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April 13, 2015

Mr. Newton W. Tedder
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Mail Code OEP06-4
Boston, MA 02109-3912



Re: Town of Harvard Phase II Stormwater Waiver

Dear Mr. Tedder,

The Town Harvard, Massachusetts requests a waiver from the list of automatically designated MS4 areas under the Phase II NPDES Stormwater Program. Based upon a review of the waiver requirements contained in the federal regulations Fact Sheet 2.1, *Stormwater Phase II Final Rule Who's Covered? Designation and Waivers of Regulated Small MS4's* dated January 2000 (Revised 2012); the Town of Harvard is an appropriate candidate for a waiver. The designated MS4 area meets the following waiver criteria:

- The jurisdiction served by the system is less than 1,000 people

The area shown on the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program provided (see enclosure), within the jurisdictional limits of the Town of Harvard, has a total less than 100 people.

Within the historical limit of the town (northwest corner), Mass Development, a quasi-state organization, operates the former military base formally known as Fort Devens. Devens, as it is currently known, operates as an independent entity providing all municipal services, including Stormwater management. There is no physically interconnected regulated MS4's between the two entities.

- The system is not contributing substantially to the pollutant loadings of a physically interconnected regulated MS4.

The area is not physically interconnected with a regulated MS4. There are no engineered drainage systems in the area which discharge into water of the US or an interconnected regulated MS4.

The Town has a small municipal sewer system, serving municipal buildings and fewer than 100 customers in the Town Center, whose outflows discharge to the ground. the remaining single-family homes have residential septic systems.

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- The system does not discharge any pollutants identified as a cause of impairment to the water body, which it discharges.

None of the waterways in the designated area are identified as stressed or impaired water body under the 303rd list for Clean Water Act Total Maximum Daily Load Program.

There is no discernable point source pollution to waterways in the area.

There are no industrial or commercial facilities within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town.

Attached please find a list of streams we have compiled titled "Streams in Harvard". This list includes all perennial streams we know of and includes identified streams on the MassGIS waterway overlay map.

Sincerely,



Timothy Bragan
Town Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Board of Selectmen
Richard Nota, Public Works Director

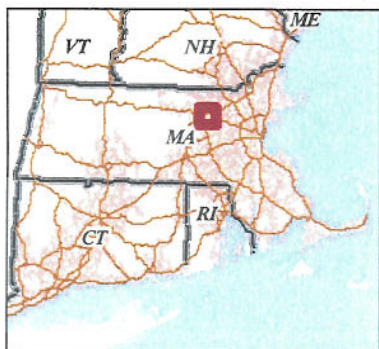
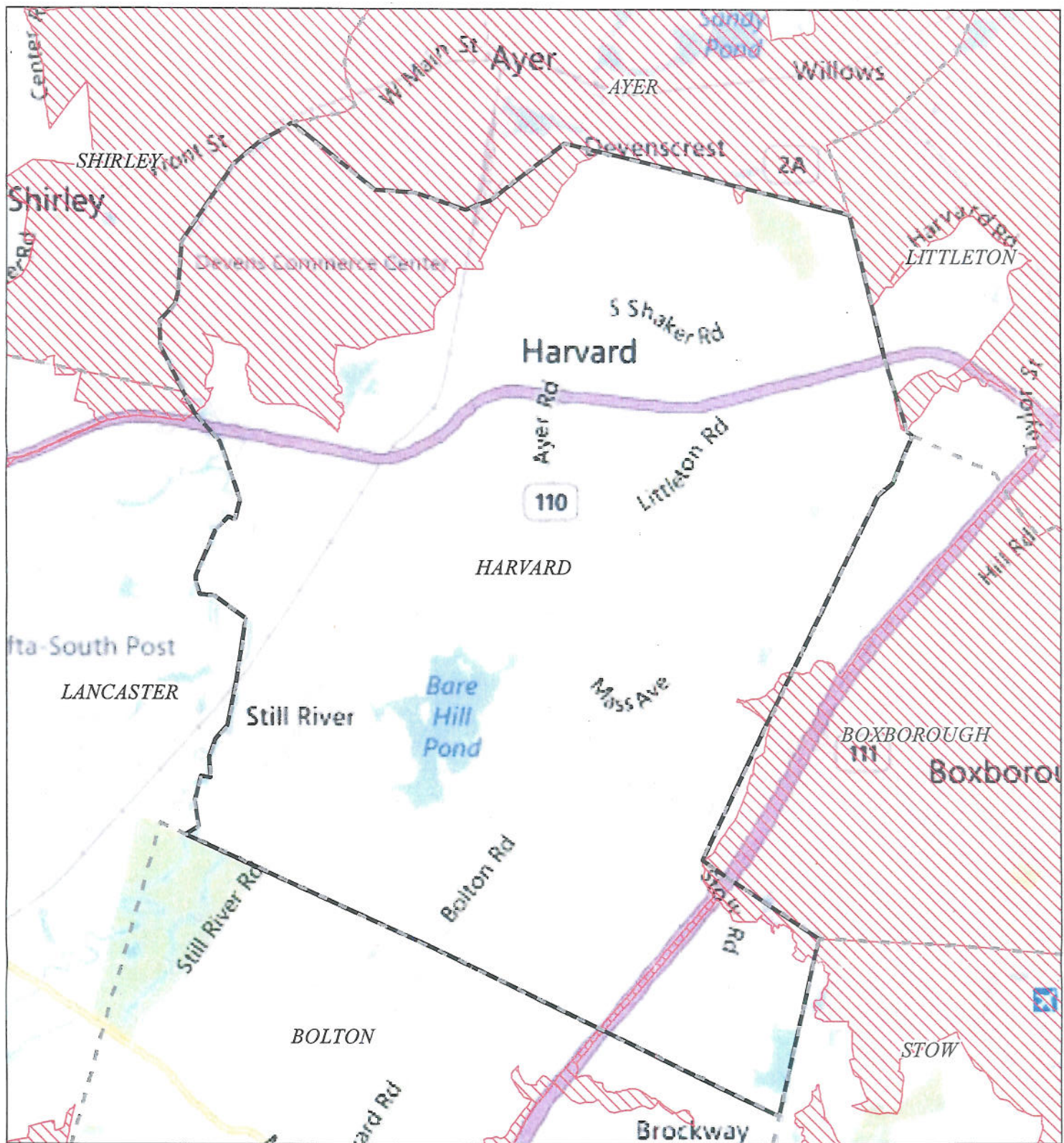
Streams in Harvard

