

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L.

Three County Fairground
Northampton, MA

Fair Street

Prepared by:



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Proponent:

Three County Fair Redevelopment Corp.

54 Fair Street
Northampton, MA 01060

ENF Environmental Notification Form

For Office Use Only
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

EOEA No.: _____
 MEPA Analyst: _____
 Phone: 617-626-_____

The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: <i>Three County Fairgrounds</i>		
Street: <i>Fair Street</i>		
Municipality: <i>Northampton</i>	Watershed: <i>Connecticut</i>	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: <i>696001.3463N 4688748.7351W</i>	Latitude: <i>42.32632N</i>	Longitude: <i>-72.62121W</i>
Estimated commencement date: <i>1/1/2010</i>	Estimated completion date: <i>12/2014</i>	
Approximate cost: <i>40 million</i>	Status of project design: <i>25 %complete</i>	
Proponent: <i>Three County Fair Redevelopment Corporation</i>		
Street: <i>54 Fair Street</i>		
Municipality: <i>Northampton</i>	State: <i>MA</i>	Zip: <i>01060</i>
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: <i>Jeff Squire</i>		
Firm/Agency: <i>The Berkshire Design Group</i>	Street: <i>4 Allen Place</i>	
Municipality: <i>Northampton</i>	State: <i>MA</i>	Zip Code: <i>01060</i>
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Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?

Yes No

Has this project been filed with MEPA before?

Yes (EOEA No. _____) No

Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?

Yes (EOEA No. _____) No

Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:

a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) Yes No

a Special Review Procedure? (see 301CMR 11.09) Yes No

a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No

a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres): *Funding from Mass. Cultural Council/MassDevelopment (\$38,000), Dept. of Agricultural Resources (\$50,000) for predevelopment planning*

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?

Yes (Specify _____) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals

Northampton Conservation Commission/DEP Order of Conditions; Northampton Planning Board Site Plan Approval - Special Permit; Northampton Storm Water Permit, EPA NPDES Construction General Permit, Northampton Building Permit.

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACEC | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Permits (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:
Total site acreage	2,221,213.41 sf 50.99 AC			
New acres of land altered		0 AC		
Acres of impervious area	408,047.61 SF 9.37 AC	303,623.67SF 6.97AC	711,671.28 16.34 AC	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0 SF		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0 SF		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
STRUCTURES				<input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Permits (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:
Gross square footage	205,200.13 SF 4.71 AC	49,007.09 SF 1.12 AC	254,307.22 5.84 AC	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	35'	35'	35'	
TRANSPORTATION				<u>Special Permit-Site Plan Review</u> <u>Northampton Stormwater Permit</u> <u>Northampton Building Permit</u>
Vehicle trips per day	1,617	1,617	1,617	
Parking spaces	3,500±	3,500±	3,500±	
WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	450	450	0	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	385	385	0	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0	0	0	

CONSERVATION LAND: Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

- Yes (Specify _____) No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify _____) No

RARE SPECIES: Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify _____) No

HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify: Three County Fairground Grandstand & Judge's Stand) No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify: Both structures are planned to be demolished) No

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify _____) No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (*You may attach one additional page, if necessary.*)

(a) Founded in 1818, the Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin Agricultural Society (Three County Fair Association) is the oldest in the country and the Three County Fair is the oldest continuously running agriculture fair. The 51-acre facility is located on Rt. 9 in Northampton, MA adjacent to Interstate 91, within 15 minutes of the Massachusetts Turnpike, and within ½ mile to Downtown Northampton. Existing facilities include a 38,000 square foot arena building and adjacent barn currently used year round for trade shows, arts & crafts shows, horse shows, and indoor soccer; an 1,800 seat grandstand; a race track; an outdoor show ring; various pavilions and exhibition halls used seasonally for agricultural shows and the Three County Fair; Farm Museum; livestock and horse barns; and the fair office building. The entire fairgrounds property is located within the 100-year flood plain. No other resources areas are present. While the Three County Fairgrounds has served Northampton and the surrounding region well for over a century, a significant number of facility limitations prevent the Fairgrounds from maximizing its event potential and operating revenue. Limitations include: (1) aging, deteriorated condition of buildings, (2) physical and functional characteristics below industry standards for a multi-use facility; (3) lack of a subdividable exhibition building with a concrete floor capable of hosting year-round events; (4) traditional horse racetrack that is no longer used; (5) substandard electrical and heating/cooling systems; (6) inappropriate amenities and mix of facilities for certain larger shows; and (7) site drainage problems; and (8) grandstands do not meet current building code requirements.

