



## TEWKSBURY

### Priority Habitats and Estimated Habitats

*Priority Habitats, for use with the MA Endangered Species Act Regulations (321 CMR 10)*  
*Estimated Habitats, for use with the MA Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10)*  
Effective August 1, 2021



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**Data Sources:**  
Priority Habitats and Estimated Habitats: created by NHESP in 2021.  
Certified Vernal Pools: created by NHESP, July 20, 2021.  
Town Boundaries: 1:25,000 community boundary data, from MassGIS (updated March, 2021).  
Roads: MassDOT roads, from MassGIS (updated 2018).  
Digital Orthophoto: 15cm resolution, taken in 2019, from MassGIS.

#### Priority Habitat of Rare Species

Project or Activity falls within Priority Habitat only:  
- You must file directly with NHESP pursuant to Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA)

Examples of projects: single family home, subdivision, commercial building, widening of driveway/road, beaver dam removal, etc.

Some projects or activities may be exempt from MESA filing: see 321 CMR 10.14

#### Priority Habitat of Rare Species and also Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife

Project or Activity is within BOTH Estimated Habitat and Priority Habitat:  
- Is a Notice of Intent (NOI) under wetlands regulations required?  
-Yes

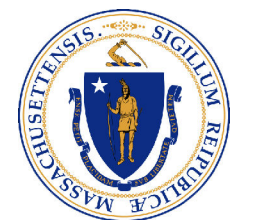
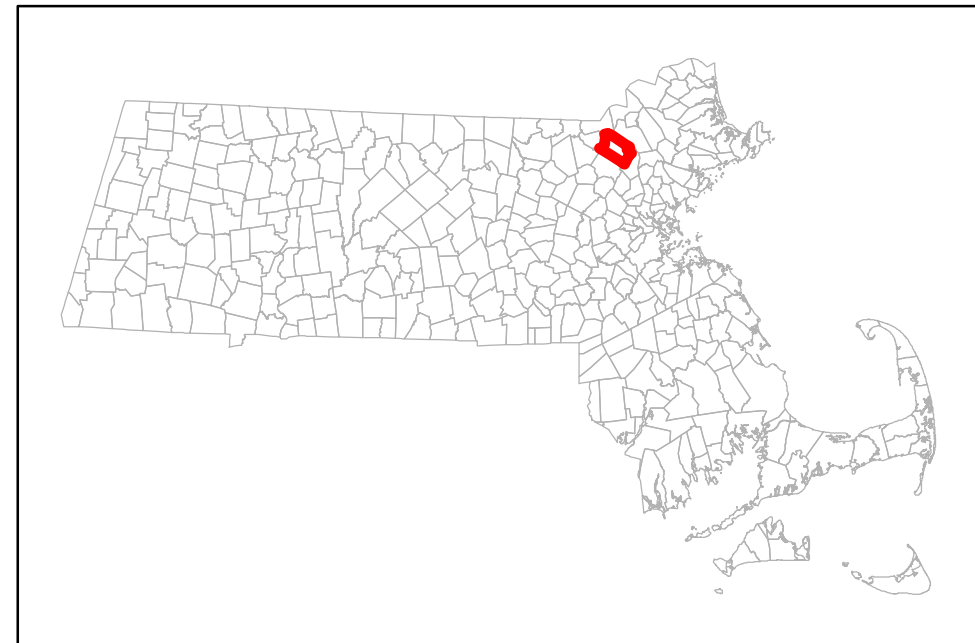
Send copy of NOI to NHESP and must also file under MESA (streamlined MESA-NOI filing option available)

-No MESA filing only (see 'Priority Habitat' details at left)

For more information, see our website at [www.mass.gov/nhesp](http://www.mass.gov/nhesp)

\* Certified Vernal Pools (as of July 20, 2021)  
Town Boundary

Transportation:  
Interstate  
U.S. Highway  
State Route  
Non-numbered Route  
Railroad



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Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs  
Charlie Baker, Governor  
Karyn Polito, Lt. Governor  
Kathleen A. Theoharides, Secretary