

Town of Franklin



Conservation Commission

**147 Pond Street, Map 259 Lot 4
Franklin, Massachusetts
Order of Resource Area Delineation
Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act & Regulations
Town of Franklin Wetlands Protection Bylaw & Regulations
DEP File #159-1277**

List of Submittals for the Record:

- “Topographic Plan of Land”, “52033 Tri County School Franklin TOPO 2024-3-18-30x42 ECP” Pages T-1 to T-6 “, Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School, 147 Pond Street, Franklin, MA prepared for Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School (147 Pond Street, Franklin, MA 02038) by Samiotes Consultants Inc. (20 A Street, Framingham, MA 01701) stamped by Daniel F. Fleming No. 55476, revision date March 18, 2024 “Wetland Update” with a scale of 1” = 100’
- Peer review letters from BETA Group, Inc. dated October 13, 2023, December 7, 2023, and March 19, 2024
- Peer review response letters from Samiotes Consultants Inc. dated November 21, 2023 and March 1, 2024
- Wetland Report Update from Environmental Consulting & Restoration, LLC dated March 4, 2024
- Supplemental historic stormwater documentation “Preliminary & Final Site Plan Drawings for Ground Mounted +/- MW (DC), 1.0 MW (AC) Photovoltaic System Sun Edison Project #MA-12-0172” prepared for Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School (147 Pond Street, Franklin, MA 02038) by Whitman (7 Pleasant Hill Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512) stamped by John W. Colagrande No. 48784, revision date March 12, 2014 “Final Submission” with a scale of 1”=150’
- Supplemental historic stormwater documentation “Stormwater Engineering Report” prepared for Whitman (7 Pleasant Hill Road, Cranbury, New Jersey, 08512) by Strong Civil Design (53 Peach Street, Braintree, MA 02184) and SLB Group, LLC (14 Thompson Court, Stoughton, MA 02072) dated March 3, 2014
- Supplemental historic stormwater documentation “Town of Franklin – Site Observation Report” prepared by BETA Group, Inc. for “Applicant’s request for acceptance of Form H – Certificate of Completion” dated June 17, 2015

Wetland Resource Areas:

Resource Areas under M.G.L. 131, S 40, 310 CMR 10.00 and covered under the Franklin Wetlands Protection Bylaw Chapter 181 and associated Regulations. **This ORAD approves the delineation of the Resource Areas series flag as drafted on revised plan dated March 18, 2024 incorporating revisions reflecting BETA Group, Inc. peer review comments from peer review comments from letter dated October 13, 2023, December 7, 2023, and March 19, 2024.**

Findings:

- 1) Bordering Vegetated Wetland flags A1 to A30
- 2) Bordering Vegetated Wetland flags B1 to B40
- 3) Bordering Vegetated Wetland flags C1, C1-1R, C2R, and C3 to C12
- 4) Bordering Vegetated Wetland flags F1 to F25
- 5) Isolated Vegetated Wetland flags G1 to G13
 - a. A Vernal Pool study was not conducted as part of the ANRAD process; therefore the G-Series IVW status as a Vernal Pool cannot be confirmed. A Vernal Pool study should be conducted during the Vernal Pool breeding season upon issuance of any subsequent Order of Conditions. The Vernal Pool should be certified if Vernal Pool indicators are met.
- 6) Isolated Vegetated Wetland flags 200 to 219
- 7) Isolated Vegetated Wetland flags SW1 to SW6, SW100 to SW105, and BA1 to BA9
 - a. Upon review of this Isolated Vegetation Wetland, several Vernal Pool indicators were noted, however a Vernal Pool study was not conducted as part of the ANRAD process; therefore the SW/B-Series IVW status as a Vernal Pool cannot be confirmed. A Vernal Pool study should be conducted during the Vernal Pool breeding season upon issuance of any subsequent Order of Conditions. The Vernal Pool should be certified if Vernal Pool indicators are met.

Modified Delineation:

- 1) The Applicant confirmed that they are not seeking approval of BVW flags E1 to E9, therefore BVW flags E1 to E9 are not confirmed under this ORAD. The associated Buffer Zones from the E-Series BVW are approximated.
- 2) Various Isolated Vegetated Wetlands located underneath the existing solar panels (survey located only) were confirmed not jurisdictional under this ORAD.