In 2008, a consultant team was hired to study the redevelopment and expansion opportunities of the fairgrounds. The redevelopment plan is to convert the Three County Fairgrounds into a year-round multi-use exhibition facility primarily for agricultural and cultural shows. The proposed project involves the complete redevelopment of the site. All but 7 of the more significant and sturdy buildings are planned to be demolished. A total of 5 major new buildings, barns and a covered show ring are proposed to be constructed including a 100,000 square foot exhibition hall. Several new outdoor and indoor rings are proposed as are new grandstands, parking facilities, and restrooms. The proposed site plan represents a renewed Fair Ground facility with the potential to offer a wider variety of events throughout the year.

(b) All of the land currently owned by the Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin Agricultural Society is being utilized for Fairground purposes. Considering location, supporting and existing infrastructure, land and resource impacts and future opportunities, no other sites were considered for development of a

fairground facility. Despite the deteriorated condition of the many structures and on-site utilities, supporting infrastructure is presently available to the site making this location the obvious choice for redevelopment. Redeveloping the many underutilized areas and buildings within the context of the existing site minimizes overall impacts to this and adjacent sites by utilizing existing infrastructure, coordinating plans with future municipal improvements, restoring historical drainage patterns and increases the available flood storage volume.

(c) Aside from some general updates, supporting site utilities (sanitary sewer, water, electric) are available to the site and are of sufficient capacity to accommodate the proposed improvements. The majority of storm water drainage from the site currently flows into an undersized municipal drain line via two existing detention ponds which offer limited storage volumes during large storms thereby flooding the site and adjacent sites. The proposed improvements remove the flows entering the municipal drain line entirely and will redirect drainage to the historic drainage swale that abuts the site to the southeast. All existing structurally sound buildings will be preserved and reused under the current proposal. This project is coordinating with City plans to improve adjacent roadways and intersections which will support the redevelopment of this site and are integral to this project. The potential for additional off-site impacts will be reduced as well by providing for additional on-site parking availability, renovating the existing stormwater drainage system to comply with DEP Stormwater Standards & Regulations and increasing the overall flood storage volumes on-site.

LAND SECTION – all proponents must fill out this section

I. Thresholds / Permits

- A. Does the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to **land** (see 301 CMR 11.03(1))
Yes No; if yes, specify each threshold:
1. Direct alteration of 25 or more acres of land
2. Creation of five or more acres of impervious area

II. Impacts and Permits

- A. Describe, in acres, the current and proposed character of the project site, as follows:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Footprint of buildings	<u>4.64 AC</u>	<u>3.46 AC</u>	<u>8.11 AC</u>
Roadways, parking, and other paved areas	<u>1.67</u>	<u>7.28</u>	<u>8.95</u>
Other altered areas (describe)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Undeveloped areas	<u>10.12</u>	<u>-7.45</u>	<u>2.67</u>

- B. Has any part of the project site been in active agricultural use in the last three years?
 Yes No; if yes, how many acres of land in agricultural use (with agricultural soils) will be converted to nonagricultural use?

- C. Is any part of the project site currently or proposed to be in active forestry use?
 Yes No; if yes, please describe current and proposed forestry activities and indicate whether any part of the site is the subject of a DEM-approved forest management plan:

- D. Does any part of the project involve conversion of land held for natural resources purposes in accordance with Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97? Yes No; if yes, describe:

- E. Is any part of the project site currently subject to a conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction or watershed preservation restriction? Yes No; if yes, does the project involve the release or modification of such restriction? Yes No; if yes, describe: *There is a current agricultural restriction on the property for 10 years under the grant received from Dept. of Agricultural Resources. Copy attached.*

- F. Does the project require approval of a new urban redevelopment project or a fundamental change in an existing urban redevelopment project under M.G.L.c.121A? Yes No; if yes, describe:

- G. Does the project require approval of a new urban renewal plan or a major modification of an existing urban renewal plan under M.G.L.c.121B? Yes No ; if yes, describe:

