

**Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation**  
**Division of Water Supply Protection, Office of Watershed Management**  
***Forest Management Project Summary***

**Project Title:**

<b>DWSP Harvest Permit Number:</b> 2046
<b>DCR Forest Cutting Plan File Number:</b> 024-7151-15

**Site Information**

<b>Watershed:</b> Quabbin	<b>Town(s):</b> Belchertown
<b>Acres:</b> 44	<b>Nearest Road:</b> Earley St.
<b>Natural Heritage Atlas overlap?:</b> No	<b>Public Drinking Water Supply Watershed?:</b> Yes
<b>Forest Types:</b> oak/hardwood, oak/white pine	<b>ACEC?:</b> No
<b>Soils:</b> Scituate fine sandy loams	
<b>Wetland Resources:</b> Lot abuts a wetland and small stream to the northwest and small stream to the north which drains east into the Quabbin Reservoir.	
<b>Vernal Pools:</b> None on lot.	

**Harvest Information**

<b>Harvest Start Date:</b> 7/27/2016	<b>Harvest End Date:</b> 8/17/2016
<b>Number of Wetland Crossings:</b> None	<b>Number of Stream Crossings:</b> None

**Best Management Practices Applied**

<b>Stream Crossings:</b> There are no stream crossings.
<b>Filter Strips:</b> Variable width filter strip used.
<b>Wetland Crossings:</b> There are no wetland crossings.
<b>Harvesting in Wetlands:</b> There is no harvesting in wetlands.

<b>DWSP Forester supervising this harvest</b>
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## **NARRATIVES**

### **General Description/Forest Composition/History:**

The area to be harvested is in the town of Belchertown on the east side of Earley St., just inside of Gate 4.

The stone walls on this lot attest to its history of clearing for agriculture, most likely for pasture. When the farmland was abandoned, probably in the late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century, it reverted to forest.

The primary tree species present are mixed oaks (predominately red oak) and white pine. Other hardwoods include black and paper birch, red and sugar maple, beech, chestnut, chestnut oak, sassafras, hickory and several large spruce. Hemlock occurs in small groups, mainly as suppressed mid-story trees.

The soils on this lot are primarily Scituate fine sandy loams. These are moderately well drained soils with a hard pan 2'-4' below the surface, but normally with no frequent flooding or ponding.

### **Site Selection:**

The primary goal of the watershed forest management program is to create and maintain a forest that provides high quality drinking water to current users and future generations. In order to achieve this, DWSP has determined that the forest should contain a diversity of species in various stages of development (seedlings through large legacy trees). In addition, the forest should be vigorous; actively growing and regenerating. A forest in this condition is resilient to and can quickly recover from small and large scale disturbances such as diseases, insect infestations, ice storms and hurricanes.

### **Silvicultural Objectives:**

The goal of this harvest is to establish new tree seedlings and providing space for existing regeneration to expand and grow. The diversity of native species present is being maintained. This combination of structural and species diversity builds resistance and resilience into the forest.

The main treatment at this time is the removal of the overstory in small groups, up to ½ acre in size, in order to foster regeneration (new age class). Some groups were placed where there were clusters of trees that were declining or had weak stem form, often due to insect, disease, or storm damage. These vulnerable trees will be replaced with vigorous new seedlings, or with saplings where there is existing regeneration to be released.

Wherever possible wildlife habitat features, such as snags (dead trees) and trees with cavities or nests were retained and protected.

### **Cultural Resources:**

Stone walls are present on the southeast corner of the lot and don't need to be crossed but will be protected during felling operations. This is also where a permanent landing is located. Adjacent to this are some foundations and wells which have been protected. Otherwise, this area has been determined not to be culturally or archeologically sensitive based on a review by the DCR Archaeologist.

**Wildlife/Rare or Endangered Species:**

The lot contains no critical habitats or known rare or endangered species, and no vernal pools. The area is home to a variety of wildlife including deer, turkey, coyote and moose. Great horned owls have been seen and heard in the northern section. Spruce cone middens indicate red squirrel activity.

