

Determining Consistency of a MEPA Project with the Norton Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)

Projects subject to review under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) are required to describe consistency with the OSRP. This checklist is designed to assist the proponent determine if their project is consistent with the OSRP and can be submitted with the MEPA application or with the Conservation Commission's comments to MEPA.

✓ Check the box if your project is consistent with the OSRP
1. General Background Information
<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the subject property listed in any of the following sections of the OSRP? A property may be listed by a local name, address or shown on a map. <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Priority Protection Area/Priority Development Area (Executive Order 525) <input type="checkbox"/> Section 7: Analysis of Needs <input type="checkbox"/> Section 8: Goals and Objectives: List specific goals and objectives supported by this project <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> </div> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Section 9: Action Plan </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Section 9: Action Plan map </div>
2. Open Space Impacts: The project must meet all three criteria in this section to be consistent with the OSRP.
<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project provides a minimum of 35% of the project locus as open space <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>The 35% consists of UPLAND (non-wetland, non-floodplain) and includes the minimum 25 feet of undisturbed, natural vegetation directly adjacent to any wetland (per the Conservation Commission's No Disturbance Zone Policy)</p> <p>The open space cannot be a grassed strip within a parking lot, grassed area around a house or building or stormwater management area</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>The proposed open space area contains permanent protection under Article 97 (fee simple donation, or permanent deed restriction, e.g. Conservation Restriction, Agricultural Preservation Restriction etc.)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div> <p>The open space area contains areas available for parking for the public access to a special area, scenic area, waterway or waterbody</p> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>

3. Stormwater Management. Items with an asterisk * are required or the project is not consistent with the OSRP. The project must meet a minimum of **four** in this section to be consistent with the OSRP

- ☐ The project utilized NOAA Atlas for rainfall events in all stormwater calculations
- ☐ The project infiltrates all storm water as permitted by suitable soils *
- ☐ The project incorporates LID in a meaningful way (includes more than a cursory water quality swale or bioretention area just to say there is some LID)
- ☐ The project retrofits an existing stormwater outfall to improve water quality, or improves a green infrastructure element
- ☐ The project meets the Norton Stormwater Management Bylaw *

4. Climate Change and Resiliency. Items with an asterisk * are required or the project is not consistent with the OSRP. The project must meet a minimum of **four** in this section to be consistent with the OSRP

- ☐ The project plants native tree species of street trees.
- ☐ The project uses native drought resistant plantings in the landscape plan and does not include an irrigation well or irrigation system, except as necessary for the first year to stabilize the site *
- ☐ The project includes renewable energy systems (e.g. solar arrays, wind power etc.) on a building or over a parking lot. Solar arrays removing forested areas are not consistent with the OSRP
- ☐ The project does not construct new impervious areas within the wetland or a floodplain *
- ☐ The project contains a plan for removing and controlling exotic invasive plants *
- ☐ The project improves the town's resiliency by replacing an undersized culvert
- ☐ Is LEED certifiable
- ☐ Provides net-zero construction
- ☐ Adds a new public charging station for electric vehicles

5. Economic development. The project must meet a minimum of **two** in this section to be consistent with the OSRP

- ☐ The project is located in a Priority Development Area (Executive Order 525)
- ☐ The project will increase available jobs
- ☐ The project diversifies businesses within the town (e.g. small to large scale commercial etc.)
- ☐ The project provides a walkable community design
- ☐ The project assists the town reach the 10% affordable housing goal

6. Adequacy of infrastructure. Items with an asterisk * are required or the project is not consistent with the OSRP. The project must meet a minimum of **two** in this section to be consistent with the OSRP

- ☐ The project improves a water/sewer need identified in the Comprehensive Water Management Plan
- ☐ The project improves the level of service of an intersection or road
- ☐ The project enhances transit opportunities
- ☐ The project implements Complete Streets concepts*
- ☐ The project provides on-site trip reduction strategies (e.g. ride share, bike share, carpool, park and ride lots etc.)