Named Streams:

- Cold Spring Brook
- Bowers Brook
- Bennett Brook
- Elizabeth Brook

Unnamed Streams:

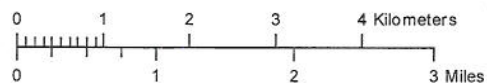
- 36 Littleton Road (map 17B parcel 24) south to 11 Fairbank Street (map 22B parcel 12)
- Corner of Whitney Road (map 17B parcel 31) and Littleton Road (map 17B parcel 28)
- Ayer Road, branch of Bower's Brook through the Herman Orchard south to Whitney (map 12 parcel 74 to map 17B parcel 14)
- Just north of the intersection of West Bare Hill Road and Still River Road, south to the Town line (map 26 parcel 14)
- Shaker Road, west side (map 5 parcel 27 to map 10 parcel 3.1)
- Shaker Road, east side (map 6 parcel 2.1 to parcel 1)
- Ayer Road to Glenview Drive (map 4 parcel 33 to map 5 parcel 75)
- Littleton County Road, Black Pond to Oak Meadows (map 10 parcel 60 to 14.43.2)
- Old Meadow Lane to Old Littleton Road (map 13 parcel 70.2.6 to 68)
- Littleton County Road at Cleaves Hill Road south to the Mass Ave end of Littleton County (map 18 parcel 36 to map 23 parcel 22); includes small area that branches west to 24 Littleton County Road
- Woodchuck Hill Road & Mass Avenue (map 23 parcel 33 to map 28 parcel 21)
- Stow Road gravel pit (map 32 parcel 56) from the William's pond at the corner of Murray Lane
- Eldridge Road (map 33 parcel 5.1 to map 32 parcel 26)
- Stow Road between Eldridge Road and Finn Road
- Brown Road (map 35 parcel 30) south to Bolton town line
- In and around Horse Meadow on Sherry Road to Boxborough town line



NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program Automatically Designated MS4 Areas

Harvard MA

 Regulated Area (2000 + 2010 Urbanized Area)



Town Population: **6520**
Regulated Population: **1536**
(Populations estimated from 2010 Census)



Urbanized Areas, Town Boundaries:
US Census (2000, 2010)
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