**FIGURES**

**Figure 1. Forest Cutting Plan**

**Figure 2. Pre-Harvest Photographs, A & B**

Figure 1: Forest Cutting Plan

# Forest Cutting Plan

and Notice of Intent under M.G.L. Chapter 132 – The Forest Cutting Practices Act, 304 CMR 11.00 (Effective Date: 1/1/04)

*FINAL 8/16*

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**For DCR Use Only:**

File Number 024-7151-15 Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Rec'd 9.8.14 Nat. Hert. N  
 Earliest Start 9.23.14 Nat. Hert. Imp. N  
 River Basin CHICODDEE Pub. Dr. Wat. QUABBIN  
 Gen. Obj. LT ACEC N

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Site Information

**Location** lot 2046

Town Belchertown  
 Road DCR/DWSP Gate 4 end of Earley ST  
 Acres 44 Proposed Start Date 2014  
 Vol. MBF 61.5 Vol. Cds. 170 Vol. Tons 40

**Landowner**

Name DCR/Division Water Supply, Quabbin  
 Mailing Address 485 Ware Road  
 Town, State, Zip Belchertown, MA. 01007  
 Phone 413-323-6921  
 Ch61  Ch61A  Stew  \*Case # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Est. Stumpage Value \_\_\_\_\_

**Plan Preparer**

Name Steven Ward  
 Address DCR/DWSP Quabbin  
485 Ware road  
 Town, State, Zip Belchertown, MA.01007  
 Phone 413-323-7764-553  
 Type of Preparer Other  
 \*Mass. Forester License # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Required for land under Ch61, Ch61A or Forest Stewardship

**Licensed Timber Harvester\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mass. Lic. Harvester # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*This information may be supplied after the plan is approved, but before work begins.

Best Management Practices

**Stream Crossings**

Indicate location on map	SC-1	SC-2	SC-3	SC-4
Type of Crossing				
Existing Structure				
Type of Bottom				
Bank Height (ft)				
Stabilization				

**Wetland Crossings**

Indicate location on map	WC-1	WC-2	WC-3	WC-4
Length of Crossing				
Mitigation				
Stabilization				

**Filter Strips**

Indicate location on map	FS-1	FS-2	FS-3	FS-4
Width (50', 100', or VA)	VA			

**Harvesting in Wetlands**

Indicate location on map	HW-1	HW-2	HW-3	HW-4
Forest Type (see pg 2)				
Acres to be Harvested				
Resid. Basal Area (>50%?)				

**Service Forester Comments**

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Codes

<b>Type of Preparer</b>	<b>Type of Crossing</b>	<b>Stabilization</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>Type of Bottom</b>	<b>Note:</b>
LF Mass. Lic. For.	CU Culvert	SE Seed	FR Frozen	LE Ledge	Applicant must provide DCR with all relevant information before plan may be approved and cutting may begin.
TH Lic. Tim. Har	BR Bridge	MU Mulch	DR Dry	ST Stony	Some forestry activities, such as prescribed burning and pesticide or fertilizer application may require additional permits.
TB Timber Buyer	FO Ford	CO Corduroy	OT Other	MU Mud	Consult MA Forestry BMP Manual for further information.
LO Landowner	PO Poled	ST Stone		GR Gravel	
OT Other	OT Other	HB Hay Bales		OT Other	
		OT Other			

Forest Products

Products to be Harvested\*

Table with 4 columns: Species, Mbfs/Cds, Species, Mbfs/Cds. Rows include White Pine, Red Pine, Pitch Pine, Hemlock, Spruce, Other Sftwd., White Ash, Beech, White Birch, B & Y Birch, Black Cherry.

\*Note: Volumes and values indicated in the Plan are as reported by the plan preparer and have not been independently verified by the service forester upon approval. Mbf = thousand board feet.

Stand Treatment

Cutting Standards

Table with 5 columns: Indicate location on map, ST-1, ST-2, ST-3, ST-4. Rows include Forest Type, Acres, Landowner Objective, Designation of Trees, Type of Cut, Source of Regeneration.

Landowner

Landowner Signature

The most important information on a cutting plan is the Landowner's objective, as this will determine which trees will be harvested and which will remain; this decision will also determine the future condition of the forest for decades to come.

[X] LT - Long-term Forest Management

Planned management of the forest to achieve one or more of the following objectives: produce immediate and maximize long-term income, enhance wildlife habitat, improve recreational opportunities, protect soil and water quality, or produce forest specialty products.

[ ] ST - Short-term Harvest

Harvest of trees with the main intention of producing short-term income with minimal consideration given to improving the future forest condition, which often results in a forest dominated by poor quality and low value species.