- H. Describe the project's stormwater impacts and, if applicable, measures that the project will take to comply with the standards found in DEP's Stormwater Management Policy: *A majority of the existing site drains largely untreated stormwater to one of two detention ponds. Water from one pond is pumped to the other before being released by gravity into an existing undersized municipal 24" drain line along the west side of the site. The proposed improvements include relocating one of the existing detention ponds to be adjacent to a historical drainage ditch in the southeast corner of the site. All proposed stormwater flows will be collected by linear vegetated drainage swales where water will infiltrate to an extensive subsurface detention system. Overflows from the subsurface system will pass through stormwater treatment chambers before being collected in the relocated detention pond in the southeast corner of the site then released to the drainage swale. All proposed improvements will comply with DEP's Stormwater Management Policy.*

- I. Is the project site currently being regulated under M.G.L.c.21E or the Massachusetts Contingency Plan? Yes No ; if yes, what is the Release Tracking Number (RTN)?

J. If the project is site is within the Chicopee or Nashua watershed, is it within the Quabbin, Ware, or Wachusett subwatershed? ___ Yes No; if yes, is the project site subject to regulation under the Watershed Protection Act? ___ Yes No

K. Describe the project's other impacts on land: *n/a*

III.. Consistency

A. Identify the current municipal comprehensive land use plan and the open space plan and describe the consistency of the project and its impacts with that plan(s):

The proposed use is consistent with the City's current zoning for the parcel(s), and the fairground use is consistent with current and proposed zoning and municipal planning. The Special Conservancy zone has been reserved for special uses such as this. Project is also consistent with Meadows Plan and with Sustainable Northampton Comprehensive Plan.

B. Identify the current Regional Policy Plan of the applicable Regional Planning Agency and describe the consistency of the project and its impacts with that plan:

"Valley Vision 2" is the draft regional land use plan prepared by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (1/26/2006). As shown on the Valley Vision Community Map, the site is identified as "Existing Developed Land" and is located between a dense urban core to the east and lands suitable for farmland or open space protection. As a result, this site plays a critical role by maintaining the agricultural character of the historic fairground proximate to a large population of people.

C. Will the project require any approvals under the local zoning by-law or ordinance (i.e. text or map amendment, special permit, or variance)? Yes No ___; if yes, describe:

Site Plan Review- Special Permit

D. Will the project require local site plan or project impact review?

Yes ___ No; if yes, describe:

Project will require Special Permit/Site Plan approval from the Planning Board and an Order of Conditions from the Northampton Conservation Commission.

RARE SPECIES SECTION

I. Thresholds / Permits

A. Will the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to **rare species or habitat** (see 301 CMR 11.03(2))? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify, in quantitative terms:

B. Does the project require any state permits related to **rare species or habitat**? ___ Yes No

C. If you answered "No" to both questions A and B, proceed to the **Wetlands, Waterways, and Tidelands Section**. If you answered "Yes" to either question A or question B, fill out the remainder of the Rare Species section below.

II. Impacts and Permits

A. Does the project site fall within Priority or Estimated Habitat in the current Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas (attach relevant page)? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes,

1. Which rare species are known to occur within the Priority or Estimated Habitat (contact: Environmental Review, Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, Route 135, Westborough, MA 01581, allowing 30 days for receipt of information):

2. Have you surveyed the site for rare species? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, please include the results of your survey.

3. If your project is within Estimated Habitat, have you filed a Notice of Intent or received an Order of Conditions for this project? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, did you send a copy of the Notice of Intent to the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, in accordance

with the Wetlands Protection Act regulations? ___ Yes ___ No

B. Will the project "take" an endangered, threatened, and/or species of special concern in accordance with M.G.L. c.131A (see also 321 CMR 10.04)? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, describe:

C. Will the project alter "significant habitat" as designated by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in accordance with M.G.L. c.131A (see also 321 CMR 10.30)? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, describe:

D. Describe the project's other impacts on rare species including indirect impacts (for example, stormwater runoff into a wetland known to contain rare species or lighting impacts on rare moth habitat):

WETLANDS, WATERWAYS, AND TIDELANDS SECTION

I. Thresholds / Permits

A. Will the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to **wetlands, waterways, and tidelands** (see 301 CMR 11.03(3))? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify, in quantitative terms:

B. Does the project require any state permits (or a local Order of Conditions) related to **wetlands, waterways, or tidelands**? Yes ___ No; if yes, specify which permit: *Order of Conditions*

C. If you answered "No" to both questions A and B, proceed to the **Water Supply Section**. If you answered "Yes" to either question A or question B, fill out the remainder of the Wetlands, Waterways, and Tidelands Section below.

