

Notice to Public
City of New Bedford Environmental Stewardship Department
Public Comment Periods and Public Meeting for Parker Street Waste Site
Draft Release Abatement Measure Plan (Acquired Residential Properties) and
Draft Phase III Remedial Action Plan (Wetland to the west of Keith Middle School)
RTNs 4-15685, 21300, 22409, 23223, 23526

Comments on the *Draft Release Abatement Measure (RAM) Plan (Acquired Residential Properties)* and *Draft Phase III Remedial Action Plan (Wetland to the West of Keith Middle School)* will be received via email at Cheryl.Henlin@newbedford-ma.gov or in writing at the City of New Bedford – Environmental Stewardship Department, 133 William Street, Room 304, New Bedford, MA 02740, clearly marked to the attention of Cheryl Henlin, Environmental Planner. Please contact Ms. Henlin at (508) 961-4576 with any questions.

Plans available: **Draft RAM Plan:** August 21st under “Acquired Properties/Nemasket Street Lots” at <http://www.newbedfordma.gov/McCoy/sitemap/sitemap.html>. **Draft Phase III:** August 31st, under “Wetlands” (same URL as above). A paper copy of each plan will be available for review by appointment at the Environmental Stewardship Department, Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm. A paper copy of each plan will also be available at the Lawler Branch Library at 745 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford, within three business days of each plan being posted to the City’s website.

Comments due: **Draft RAM Plan:** September 11th (Tues.). **Draft Phase III:** September 19th (Wed.). The City will prepare a summary of all comments received and responses to those comments within 30 calendar days of the close of each comment period. The City will consider, address, and, where relevant and material to the response action, incorporate public concerns in planning response actions; an explanation will be provided for any comments which are not incorporated into the report. Copies of the response summary will be sent electronically, unless individuals request paper copies, to all those who submitted comments, and the response summary will be posted on the City’s website.

Public Meeting: The next Public Involvement Plan meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 23, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Keith Middle School**, 225 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford, MA. A Portuguese interpreter will be available at the meeting.

The meeting will be held to discuss the two reports listed above. The City will also provide an update on the status of ongoing assessment and remedial planning at New Bedford High School. A draft agenda is posted on the City’s website, <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/McCoy/sitemap/sitemap.html>, under “Public Involvement Plan Meetings,” and the PowerPoint presentation that will be discussed at the meeting will be posted to this website by Tuesday, August 21st.