



February 1, 2017

Wellesley Wetlands Protection Committee
Natural Resource Commission Office
Wellesley Town Hall
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Wellesley, MA 02482

33 Waldo Street
Worcester, MA 01608

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**Re: Request for Determination of Applicability
Tree Removal Project
Wellesley Country Club
300 Wellesley Avenue**

Dear Wetlands Protection Committee Members:

On behalf of Wellesley Country Club, BSC Group Inc. (BSC), is submitting this Request for a Determination of Applicability for the removal of approximately 70 trees on the golf course. In some cases, these trees have become overgrown and are interfering with the maintenance of healthy turf. In other areas the trees have died or are in serious decline and the Club wants to remove them for safety reasons. The project will have minimal impact on the buffer zone and no impact on wetlands. The number, locations, and speciation of the trees are enumerated in the RDA filing documents.

Enclosed are one (1) original and five (5) copies of the Request for a Determination of Applicability (Form 1) and accompanying figures. Also enclosed is a check made payable to the Town of Wellesley in the amount of \$100.00 for the bylaw filing fee.

On behalf of the Wellesley Country Club we request that this RDA be heard at your February 16th meeting and that the Wetland Protection Committee issue a Negative (#2 and #3) Determination allowing the project to proceed. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 617-896-4519 should you have any questions and/or comments pertaining to the information contained herein or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Toohill, PWS CE
Sr. Environmental Scientist

Cc: Martin Ryan – General Manager, Wellesley Country Club
Bill Sansone – Director of Golf Operations, Wellesley Country Club

Engineers

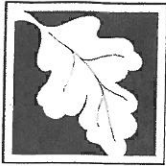
Environmental
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WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

A. General Information

Important:

When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



1. Applicant:

Wellesley Country Club; attn: Martin Ryan, GM

marty@wellesleycc.com

Name

E-Mail Address

300 Wellesley Avenue

Mailing Address

Wellesley

MA

02481

City/Town

State

Zip Code

(781) 235-7333 x202

(781) 235-9908

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

2. Representative (if any):

BSC Group Inc.

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Michael Toohill, PWS, CE

mttoohill@bscgroup.com

Contact Name

E-Mail Address

33 Waldo Street

Mailing Address

Worcester

MA

01608

City/Town

State

Zip Code

617-896-4519

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

B. Determinations

1. I request the Wellesley make the following determination(s). Check any that apply:
Conservation Commission

- ☐ a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
- ☐ b. whether the **boundaries** of resource area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below are accurately delineated.
- ☒ c. whether the **work** depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.
- ☒ d. whether the area and/or work depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands ordinance** or **bylaw** of:

Wellesley

Name of Municipality

- ☐ e. whether the following **scope of alternatives** is adequate for work in the Riverfront Area as depicted on referenced plan(s).



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C. Project Description

1. a. Project Location (use maps and plans to identify the location of the area subject to this request):

Multiple areas of the golf course (off Wellesley
Avenue)
32
Assessors Map/Plat Number

Wellesley
City/Town
2A
Parcel/Lot Number

- b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessary):

Adjacent to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 12th, 13th, and 14th greens; along the 3rd, 4th, 13th, 14th, and 16th fairways. All of the trees are on the landscaped parts of the golf course with the exception of several black locust trees near Brookside Road and several dead ash trees near Forest Street.

- c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s):

Fig. 1 Project Location Map--USGS

Title

1/25/17

Date

Fig. 2 Proposed Tree Removals and Resource Areas 1--Aerial

Title

1/31/17

Date

Fig. 3 Proposed Tree Removals and Resource Areas 2--Aerial

Title

1/31/17

Date

2. a. Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of work, if necessary):

The Wellesley Country Club proposes to remove approximately 72 trees (18 black locust, 4 green ash, 34 red maples, 4 white oaks, 5 white pines, 1 cork willow, and 1 yew) on the golf course. The trees are blocking the sun and wind in these areas causing diseases of the turf or are dead/in decline and are safety hazards.



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C. Project Description (cont.)

b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

The proposed tree work and the proximity to Resource Areas and Buffer Zones is detailed in Table 1. Tree removal will be by "lop and drop" with all branches and trunks removed from the site and disposed of properly by a landscape contractor. Tree removal will not result in significant ground disturbance (as the stump and root ball will remain) and will not impact adjacent resource areas.

3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.

☐ Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96

☐ Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96

☐ Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96

☒ Project, other than a single family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96

☐ New agriculture or aquaculture project

☐ Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96

☐ Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision

☐ Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project

☐ Municipal project

☐ District, county, state, or federal government project

☐ Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.

b. Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification above (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.)

