

9/2/2021

New Bedford Conservation Commission

133 Williams Street

New Bedford MA, 02740

Re: Riverside Bank Invasive Species Management DEP File #SE49-0844

Dear New Bedford Conservation Commission:

The City of New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches Department (PRB) is pleased to submit this letter regarding the invasive species management at Riverside Park northern bank. The Order of Conditions was amended on 9/24/2020 to include minor grading within the management area following the invasive removal in August 2020. PR&B is seeking to have the goats on site this Fall. The area will then be graded and seeded in accordance with the Order of Conditions.

Special Condition 49 of the Order of Conditions (SE49-0844) states the following:

“Goats must be removed at the end of each day”

PRB is currently working with Goats to Go to bring in goats to clear the northern bank and Riverside Park. PRB is requesting that the goats be allowed to remain on site during the grazing period including overnight. The company is based in Georgetown, Massachusetts. Georgetown is a 2-hour drive north from New Bedford and it would be costly and time consuming to demobilize and mobilize the goats daily. The goat grazing period is expected to last 3 to 4 days and the goats will be fenced in. A herder will be on site to supervise the goats and ensure that they are kept within the fence and limit of work. Erosion controls (silt fence and straw wattles) will be placed at the limit of work. PRB staff will also periodically supervise the work area.

Thank you for considering this request. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary S Rapoza, Director