action

Please see letter uploaded under Alternatives Analysis and the presentation and site analyses exhibits thereto for more detailed information about site history and current use. The site is located in a public recreation area within a former Naval Ammunition Depot which operated from 1903 to 1961. The site is currently occupied by a former Naval Ammunition Depot building and is adjacent to other former Depot buildings that have been adapted for other uses. There is an existing walking trail on the edge of the site from an adjacent park and walking

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trails will be incorporated into the site design for the new use. The site is on the outside edge of an ACEC and analysis of the minimal impact of the proposed use is provided as an exhibit to the letter referenced above. The Natural Resource Site Analysis Report for this location identifies prime farmland soils (however there is no farming use of the site or surrounding area) and prime forest land adjacent to the pre-existing building. The Report shows that no BioMap habitats are identified at the site. Use of the site is overseen by the National Park Service which has issued a Categorical Exclusion under NEPA for the proposed use of the site (a copy of which attached to the above-referenced letter).

Size – Acres or Square Feet Impacted by the Art. 97 Action

5.387 (with approx. 0.05 acres previously disturbed by existing building) = 4.837

Map(s) of impacted area (Attach suitable base map(s) with the property boundaries delineated at a scale where the land and surrounding property uses are clear)

HCAL-Base-Map-2025-01-29.pdf

HCAL-Base-Map-2025-01-291.pdf

Appraised Value (if not waived)

Waiver requested - see letter submitted herewith for discussion

Legal Description of the Impacted Area (if not included in provided legislation) (Deed, other dedication, and/or site plan) – attach relevant documents.

Hingham-HCAL-Development-Site-Plan.pdf

Past Funding Received to Acquire or Improve the Impacted Land from an EEA or Federal Source

No

Additional impacted land.

No

Funding in Lieu Request








Funding in Lieu Request

no

Replacement Land








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Location
Off High and Ward Streets Hingham, Massachusetts 02043 United States Map It
Current Ownership
Town of Hingham
Current Uses (Demonstrate as needed that the replacement land is not already conserved)
The 6.847 acres Replacement Land parcel is a portion of an elementary school parcel operated by the Hingham School Committee. The Replacement Land is adjacent to a sports field on the school parcel and is used for school outdoor activities.
Explain
The Replacement Land is adjacent to a existing parcel which is already conserved (held by the Conservation Commission under MGL 40A, s. 8C) and which includes a portion of a Zone II Wellhead Protection Area. The Natural Resource Site Analysis Report shows that the Replacement Land includes prime farmland soils and forest similar to the Article 97 site. In addition and most notably, the Replacement Land is within an aquifer (the Article 97 site is not). The Conservation Commission unanimously supports transfer of control of the Replacement Land to the Commission to add to the adjacent conserved land so that any future use of the Replacement Area will be conserved and permanently protected. The minutes of the Conservation Commission meeting where this was discussed has been uploaded with the local approval documents above.
Intended Means of Conferring Art. 97 Status to the Replacement Land
Dedication of Land owned by the public entity that is not already Subject to Art. 97
Size – Acres or Square Feet
6.847 acres
Map(s) (Attach USGS topographic or other suitable base map(s) with the property boundaries delineated at a scale where the land and surrounding property uses are clear)
Replacement-GIS-Base-Map.pdf

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Appraised Value Appraised Value (if not waived see "Appraisals" on page 5 of the Guidance)

Waiver requested - see letter submitted herewith for discussion

Legal Description of the Land

[Hingham-Replacement-Land-ANR-Plan.pdf](#)


Additional replacement land.

No

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