II. Wetlands Impacts and Permits

A. Describe any wetland resource areas currently existing on the project site and indicate them on the site plan: *The entire site is within the 100-year Flood Plain.*

B. Estimate the extent and type of impact that the project will have on wetland resources, and indicate whether the impacts are temporary or permanent:

<u>Coastal Wetlands</u>	<u>Area (in square feet) or Length (in linear feet)</u>
Land Under the Ocean	0
Designated Port Areas	0
Coastal Beaches	0
Coastal Dunes	0
Barrier Beaches	0
Coastal Banks	0
Rocky Intertidal Shores	0
Salt Marshes	0
Land Under Salt Ponds	0
Land Containing Shellfish	0
Fish Runs	0
Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage	0
 <u>Inland Wetlands</u>	
Bank	0
Bordering Vegetated Wetlands	0
Land under Water	0
Isolated Land Subject to Flooding	0
Bordering Land Subject to Flooding	2,135,440
Riverfront Area	0

- C. Is any part of the project
1. a limited project? Yes No
 2. the construction or alteration of a dam? Yes No; if yes, describe:
 3. fill or structure in a velocity zone or regulatory floodway? Yes No
 4. dredging or disposal of dredged material? Yes No; if yes, describe the volume of dredged material and the proposed disposal site:
 5. a discharge to Outstanding Resource Waters? Yes No
 6. subject to a wetlands restriction order? Yes No; if yes, identify the area (in square feet):

D. Does the project require a new or amended Order of Conditions under the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c.131A)? Yes No; if yes, has a Notice of Intent been filed or a local Order of Conditions issued? Yes No; if yes, list the date and DEP file number: 10/14/2009_no file #. Was the Order of Conditions appealed? Yes No. Will the project require a variance from the Wetlands regulations? Yes No.

- E. Will the project:
1. be subject to a local wetlands ordinance or bylaw? Yes No
 2. alter any federally-protected wetlands not regulated under state or local law? Yes No; if yes, what is the area (in s.f.)?

F. Describe the project's other impacts on wetlands (including new shading of wetland areas or removal of tree canopy from forested wetlands): *No other impacts are anticipated.*

III. Waterways and Tidelands Impacts and Permits

A. Is any part of the project site waterways or tidelands (including filled former tidelands) that are subject to the Waterways Act, M.G.L.c.91? Yes No; if yes, is there a current Chapter 91 license or permit affecting the project site? Yes No; if yes, list the date and number:

B. Does the project require a new or modified license under M.G.L.c.91? Yes No; if yes, how many acres of the project site subject to M.G.L.c.91 will be for non-water dependent use?

Current Change Total

- C. Is any part of the project
1. a roadway, bridge, or utility line to or on a barrier beach? Yes No; if yes, describe:
 2. dredging or disposal of dredged material? Yes No; if yes, volume of dredged material _____
 3. a solid fill, pile-supported, or bottom-anchored structure in flowed tidelands or other waterways? Yes No; if yes, what is the base area? _____
 4. within a Designated Port Area? Yes No

D. Describe the project's other impacts on waterways and tidelands: *n/a*

IV. Consistency:

A. Is the project located within the Coastal Zone? Yes No; if yes, describe the project's consistency with policies of the Office of Coastal Zone Management:

B. Is the project located within an area subject to a Municipal Harbor Plan? Yes No; if yes, identify the Municipal Harbor Plan and describe the project's consistency with that plan:

WATER SUPPLY SECTION

I. Thresholds / Permits

A. Will the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to **water supply** (see 301 CMR 11.03(4))? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify, in quantitative terms:

B. Does the project require any state permits related to **water supply**? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify which permit:

C. If you answered "No" to both questions A and B, proceed to the **Wastewater Section**. If you answered "Yes" to either question A or question B, fill out the remainder of the Water Supply Section below.

