

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) will hold a public hearing on proposed new regulations authorized by Chapter 274 of the Acts of 2022, An Act to Preserve Open Space in the Commonwealth. The proposed regulations, 301 CMR 52.00: *Disposition or Change in Use of Article 97 Interests*, are required by the Act and provide procedures and requirements for proposals to change the use or dispose of land or interests in land subject to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth. EEA is seeking public comment on the proposed regulations.

A copy of the proposed regulations is available on the EEA website at [Article 97 & An Act Preserving Open Space in the Commonwealth \(M.G.L. c. 3, § 5A\) | Mass.gov](#). Copies may also be obtained by sending an email to Michael.gendron2@mass.gov.

EEA will hold a virtual public hearing on these regulations at **1:00 PM on Thursday, January 16, 2025**. Registration is required to obtain access to the virtual hearing room, which will be provided via Zoom. [To register, go to: link](#). There is no requirement to register in advance of the hearing to attend; registration and access to the hearing is available both prior to and during the meeting until it has ended.

Simultaneous oral and ASL translation will be provided at the hearing through the virtual hearing room.

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Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearing or in writing. EEA will consider written comments that are received by **5:00pm on January 22, 2025** EEA encourages electronic submission of written comments to Michael.gendron2@mass.gov. Please refer to 301 CMR 52 in the subject line. Written comments may also be mailed to: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Attn: Michael Gendron, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.

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