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## Taunton State Hospital Dam Removal Project, Taunton, MA

<b>Notice of Availability of Finding of No Significant Impact</b>
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**SUMMARY:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has adopted the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA; issued in 2002) and the Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (S-PEA; issued in 2006), prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service. The PEA and S-PEA were prepared for NOAA's Implementation Plan for the Community-based Restoration Program.

Upon an independent review of the PEA and S-PEA documents, NRCS determined that they encompass the scope of the action proposed by NRCS (i.e., removal of the State Hospital Dam, accumulated sediment excavation, and restoration of a natural stream), and that the proposed action would not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment, particularly when focusing on the significant adverse effects that NEPA is intended to help decision makers avoid and mitigate against.

Therefore, NRCS has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended, and gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** The PEA, S-PEA and FONSI documents may be obtained from the NRCS Massachusetts website at [www.ma.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ma.nrcs.usda.gov) or by contacting Beth Schreier, Soil Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, 451 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002, (413) 253-4393. For additional information related to this notice, contact Christine Clarke, State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, 451 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002, (413) 253-4352. Comments on the PEA, S-PEA, and FONSI must be received no later than 15 days after this notice is published.