I (we) have read the Massachusetts Cutting Plan Information Sheet, and am aware of my (our) management options. I (we) hereby certify that I (we) have the legal authority to carry out the operation described above.

Signature of landowner(s) [Handwritten Signature]

Date 8-29-14

Service Forester

Determination and Status

Form with checkboxes for Approved, Disapproved, Expires, Extension, Amendment and handwritten entries like 024.7151.15, 9.8.2016, 9/9/14.

Final Report and Comments

I hereby certify that the afore described Forest Cutting Plan and all relevant statutes have been substantially complied with.

Signature of Service Forester/Director's Agent [Handwritten Signature] Date 8/23/16

Codes

Table with 4 columns: Forest Types, Designation of Trees, Type of Cut, Source of Regeneration. Rows include WP White Pine, WK WP/Hem, WH WP/Hdwd, WO WP/Oak, RP Red Pine, SR Red Spruce, etc.

# Forest Cutting Plan

Narrative Page (Effective Date: 1/1/04)

Use this page to provide further explanation or if Other (OT) was used in any category on pages 3 or 4.

Landowner DCR/DWSP

Town Belchertown

File Number 024-7151-15

BMPs

Use this Section to provide further explanation or if Other (OT) was used in any category in the Best Management Practices Section on Page 3.

Small wooded wetland west of the road is source to the intermitant stream flowing along the north end of the lot.

FS-1 is along this stream, variable width no trees are marked with in 50ft of this stream

Designation of Trees

Use this Section to describe the types of trees to be harvested and/or retained if Other (OT) was used for "Designation of Trees" in the Stand Treatment Section on page 4.

Stand No.	Species to be Cut	Size of Trees to be Cut	Quality of Trees to be Cut	% BA/Acre Removed

Regeneration & Future Condition

Use this Section to describe how Chapter 132 requirements will be met if a non standard system (HG, DL, or OT) was used for the "Type of Cut" in the Cutting Standards Section on page 4.

Stand No.	Source of Regeneration (ex. AD, SE)	How will Regeneration be obtained/protected? If using AD - Describe the species present and how the regeneration will be protected If using SE - Describe the source of the seed and the number of seed trees/acre

Stand No. **Desired Future Condition**  
Describe what the stand is expected to look like five years from the harvest, including the condition of the overstory & understory