II. Impacts and Permits

A. Describe, in gallons/day, the volume and source of water use for existing and proposed activities at the project site:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Withdrawal from groundwater	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u> </u>
Withdrawal from surface water	<u>0</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Interbasin transfer	<u>0</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Municipal or regional water supply	<u>0</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

B. If the source is a municipal or regional supply, has the municipality or region indicated that there is adequate capacity in the system to accommodate the project? ___ Yes ___ No

C. If the project involves a new or expanded withdrawal from a groundwater or surface water source,

1. have you submitted a permit application? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, attach the application
2. have you conducted a pump test? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, attach the pump test report

D. What is the currently permitted withdrawal at the proposed water supply source (in gallons/day)? Will the project require an increase in that withdrawal? ___ Yes ___ No

E. Does the project site currently contain a water supply well, a drinking water treatment facility, water main, or other water supply facility, or will the project involve construction of a new facility? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, describe existing and proposed water supply facilities at the project site:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Water supply well(s) (capacity, in gpd)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Drinking water treatment plant (capacity, in gpd)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Water mains (length, in miles)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

F. If the project involves any interbasin transfer of water, which basins are involved, what is the direction of the transfer, and is the interbasin transfer existing or proposed?

G. Does the project involve

1. new water service by a state agency to a municipality or water district? ___ Yes ___ No
2. a Watershed Protection Act variance? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, how many acres of alteration?
3. a non-bridged stream crossing 1,000 or less feet upstream of a public surface drinking water supply for purpose of forest harvesting activities? ___ Yes ___ No

H. Describe the project's other impacts (including indirect impacts) on water resources, quality, facilities and services:

III. Consistency -- Describe the project's consistency with water conservation plans or other plans to enhance water resources, quality, facilities and services:

WASTEWATER SECTION

I. Thresholds / Permits

A. Will the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to **wastewater** (see 301 CMR 11.03(5))? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, specify, in quantitative terms:

B. Does the project require any state permits related to **wastewater**? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, specify which permit:

C. If you answered "No" to both questions A and B, proceed to the **Transportation -- Traffic Generation Section**. If you answered "Yes" to either question A or question B, fill out the remainder of the Wastewater Section below.

II. Impacts and Permits

A. Describe, in gallons/day, the volume and disposal of wastewater generation for existing and proposed activities at the project site (calculate according to 310 CMR 15.00):

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Discharge to groundwater (Title 5)	_____	_____	_____
Discharge to groundwater (non-Title 5)	_____	_____	_____
Discharge to outstanding resource water	_____	_____	_____
Discharge to surface water	_____	_____	_____
Municipal or regional wastewater facility	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____	_____

B. Is there sufficient capacity in the existing collection system to accommodate the project? ___ Yes ___ No; if no, describe where capacity will be found:

C. Is there sufficient existing capacity at the proposed wastewater disposal facility? ___ Yes ___ No; if no, describe how capacity will be increased:

D. Does the project site currently contain a wastewater treatment facility, sewer main, or other wastewater disposal facility, or will the project involve construction of a new facility? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, describe as follows:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wastewater treatment plant (capacity, in gpd)	_____	_____	_____
Sewer mains (length, in miles)	_____	_____	_____
Title 5 systems (capacity, in gpd)	_____	_____	_____

E. If the project involves any interbasin transfer of wastewater, which basins are involved, what is the direction of the transfer, and is the interbasin transfer existing or proposed?

F. Does the project involve new sewer service by an Agency of the Commonwealth to a municipality or sewer district? ___ Yes ___ No

G. Is there any current or proposed facility at the project site for the storage, treatment, processing, combustion or disposal of sewage sludge, sludge ash, grit, screenings, or other sewage residual materials? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, what is the capacity (in tons per day):

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Storage	_____	_____	_____
Treatment, processing	_____	_____	_____
Combustion	_____	_____	_____

Disposal _____

H. Describe the project's other impacts (including indirect impacts) on wastewater generation and treatment facilities:

III. Consistency -- Describe measures that the proponent will take to comply with federal, state, regional, and local plans and policies related to wastewater management:

A. If the project requires a sewer extension permit, is that extension included in a comprehensive wastewater management plan? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, indicate the EOEA number for the plan and describe the relationship of the project to the plan

TRANSPORTATION -- TRAFFIC GENERATION SECTION

I. Thresholds / Permits

A. Will the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to **traffic generation** (see 301 CMR 11.03(6))? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify, in quantitative terms:

B. Does the project require any state permits related to **state-controlled roadways**? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify which permit:

C. If you answered "No" to both questions A and B, proceed to the **Roadways and Other Transportation Facilities Section**. If you answered "Yes" to either question A or question B, fill out the remainder of the Traffic Generation Section below.

