Streamlined Process for Ecological Restoration Projects

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Determining your Designated Geographic Area (DGA)

Does the project exceed any Air threshold at 301 CMR 11.03(8) **OR** will the project generate 150 or more New adt of diesel vehicle traffic over a duration of 1 year or more (excluding public transit trips)?

NO → Use a **1-mile** DGA for public involvement and EJ impact analysis

YES → Use a **5-mile** DGA for public involvement and EJ impact analysis

Is there an EJ Population within your DGA?

NO → 45-90 days

YES → **You are required to perform Advanced Notification at least 45- and no more than 90-days before submitting the Notice to MEPA.**

≥60 days before NOI submittal

Submit Notice of Ecological Restoration Project to MEPA

Notice published in the Environmental Monitor

20-day public comment

Secretary has 10 days to Issue a Certificate

Does Secretary Issue a Certificate requiring an ENF?

No → Agencies may issue Conditional Permits Required to Obtain Restoration Order of Conditions

Is Restoration Order of Conditions for an Ecological Restoration Project Granted?

Yes → No further MEPA Review Required

Denied

Approved as Limited Project

Yes → Must Submit ENF or EENF and Proceed Through Traditional MEPA Review.

Final MEPA Certificate and any required Draft Section 61 Findings should be Provided to Agencies for Use in Taking or Reconsidering Agency Actions for the Project.