

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED
ACTIVITY NEAR A WETLAND

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, & Individuals

This is to give notice that Rockingham County (the County) has determined that the following proposed action for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), is located in close proximity and within a wetland and the County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the wetland, and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Protection of Wetlands. The project is known as Rock Rimmon Water System Upgrades and includes replacement of stream crossing culverts with a 10' x 20' closed bottom concrete box culvert with stream bed simulation, installation of a new water main, renovation of a wellhouse, creation of a water treatment system discharge infiltration pond, installation of a new propane powered backup generator and new utility lines to re-connect an existing water supply well, and upgrading the existing distribution system, including a directionally drilled water distribution pipe under the Powwow River. The proposed project will disturb approximately 66,400 square feet of land that has mostly been previously disturbed, and approximately 260 feet of which are temporary and permanent wetland impacts. The property is located at 112 Long Pond Road in Danville, New Hampshire.

Many natural and cultural resources, including fertile soils, endangered species and archaeological resources can be found in wetlands, making wetlands sensitive to disruption. In addition, wetlands as a natural system can be important during flood conditions, in respect to natural moderation of floods and preservation of water quality, therefore sensitivity of the wetland must be considered during the development.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Thomas Tombarello, Chair, Rockingham County Board of Commissioners, 119 North Road, Brentwood, NH 03833 on or before November 14, 2021. A full description of the project may be provided via email at todd@srwnh.com or at donnalanebdb@roadrunner.com.

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