II. Traffic Impacts and Permits

A. Describe existing and proposed vehicular traffic generated by activities at the project site:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of parking spaces	_____	_____	_____
Number of vehicle trips per day	_____	_____	_____
ITE Land Use Code(s):			

B. What is the estimated average daily traffic on roadways serving the site?

	<u>Roadway</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

C. Describe how the project will affect transit, pedestrian and bicycle transportation facilities and services:

III. Consistency -- Describe measures that the proponent will take to comply with municipal, regional, state, and federal plans and policies related to traffic, transit, pedestrian and bicycle transportation facilities and services:

ROADWAYS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES SECTION

I. Thresholds

A. Will the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to **roadways or other transportation facilities** (see 301 CMR 11.03(6))? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify, in quantitative terms:

B. Does the project require any state permits related to **roadways or other transportation**

facilities? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify which permit:

C. If you answered "No" to both questions A and B, proceed to the **Energy Section**. If you answered "Yes" to either question A or question B, fill out the remainder of the Roadways Section below.

II. Transportation Facility Impacts

A. Describe existing and proposed transportation facilities at the project site:

	Existing	Change	Total
Length (in linear feet) of new or widened roadway	_____	_____	_____
Width (in feet) of new or widened roadway	_____	_____	_____

Other transportation facilities:

B. Will the project involve any

1. Alteration of bank or terrain (in linear feet)? _____
2. Cutting of living public shade trees (number)? _____
3. Elimination of stone wall (in linear feet)? _____

III. Consistency -- Describe the project's consistency with other federal, state, regional, and local plans and policies related to traffic, transit, pedestrian and bicycle transportation facilities and services, including consistency with the applicable regional transportation plan and the Transportation Improvements Plan (TIP), the State Bicycle Plan, and the State Pedestrian Plan:

ENERGY SECTION

I. Thresholds / Permits

A. Will the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to **energy** (see 301 CMR 11.03(7))? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify, in quantitative terms:

B. Does the project require any state permits related to **energy**? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify which permit:

C. If you answered "No" to both questions A and B, proceed to the **Air Quality Section**. If you answered "Yes" to either question A or question B, fill out the remainder of the Energy Section below.

II. Impacts and Permits

A. Describe existing and proposed energy generation and transmission facilities at the project site:

	Existing	Change	Total
Capacity of electric generating facility (megawatts)	_____	_____	_____
Length of fuel line (in miles)	_____	_____	_____
Length of transmission lines (in miles)	_____	_____	_____
Capacity of transmission lines (in kilovolts)	_____	_____	_____

B. If the project involves construction or expansion of an electric generating facility, what are

1. the facility's current and proposed fuel source(s)?
2. the facility's current and proposed cooling source(s)?

C. If the project involves construction of an electrical transmission line, will it be located on a new, unused, or abandoned right of way? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, please describe:

D. Describe the project's other impacts on energy facilities and services:

III. Consistency -- Describe the project's consistency with state, municipal, regional, and federal plans and policies for enhancing energy facilities and services:

AIR QUALITY SECTION

I. Thresholds

A. Will the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to **air quality** (see 301 CMR 11.03(8))? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify, in quantitative terms:

B. Does the project require any state permits related to **air quality**? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify which permit:

C. If you answered "No" to both questions A and B, proceed to the **Solid and Hazardous Waste Section**. If you answered "Yes" to either question A or question B, fill out the remainder of the Air Quality Section below.

II. Impacts and Permits

A. Does the project involve construction or modification of a major stationary source (see 310 CMR 7.00, Appendix A)? ___ Yes ___ No; if yes, describe existing and proposed emissions (in tons per day) of:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Particulate matter	_____	_____	_____
Carbon monoxide	_____	_____	_____
Sulfur dioxide	_____	_____	_____
Volatile organic compounds	_____	_____	_____
Oxides of nitrogen	_____	_____	_____
Lead	_____	_____	_____
Any hazardous air pollutant	_____	_____	_____
Carbon dioxide	_____	_____	_____

B. Describe the project's other impacts on air resources and air quality, including noise impacts:

III. Consistency

A. Describe the project's consistency with the State Implementation Plan:

B. Describe measures that the proponent will take to comply with other federal, state, regional, and local plans and policies related to air resources and air quality:

SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE SECTION

I. Thresholds / Permits

A. Will the project meet or exceed any review thresholds related to **solid or hazardous waste** (see 301 CMR 11.03(9))? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify, in quantitative terms:

B. Does the project require any state permits related to **solid and hazardous waste**? ___ Yes No; if yes, specify which permit:

C. If you answered "No" to both questions A and B, proceed to the **Historical and Archaeological Resources Section**. If you answered "Yes" to either question A or question B, fill out the remainder of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Section below.

