

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for an action located in a floodplain and wetlands. Funding would be provided through Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the City of Salem, MA. A map of the floodplain and/or wetland areas is available upon request by email to karen.valevasilev@fema.dhs.gov or by phone at (202) 699-0650.

The action is located at Forest City Park in Salem, MA and is associated with the City of Salem's Canal Street Drainage Improvements project. The action is to improve and expand the parking lot including pavement of grass to provide stable parking, install ADA compliant features, implement safety improvements to improve pedestrian access, improve access to the beach area, improve stormwater runoff from the parking areas utilizing green infrastructure techniques to protect the water quality in Salem Harbor. Specifically, this work includes installation of two bio-retention areas, drainage pipes, a 4-foot diameter double catch basin, a CDS (continuous deflective separation) stormwater treatment device, concrete curbing, sidewalk grate, and landscaping. Other incidental work includes clearing/grubbing, tree removal, excavation, grading, filling, and installation of rip-rap and geotextile fabric.

The project is near mapped wetland and within the 100-year floodplain. Temporary disturbance caused by construction to ground and vegetation was mitigated through best management practices for erosion control.

This action is located in a floodplain and near wetlands in order to upgrade/expand an existing parking lot. Expanding the lot was necessary to complete the Salem Canal Street Drainage Improvements project and was the most feasible options in order to complete the project. The lot was an agreed upon location based on a Memorandum of Understanding between the city and Salem State University (SSU) to provide parking spaces that would otherwise be made unavailable to SSU during the Canal Street Drainage Improvements project construction timeline.

Comments about this project and floodplain/wetland impacts are encouraged to be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication. Submit to:

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