
Comments to Regulatory amendments to streamline MEPA review of qualifying housing and mixed-use projects

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Please accept my comments to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA)office within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs amendments to boost housing production as outlined in the Comprehensive housing plan for 2025-29.

I am looking at the infill Criterion – Priority Habit for the Greater Boston Region. I live in Rockland Massachusetts and we are actually in the south east region. I don't think anyone that lives here would recognize we live in the Greater Boston Region. I find the Priority Habitat on the Qualifying Housing – Infill Criterion: Priority Habitat Greater Boston Region map incorrect for the Town of Rockland. There are rare species on the former Naval Air Station South Weymouth as well as outside the former Naval Air Station South Weymouth and in most of the northern part of Rockland that is not depicted on the map . Also, the flooding hazard map and soils farmland maps are impossible to read correctly and terrible at any resolution. It does not adequately show flooding areas or farmland accurately. I have photos of French's stream in Rockland flooding out the Rockland Golf Course. It is deep enough for the ducks and geese to swim.

Our Roadway infrastructure is at the max now. How can another 3,000 vehicle ADT's will be allowed for streamline permitting without adding new roads? Our roadways and expressways are at the maximum now. I don't see where lack of water and sewer in these towns is addressed. If every developer meets the proposed criteria they can force the towns to let them build. My neighborhood is a working class neighborhood with people who immigrated to this country recently. They are my neighbors, yet I have never seen anything that says we are an E.J. neighborhood. I don't think my neighbors know we are a E.J. neighborhood.

There needs to be an increase in the amount of housing set aside as affordable and workforce housing. In my opinion, 10%and 25% is not enough affordable and workforce housing. As long as people can bid beyond the

asking price of a home, housing will never be affordable.

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