

PROJECT STATUS REPORT for the Community Preservation Committee

Project Name: Warner's Pond Dredging - Restoration Project Number: #5-FY24

Date: May 13, 2024 Interim Status Report Final Status Report*

1. **What percentage of the project has been completed?** 14%

2. **Describe work completed to date:**

Following the August 2022 Warner's Pond dredging bid that came in a more than three times the allocated funding, an Alternatives Analysis Report was prepared to evaluate three options: modified dredging (moving sediments within the pond instead of dewatering outside the pond, then transporting and disposing of them elsewhere, as these tasks were identified in the 2022 dredging bid as cost-prohibitive), dam removal, and no action. The Alternatives Analysis Report identified dam removal as the best alternative to meet multiple town goals, but was met with opposition from some in the community. The Alternatives Analysis Report was sourced from capital Improvements funds approved at 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Under this CPA project, funds have been used to develop a Preliminary Dam Removal Design (EA Engineering), which was contracted in August 2023 to advance dam removal design, respond to community feedback on this alternative, and continue community outreach efforts. Tasks under the contract, and status of completion, are as follows:

• Project Management and Meetings	20% complete
• Additional Data Collection	18% complete
• Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling	18% complete
• Sediment Transport Analysis	0% complete
• Evaluation of Additional Recreational Alternatives	0% complete
• Address Public Comments	4% complete
• Preliminary Design and Cost Estimates	18% complete
• Community Engagement	9% complete
• Regulatory Engagement	0% complete
• Sediment Transport Modeling	19% complete

Funds have also been used to engage a professional facilitator (Consensus Building Institute) to work with the newly created Warner's Pond Task Force, which seeks to evaluate all feasible opportunities to and provide a recommendation to the Natural Resources Commission on a path forward. The Task Force was finalized in February 2024 and anticipates a recommendation by early December.

3. **What key project milestones have been reached?**

All tasks under the Dam Removal Preliminary Design are in progress. The Sediment Sampling memorandum characterizing the physical parameters of sediment samples in Warner's Pond, and physical and chemical parameters of sediment in Nashoba Brook and the Assabet River, has been completed.

CBI has facilitated five public meetings with the Warner's Pond Task Force since February 2024.

4. Expenditure Report:

- a. **What is the date your project began or will begin spending CPC funds?** August 2023
- b. **Attach a detailed Expenditure Report.** Please see attached.
- c. **In a brief narrative, account for the amount of CPC funds expended to date:** Please see #2, above.

5. Describe remaining work and projected timeline:

Completion of the Dam Removal Preliminary Design tasks noted above, and a recommendation to the NRC, both by the end of the year.

- 6. Describe your outreach efforts.** A Warner's Pond Task Force website, newspaper article (in production), regular Task Force meetings with the opportunity for public comment, and regular updates at NRC meetings and Conservation Coffees. The Division is also developing a public comment form for the website.

7. What is the expected project completion date? December 2024

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*For Final Status Reports, please include representative Before, During and After Photographs of your project, if applicable.

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT PLANNING 5/6/24

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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ADJUSTMS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
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0962 CPA OPEN SPACE

10962615 WARNER'S POND RESTORATION FY24

10962615 5799 OTHER CHARGES/MIS	0	275,000	275,000	77,256.33	197,743.67	.00	100.0%
2024/01/000008 07/01/2023 BUA	275,000.00 REF						
2024/04/000202 10/31/2023 POE	215,758.00 VND	005107 PO 240048					
2024/05/000088 11/02/2023 API	7,389.25 VND	005107 VCH					
2024/05/000088 11/02/2023 POL	-7,389.25 VND	005107 PO 240048					
2024/05/000200 11/28/2023 API	50,225.00 VND	005107 VCH					
2024/05/000200 11/28/2023 POL	-50,225.00 VND	005107 PO 240048					
2024/07/000093 01/02/2024 API	8,592.08 VND	005107 VCH					
2024/07/000093 01/02/2024 POL	-8,592.08 VND	005107 PO 240048					
2024/08/000082 02/13/2024 POE	59,242.00 VND	009420 PO 240196					
2024/10/000089 04/05/2024 API	11,050.00 VND	009420 VCH					
2024/10/000089 04/05/2024 POL	-11,050.00 VND	009420 PO 240196					

TOTAL CPA OPEN SPACE	0	275,000	275,000	77,256.33	197,743.67	.00	100.0%
TOTAL Community Preserve Fund	0	275,000	275,000	77,256.33	197,743.67	.00	100.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	275,000	275,000	77,256.33	197,743.67	.00	100.0%