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From: Donna McCoy, Town Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 1:20 PM
To: Krystle Moran
Subject: FW: Talbot Mills Dam Removal

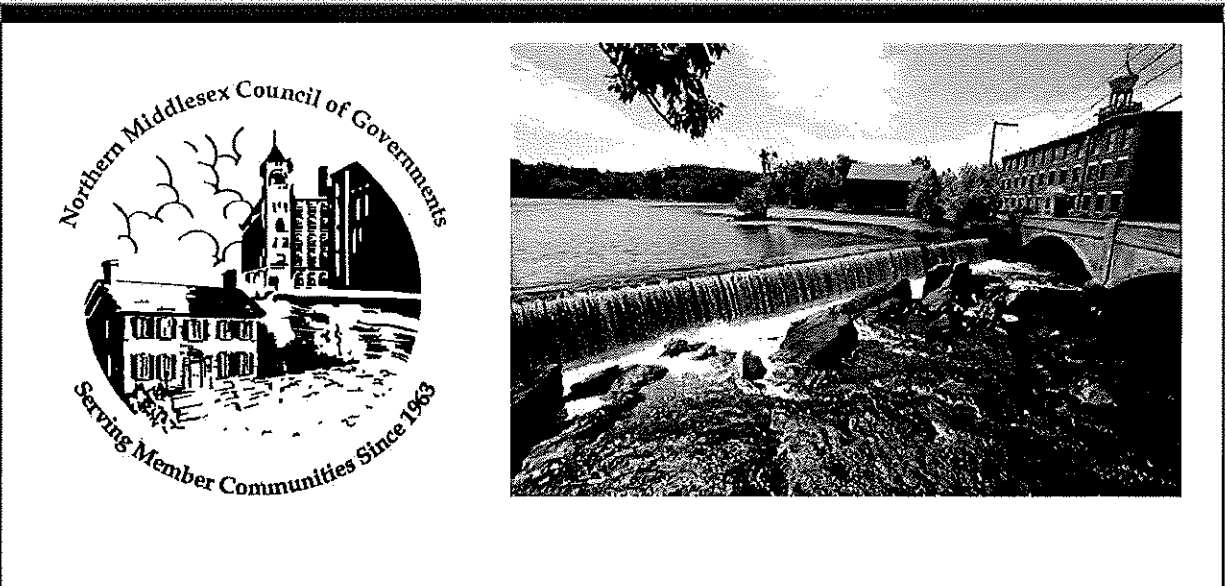
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From: Daniela Garcia Moreno, Sustainability Planner <dgarciamoreno@nmcog.org>
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Talbot Mills Dam Removal

Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Review Process

The Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office provides a comprehensive review process with meaningful opportunities for public review of potential environmental impacts of proposed projects. Among these projects is the newly proposed Talbot Mills Dam Removal, which aims to restore migratory fish

passage and connectivity while improving water quality, habitat, natural river functions, and increasing resilience.

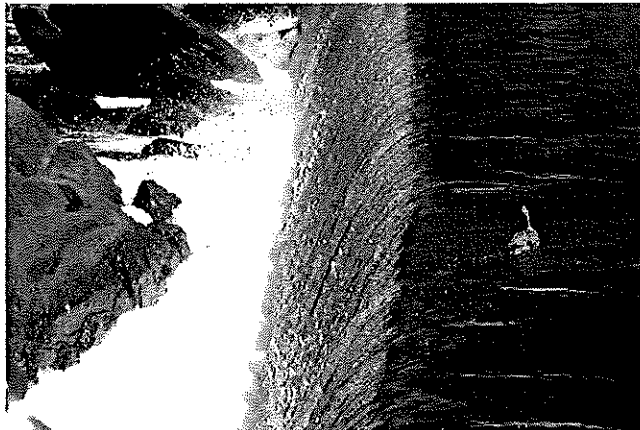
The project proponent submitted an Expanded Environmental Notification Form to the MEPA Office which is available to view on the MEPA Environmental Monitor as of July 10, 2023. Public comments are encouraged and accepted until August 8, 2023.

The project requires the preparation of a Mandatory Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for exceedance of the threshold at 301 CMR 11.03(3)(a)(4) for the structural alteration of an existing dam that causes an Expansion of 20% or any decrease in impoundment Capacity. The project also requires the preparation of an EIR in accordance with 301 CMR 11.06(7)(b) of the MEPA regulations because it is located within one mile of one or more EJ Populations. The Proponent has requested a Single EIR be allowed in lieu of the usual two-stage Draft and Final EIR process in accordance with the MEPA regulations at 301 CMR 11.06(8).

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Remote Consultation

In addition to the written comment process, the MEPA Office is offering a remote consultation session to receive advice and comments from agencies, officials, and citizens regarding which environmental issues, if any, are significant for this project. ***The remote consultation is TODAY, Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM.***



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If you have any questions about the MEPA Process or this project, please contact NMCOG Sustainability Planner, Daniela Garcia Moreno, at dgarciamoreno@nmcoq.org.