

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE and
OPPORTUNITY FOR
COMMENT ON PROPOSED
DE MINIMIS IMPACT
DETERMINATION ON
SECTION 4(F) RESOURCES –
Wilmington Town Park**

PROJECT:

**Bridge Replacement – Route
38 over MBTA**

CITY/TOWN: **Wilmington**

PROPONENT: **MassDOT**

This notice will initiate review of the above-referenced project pursuant to Section 4(f) of the DOT Act of 1966 (23 CFR 774). Information specific to the proposed project and its impacts, avoidance, minimization, mitigation or enhancement measures may be obtained from:

Carleigh Norton
10 Park Plaza, Room 7360
Boston, MA 02116
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The project, as designed, will require a permanent easement and temporary construction easements within the Town of Wilmington's Town Park, for construction of the proposed replacement structure and associated roadway improvements. Town Park is a recreational facility that includes ballfields, a dog park, and walking trails. The property and its usage are held for protection as significant public recreational resources under Section 4(f) of the DOT Act.

This notice is being published in an effort to solicit public comments on the impacts this project will have on the referenced parcel. Given that the disturbed areas are located along the embankment of the existing roadway and are not a functional part of the adjacent ball fields or Wilmington Dog Park, no recreational functions associated with the area will be impaired, as a result of the project.

MassDOT intends to pursue a determination that the proposed easements meet the definition of *de minimis* (or minor) impacts, as specified under 23 CFR 774.17(5). A *de minimis* finding is being made based on the preliminary assessment that the proposed use of this resource will have no adverse effect on the recreational activities, features or attributes qualifying it for Section 4(f) protection. All persons wishing to comment on the project should write to Carleigh Norton, 10 Park Plaza, Room 7360, Boston, Massachusetts 02116, referencing the above referenced project within 15 days of this notice. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project-related decisions.

By Carleigh Norton

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