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BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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New Bedford Conservation Commission 133 William Street – Rm 304 New Bedford, MA 02740

New Bedford Conservation Commission,

The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project is proposing a ditch maintenance project on property within your town. Before we move ahead on this project we seek your input and advice regarding the project and any concerns you have regarding it. We do not wish to proceed with any project if there are legitimate concerns from you regarding the work.

Our goal is to restore the ditch to the original ditch dimensions in order to provide adequate water flow. This will help to alleviate some mosquito breeding in the area and help the water to flow more freely. We are interested in being as environmentally sensitive as possible in the areas in which we work. Some trees and shrubs may have to be removed in order to allow access for the low ground pressure machine. Spoil from the ditch will be spread evenly in the upland or removed from the site. Our experience shows that, within one growing season, the work area returns to a vegetated state that is attractive.

The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project will be conducting a water management project in the City/Town of New Bedford in Compliance with Massachusetts General Laws 252. The location of this work is at a roadside ditch along Shawmut Avenue. We plan to restore the original ditch dimensions by removing sand and debris, thus improving flow and reducing mosquito breeding. Spoil will be spread evenly in the upland. Our target commencement date is on or after 5/3/2017. The project is listed in our files as project NB-17-009.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this work, please feel free to contact me at the above number. If I do not hear from you regarding this work within thirty days, we will proceed with the project proposed.

Sincerely,

Diana Brennan Wetlands Coordinator

Encl: Location Map (copy)

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