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NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 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 Massachusetts Department of Agriculture (MDAR) 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 community is advised that the City of Wellesley proposes to utilize herbicides to treat their Rights-of-Way.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

In accordance with 333 CMR 11.05 MDAR will conduct a regional hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Vegetation Management Plan for the City of Wellesley as submitted by: Cricket Vlass Superintendent of Parks & Trees, Wellesley Department of Public Works

To provide all interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed VMP, a public hearing will be held via ZOOM Phone Conference:

Topic: Wellesley VMP Public Hearing

Time: Mar 7, 2025 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83609977877?pwd=JC1u1qDGLDcK6JBqmGuukroaqinuJd.1>

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Plans 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:

Cricket Vlass
Superintendent of Parks & Trees
Wellesley Department of Public Works
30 Municipal Way,
Wellesley MA. 02481
Email Address: cvlass@wellesleyma.gov

Copies of the proposed VMP can be viewed at the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources webpage at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rights-of-way-vegetation-management-vmpps-yops-and-notice> . The VMP is also available for review at the Reference Desk of the following public library:

Wellesley Public Library, 530 Washington St ST6., Wellesley, MA 02482

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 City of Wellesley's VMP until the **close of business (5pm): March 10, 2025.**

Commentary should be sent to:

Clayton Edwards
Right of Way Program
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
Pesticide Bureau
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