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My name is Virginia Welles, a resident of Lincoln, MA. I write today to offer comments on the proposed changes to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) regulations.

I am writing to support the proposed changes to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) regulations that would exempt Ecological Restoration projects from MEPA review, for projects meeting the requirements of the Wetlands Protection regulations to restore natural ecological functions and improve the environment.

Coastal and inland wetlands provide important functions including preventing storm damage and flooding, filtering water and preventing pollution, water supply, fish and wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation. These functions are increasingly important in light of the more intense storms and more frequent droughts we are experiencing due to climate change.

I strongly support the proposed changes, which would reduce the costs and time involved in restoring wetlands damaged by previous human activities and development.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Virginia Welles

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