II. Impacts and Permits

A. Is there any current or proposed facility at the project site for the storage, treatment, processing, combustion or disposal of solid waste? Yes No; if yes, what is the volume (in tons per day) of the capacity:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Storage	_____	_____	_____
Treatment, processing	_____	_____	_____
Combustion	_____	_____	_____
Disposal	_____	_____	_____

B. Is there any current or proposed facility at the project site for the storage, recycling, treatment or disposal of hazardous waste? Yes No; if yes, what is the volume (in tons or gallons per day) of the capacity:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Total</u>
Storage	_____	_____	_____
Recycling	_____	_____	_____
Treatment	_____	_____	_____
Disposal	_____	_____	_____

C. If the project will generate solid waste (for example, during demolition or construction), describe alternatives considered for re-use, recycling, and disposal:

D. If the project involves demolition, do any buildings to be demolished contain asbestos?
 Yes No

E. Describe the project's other solid and hazardous waste impacts (including indirect impacts):

III. Consistency--Describe measures that the proponent will take to comply with the State Solid Waste Master Plan:

HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES SECTION

I. Thresholds / Impacts

A. Is any part of the project site a historic structure, or a structure within a historic district, in either case listed in the State Register of Historic Places or the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth? Yes No; if yes, does the project involve the demolition of all or any exterior part of such historic structure? Yes No; if yes, please describe: *Grandstands and judges stand are currently listed on historic register. Both structures do not comply with the current Massachusetts Building Code and are slated to be removed and replaced.*

B. Is any part of the project site an archaeological site listed in the State Register of Historic Places or the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth? Yes No; if yes, does the project involve the destruction of all or any part of such archaeological site? Yes No; if yes, please describe:

C. If you answered "No" to all parts of both questions A and B, proceed to the **Attachments and Certifications** Sections. If you answered "Yes" to any part of either question A or question B, fill out the remainder of the Historical and Archaeological Resources Section below.

D. Have you consulted with the Massachusetts Historical Commission? Yes No; if yes, attach correspondence *Phone conversation on approximately September 9, 2009. No additional details were provided.*

E. Describe and assess the project's other impacts, direct and indirect, on listed or inventoried historical and archaeological resources: *No other impacts are anticipated.*

II. Consistency -- Describe measures that the proponent will take to comply with federal, state, regional, and local plans and policies related to preserving historical and archaeological resources: *The project will adhere to all plans pertaining to the preservation of resources considered historic.*

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Plan, at an appropriate scale, of existing conditions of the project site and its immediate context, showing all known structures, roadways and parking lots, rail rights-of-way, wetlands and water bodies, wooded areas, farmland, steep slopes, public open spaces, and major utilities.
2. Plan of proposed conditions upon completion of project (if construction of the project is proposed to be phased, there should be a site plan showing conditions upon the completion of each phase).
3. **Original** U.S.G.S. map or good quality **color** copy (8-½ x 11 inches or larger) indicating the project location and boundaries
4. List of all agencies and persons to whom the proponent circulated the ENF, in accordance with 301 CMR 11.16(2).
5. Other:
 - A) *2008 Master Plan*
 - B) *Aerial Image*

CERTIFICATIONS:

1. The Public Notice of Environmental Review has been/will be published in the following newspapers in accordance with 301 CMR 11.15(1):

(Name)

The Republican

(Date)

11/5/09

2. This form has been circulated to Agencies and Persons in accordance with 301 CMR 11.16(2).

Date

Date

Signature of Responsible Officer or Proponent

Signature of person preparing
ENF (if different from above)