The Wellesley Country Club has been in existence and operation on this site since 1910.



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D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

Name and address of the property owner:

Wellesley Country Club (attn: Martin Ryan, General Manager)

Name

300 Wellesley Avenue

Mailing Address

Wellesley

City/Town

MA

State

02481

Zip Code

Signatures:

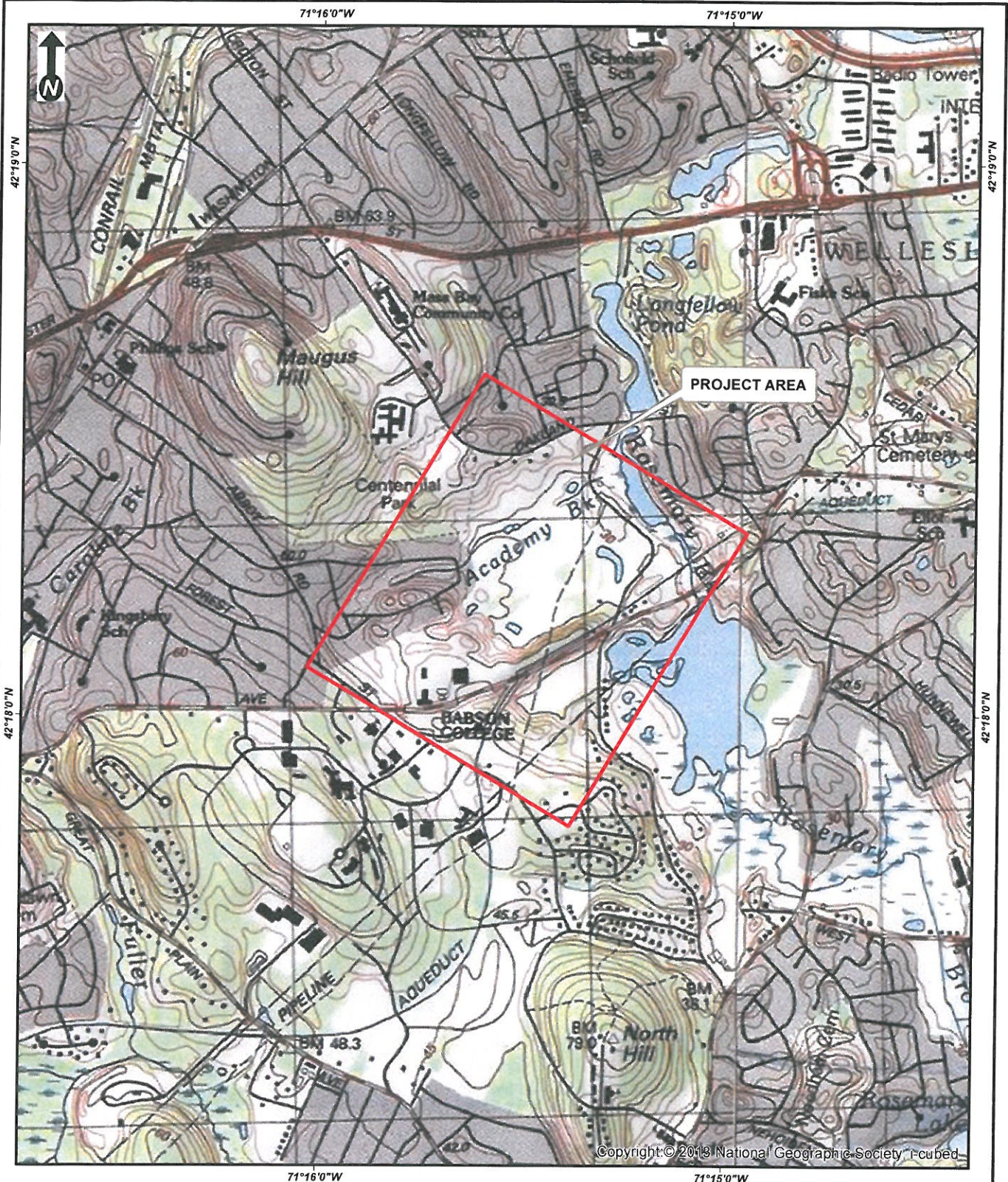
I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Representative (If any)

Date



Scale:
1 inch = 2,000 feet
(page size: 8.5 X 11)
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WELLESLEY COUNTRY CLUB
USGS Site Location Map
town

Source: USGS, 1982-1990; MADOT, 2005; MassGIS, 2008