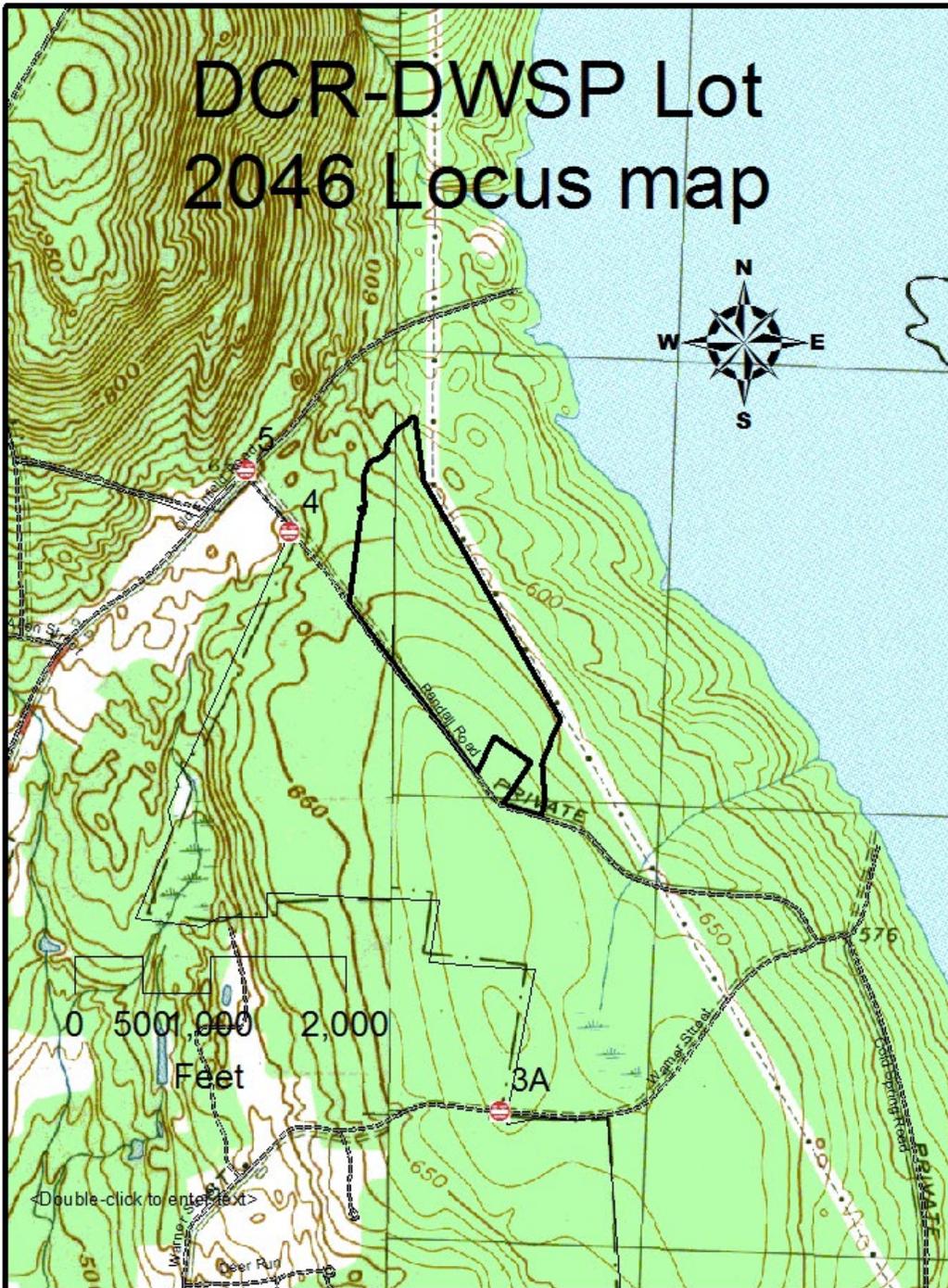
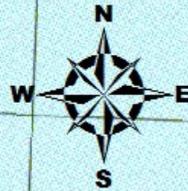
ST-1	Harvest is basically shelterwood, thinning hardwood estbalishment will depend on seedling establishment furture entry will be to release advanced regeneration once established, Still Red Oak dominated stand
ST-2	Mixed species watershed protection forest, released/thinned pine should do well Reentry plans same as ST-1
ST-3	Stand may be managed for Sugar Maple tap lot along with other trees around the old home site here, depending on DCR policy

Notes to Service Forester DCR/DWSP lot 2046, inside gate 4, Early street Belchertown

This is a remark of an old lot marking under different marking guidelines. CUT trees marked in "Orange". All others stay, this would include old red reserves, those blacked out and older faded paint. Lot is planned for cut to length systems Processors as well as hand felling allowed. Forwarder transport to landings required on the lot. Main roads flagged with black and orange strip flagging and orange painted arrows. Material will be decked along gravel road as well as on open landing sites. Locations where forwarder enters on the gravel road will be armored with Corduroy or other appropriate material ditch at road edge restored at end of the job. Eastern boundary of the lot along the power lines, Northern boundary the marked filter strip, Western boundary the gravel road, Southern boundary a woods road.

Goals for management Watershed protection forest, multiage structure as well as diverse species mix.

# DCR-DWSP Lot 2046 Locus map





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# FOREST CUTTING PLAN CERTIFICATE

Post this in a conspicuous place within the area in which the harvesting operation is to take place.

This certifies that DCR-DWSP Ware Road Belchertown in accordance with the  
(Name of Owner) (Address)

provision of M.G.L. Chapter 132, Section 40-46, filed in The Amherst Office with the Dept. of Conservation  
and Recreation, Division of State Parks and Recreation, a Notice of Intent to cut forest products upon the

Plot #4, Early St. lot # 2046, Belchertown

Approval Date 9.9.2014

Director's Agent Douglas Hutcherson

DCR Phone No. (413) 545-7070

(413) 545-5752

ISSUED BY: Priscilla E. Geigis

Priscilla E. Geigis, Director  
Division of State Parks and Recreation

**Figure 2: Pre-Harvest Photographs A & B**

**A.**



Photo point 1 east side of Earley St. on 7/25/16 just before logging started.

**B.**



View from further south along Earley St.