Environmental Justice Screening Form

Project Name	Allen Dam Rehabilitation Project
Anticipated Date of MEPA Filing	November 17, 2025
Proponent Name	Town of Walpole
Contact Information (e.g., consultant)	Adrienne D. Lennon c/o Pare Corporation (Permitting Consultant)
Public website for project or other physical location where project materials can be obtained (if available)	TBD
Municipality and Zip Code for Project (if known)	Walpole, MA (02081)
Project Type* (list all that apply)	Dam Repair/Replacement
Is the project site within a mapped 100-year FEMA flood plain? Y/N/ unknown	Yes
Estimated GHG emissions of conditioned spaces (click here for GHG Estimation tool)	N/A (No conditioned spaces are proposed)

Project Description

1. Provide a brief project description, including overall size of the project site and square footage of proposed buildings and structures if known.

The Proposed Project includes the rehabilitation of the Allen Multipurpose Dam owned and operated by the Town of Walpole to meet current federal design standards.

2. List anticipated MEPA review thresholds (301 CMR 11.03) (if known)

301 CMR 11.03(3)(b)(1)(d): Alteration of 5,000 or more square feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland

3. List all anticipated state, local and federal permits needed for the project (if known)

Federal	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Section 10/404
State	
MassDEP	401 Water Quality Certificate
MassDCR	Dam Safety Permit
Municipal	
Town of Walpole Conservation Commission	Order of Conditions

4. Identify EJ populations and characteristics (Minority, Income, English Isolation) within 5 miles of project site (can attach map identifying 5-mile radius from EJ Maps Viewer in lieu of narrative)

See attached map

Due to the project's location in a dense urban area, within 5 mile of the Project Site, the following populations are present:

- Minority (M),
- Minority and English Isolation (ME) Chinese, Spanish
- 5. Identify any municipality or census tract meeting the definition of "vulnerable health EJ criteria" in the DPH EJ Tool located in whole or in part within a 1 mile radius of the project site

There are no census tracts or communities that meet any designation of "vulnerable health EJ criteria" located in whole or in part within a 1-mile radius of the project site.

According to the MA DPH Environmental Justice Tool, there are 21 Block Groups designated as Vulnerable Health within a 5-mile radius of the project location. 11 meet the Low Birth Rate Per 1,000 designation, 4 meet the Heart Attack per 1,000 Designation, 4 meet the Pediatric Asthma Ed Visits designation, and 2 meet the Elevated Blood Lead Prevalence Per 1,000 designation.

6. Identify potential short-term and long-term environmental and public health impacts that may affect EJ Populations and any anticipated mitigation

The project is limited to rehabilitation of an existing dam. No new development is proposed, and the project has no anticipated public health impacts.

7. Identify project benefits, including "Environmental Benefits" as defined in 301 CMR 11.02, that may improve environmental conditions or public health of the EJ population

The project will bring the Allen Multipurpose Dam into compliance with current NRCS and Massachusetts Dam Safety criteria and performance standards for the future land-use condition and maintain the intended level of flood protection.

8. Describe how the community can request a meeting to discuss the project, and how the community can request oral language interpretation services at the meeting . Specify how to request other accommodation, including meetings after business hours and at locations near public transportation.

Interested community members can request information, a meeting, or interpretation through project consultant, Adrienne D. Lennon, at Pare Corporation, alennon@parecorp.com.

2020 Environmental Justice Neighborhoods - Allen Dam 5 Mile Radius