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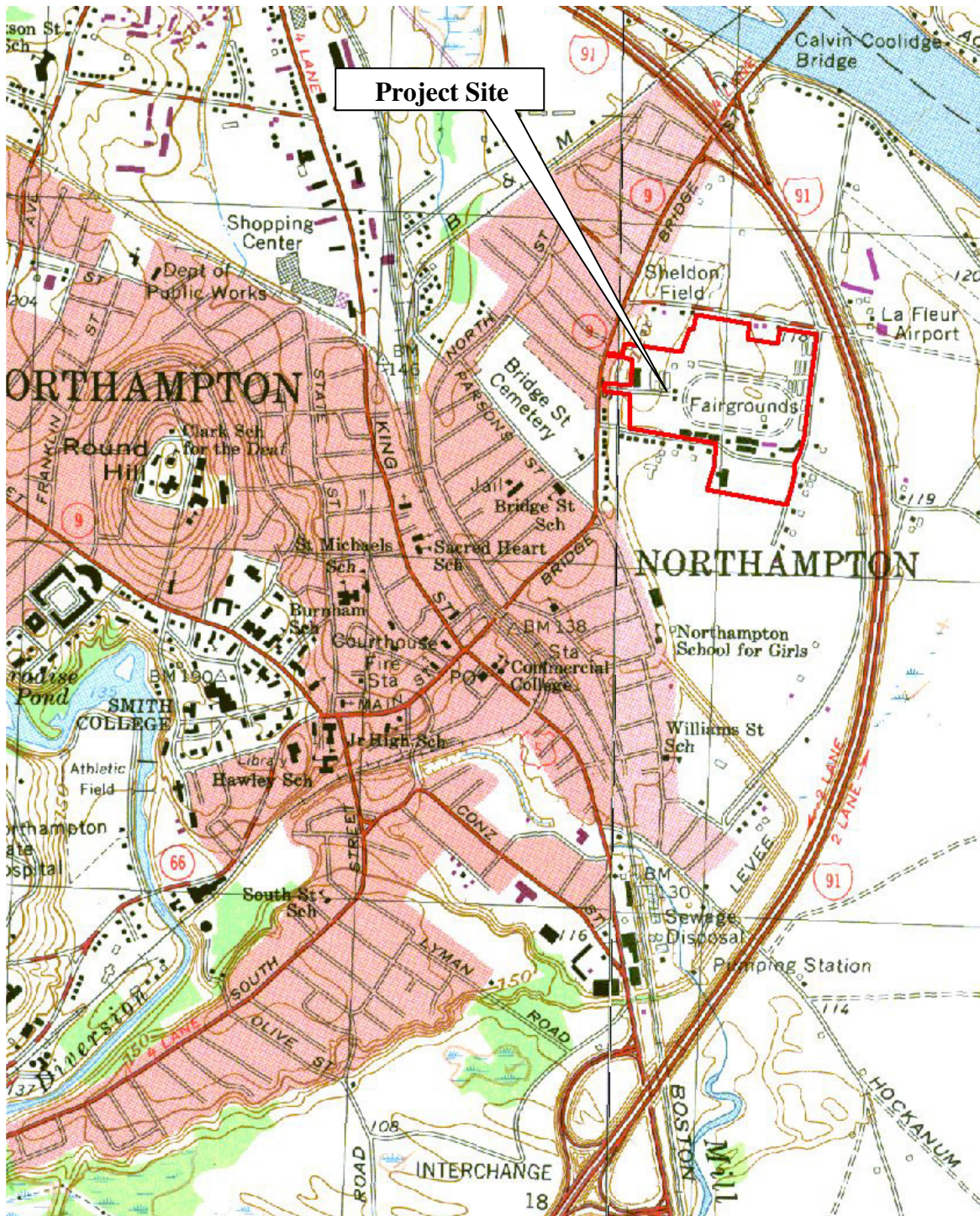
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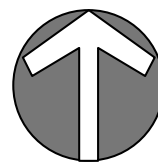


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One Winter Street
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Attn: MEPA Coordinator
State House West - 4th floor
436 Dwight Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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811 North King Street
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Department of Agricultural Resources

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16 West Experiment Station
University of Massachusetts
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Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

26 Central Street
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Massachusetts Historical Commission

The MA Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125

Northampton City Council

City Hall Room 18
210 Main Street
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Northampton Planning Board

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212 Main Street
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Three County Fairground **LOCATION:** Fair Street , Northampton, MA **PROPONENT:** Three County Fair Redevelopment Corp. The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or before: *November 5, 2009*. This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61, 62 62H). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: *The Berkshire Design Group, Inc., 4 Allen Place, Northampton, Massachusetts 01060 413/ 582-7000 (T) 413/ 582-7005 (F)*. Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of *Northampton* where they may be inspected. The Secretary of Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project. By *The Three County Fairground*



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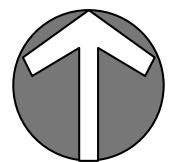
Exhibit A

Master Plan

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Exhibit B

Aerial Image

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