

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



## Department of Agricultural Resources

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### **NOTICE: PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Pursuant to the Rights-of-Way Management Regulations (333 CMR 11.00) in order to apply pesticides to control vegetation to maintain Rights-of Ways, the Department of Agricultural Resources must approve a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP). The VMP is intended to justify the need to control vegetation, identify target vegetation, describe the intended methods of control, describe methods for identifying sensitive areas, describe operational guidelines for applicators, outline a program of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) designed to reduce the use of herbicides, and describe alternative land use activities.

The following municipalities are advised that Littleton Electric Light & Water Department proposes to utilize herbicides to treat their Rights-of-Way:

To provide all interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed VMP, a public ZOOM hearing will be held at the following location:

**Littleton Electric Light & Water Department VMP Public Hearing**  
**Mar 8, 2024 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83230265910?pwd=Wi9VZkpPMXFvS1dKYINSV3RZT0V4Zz09>**

**Meeting ID: 832 3026 5910**

**Passcode: 694394**

#### **Dial by your location**

**• +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)**

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**Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kuWwezHlk>**

#### **Available for Public Review Prior to Hearings:**

Section 11.05 (3)(d) of the Row Management Regulations provide: "At least 21 days prior to the end of the public comment period, the applicant shall send a copy of the proposed VMP to the chief elected official, the Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission in affected communities upon their request." Such request should be made to:

Mr. Matt McFarland  
Distribution Supervisor  
Littleton Electric Light and Water Department  
39 Ayer Road, Littleton, MA 01460  
(978) 540-2253

The proposed VMP is posted at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/pesticides/vegetation-management-and-yearly-operation-plans.html> for reviewing. It is also available for review at the Reference Desk of the following public library:

Reuben Hoar Public Library, 41 Shattuck Street, Littleton, MA 01460

Written Comments Requested

The public hearings listed above will give interested parties the opportunity to present data, views or arguments, orally or in writing concerning the proposed VMP. Persons giving testimony are also requested to provide written comments. Written comments in advance of the hearing dates are welcome. The Department will accept written testimony concerning the Littleton Electric Light & Water Department VMP until the close of business (5pm):

**March 8, 2024**

Commentary should be sent to:

Rights-of -Way Program  
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources  
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