

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION
SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST
Reading Conservation Commission

This checklist is intended as an aid only, to assist in the process of submitting an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) and to help avoid delays. Please consult MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, the Wetlands Protection Act and its accompanying Regulations, 310 CMR 10.00, available through the state website, www.mass.gov/dep. Also, please consult Reading General Bylaws, Section 7.1, and the Reading Wetlands Protection Regulations, available through the Town Clerk's office and on the town website, www.readingma.gov. It is only necessary to file one submittal under both State and Town law.

A. Prior to submittal of an ANRAD:

1. It is strongly recommended that the applicant or representative meet with the Conservation Administrator to review the filing process, research existing site information, and to become familiar with the wetlands regulations. Contact the Administrator at Town Hall, (781) 942-6616.
2. Submit a completed Request for Abutters List form, to be signed by the Conservation Administrator and then delivered to the Assessor's office. It may take up to 21 days for the Assessor to return the Certified List of Abutters.

B. ANRAD submittal:

1. Submit to the Reading Conservation Commission the original plus nine copies of the following items:
 - a. A completed Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation form (Form 4A). Use the link provided on the Conservation home page to download the form from the State website, www.mass.gov/dep.
 - b. A photocopy of a Locus Map showing the town of Reading with the site location clearly marked (e.g., circled and located by a large arrow).
 - c. A description of the site, the wetland resource areas present, and supporting data used to determine resource area boundaries, such as field data forms, soils test data, flood insurance rate maps, Streamstats analyses, etc. (Please refer to the wetlands regulations for requirements.)
 - d. A site plan or plans no more than 2' by 3' in size, prepared by an engineer, surveyor, or other licensed professional, having a title block with location, date, legend, scale (1"=20' or 1"=40'), and north arrow, that clearly shows at least the following (please refer to the wetlands regulations for complete requirements):
 - Property boundaries, easements, rights-of-way, etc.;

- Boundaries of waterways, water bodies, banks, floodplains, and wetland resource areas within and within 100 feet of the site, (200 feet in the case of Riverfront Area) including locations of field flags;
 - Boundaries of the 100-foot Buffer Zone and 25-foot Zone of Natural Vegetation;
 - Locations of soils test pits, transects, and other sampling sites;
 - Existing topography (in one- or two-foot intervals), structures, and other physical features (walls, paths, trees, wells, drainage and utility lines, etc.)
2. One copy of completed WPA Form 4A – ANRAD Wetland Fee Transmittal Form and check payable to “Town of Reading” for Town share of the state fee. Use the link on the Conservation home page or download the form from the State website, www.mass.gov/dep.
 3. One copy of the Reading Bylaw Fee Calculation Form and check payable to “Town of Reading” for calculated amount. (One check may be written to the Town to cover both State and Town fees). Use the link to this form on the Conservation Home page and apply Section F.
 4. A check payable to the Daily Times Chronicle in the amount of \$75.00 for publication of the legal notice of the public hearing.
 5. One copy of the Affidavit of Service, one copy of the Notification to Abutters sent to all abutters when the ANRAD is filed, and one copy of the certified list of abutters notified. Use Affidavit and Notification forms in this packet. Mail notices by certified mail or deliver by hand and ask recipient to sign a receipt as proof that they were notified. If the certified list of abutters includes duplicates, one mailing is sufficient. If the list includes the Planning Boards of abutting towns, do not send notifications to those addresses. The notification must be mailed on the same day that the ANRAD is submitted to the Conservation Commission.
 6. A set of standard sized business envelopes (4.5” by 9.5”) addressed to the certified list of abutters (excluding the duplicates and Planning Board addresses), the applicant, and the applicant’s representatives. Envelopes should bear standard first-class postage stamps. Please leave the return address blank. The Commission will send abutters the notice of the public hearing using these envelopes.
 7. On the same day that the ANRAD is submitted to the Commission, mail one copy of the ANRAD Form 4A, site plans, USGS locus map, all attached descriptions and data, the ANRAD Wetland Fee Transmittal Form, a photocopy of the check to Comm. of MA for the state share of the state filing fee, the Notification to Abutters, the Affidavit of Service, and the certified list of abutters to the DEP Northeast Regional Office, attn: Wetlands Program, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.
 8. On the same day that the ANRAD is submitted to the Commission, mail one copy of the completed ANRAD Wetland Fee Transmittal Form and check payable to

“Commonwealth of Massachusetts” for the State share of the state fee to:
Department of Environmental Protection, Box 4062, Boston, MA 02211, as shown on
the form.

C. Prior to the Public Hearing

1. The Conservation Commission will submit the legal notice of the public hearing to the Daily Times Chronicle for publication, along with the applicant's check for the cost of the advertisement. The Commission will mail copies of the same notice to the abutters, etc. using the envelopes submitted by the applicant.
2. The Conservation Administrator and the Conservation Commission may inspect the site. The Administrator usually inspects during normal business hours Monday through Thursday. The Commission usually inspects on the Sunday morning (or Monday evening in summer) prior to the hearing. The boundaries of all resource areas should be marked on site with labeled flags. The locations of soil test pits and other field markers shown on the site plan should also be marked with stakes or flags, preferably using different colors and labels for different features.

D. Public Hearing

1. A public hearing will normally be scheduled within 21 days of receipt of a complete submittal. (If not possible, the Commission may ask the applicant to sign a waiver of the 21-day requirement. It is rare that the Commission can not open the hearing within 21 days.) Commission meetings are generally held every other Wednesday evening.
2. At the hearing, the applicant and his or her representatives will be given the opportunity to present and discuss the proposed delineations. The Commission, the Administrator, and the general public may comment upon the proposal and ask questions.
3. If additional information is needed for the Commission to understand the proposed delineations, the Commission and applicant may continue the public hearing to a future date, giving the applicant adequate time to provide the information. When the information is complete, the hearing will be closed and the Commission will draft a decision.

C. Order of Resource Area Delineation

An Order of Resource Area Delineation will be issued by the Commission after the public hearing is closed. The Commission will vote on the wording of the Order during a public meeting and will issue the Order within 21 days of the close of the hearing. The Order may be appealed as provided by law.
