

May 31, 2022

Franklin Conservation Commission  
Municipal Building  
355 E. Central Street  
Franklin, MA 02038

**RE: Town of Franklin RDA Submittal  
Vegetation Management Plan**

The Town of Franklin Department of Public Works is pleased to submit the following Record for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for the attached Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for Right-of-Way (ROW) management.

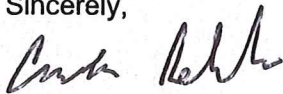
This VMP is intended to establish criteria for the Town of Franklin to control vegetation along municipal ROW's in compliance with the ROW Management Regulations (333 CMR 11.00) as promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR). As required by these regulations, a negative RDA determination is sought for this 5-year plan per 310 CMR 10.03(6)(b).

This VMP, currently being approved by MDAR, summarizes the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods to minimize the use of herbicides. When determined to be necessary, the use of a pre and/or post-emergent herbicide will be used for the control of public nuisance vegetation species such as Poison Ivy, hazard, noxious, detrimental and/or invasive species that cannot be safely and efficiently controlled through physical and/or mechanical methods.

Although only the 5-year VMP requires a negative RDA determination, the Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) has also been included with the submittal for informational purposes only. The YOP is a yearly plan that requires MDAR approval on an annual basis.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require any additional information at (508) 553-5554.

Sincerely,



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Town of Franklin DPW  
Highway & Grounds Superintendent

Enclosures

CC: MassDEP – Central Regional Office