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Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 5:09 PM
To: coordinator@town.warwick.ma.us
Subject: RE: 301 CMR 51.00 NOTICE OF PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION WARWICK
Attachments: Exhibit A_P-001128.jpg

Hello Ms. Alwan,

I am a staff member at the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation that works on protecting new properties for conservation. I am the manager of the below project, and I wanted to check in to make sure that you received our below notice.

Per state law, DCR is supposed to give the Town notice at least 120 days in advance of a planned closing. There is supposed to be an announcement of the project at a public meeting 60 days before closing, which is typically done by the Town select board as described below.

Mindful that the selectboard is likely busy, I wanted to ask if it is possible for this to be noted on a meeting soon.

I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have although do keep in mind that I am supposed to keep certain details of the sale confidential to respect the seller's privacy. Note that much of this land is already protected by a Conservation Restriction.

Thanks very much for your time,

Nick

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From: George, Arthur (DCR)
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 3:07 PM

To: coordinator@town.warwick.ma.us

Subject: 301 CMR 51.00 NOTICE OF PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION WARWICK

Dear Select Board:

This email serves as a notice to you under 301 CMR 51.00. **Please reply to this email with the information requested below.**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has under consideration the acquisition of an interest in approximately 185 acres of land more or less, or other property interest therein, in the Town of Warwick. The property currently is primarily an undeveloped forestland and wetlands. The proposed use for the property will be protected open space in its current condition for conservation and recreation purposes as part of Warwick State Forest. Attached is a locus map marked "Exhibit A" which shows the property in which DCR is interested.

The applicable regulations require the disclosure of the Commonwealth's reasons for the proposed land acquisition at a public hearing held in the city or town in which such real property is located. To comply with this requirement, we ask that the Board announce that the Commonwealth is considering this acquisition for the above-stated purposes at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board does not need to take any formal action on its part. Please document the announcement in the Board's meeting minutes and reply to this email by copying and pasting the statement in the box below filled out appropriately in a reply email to me:

Certificate of Announcement pursuant to 301 CMR 51.07(2)

DCR #P-001128, Town of Warwick

I, _____, Clerk of the Select Board of the Town of Warwick, Massachusetts, do hereby certify that on _____, 2026, it was announced at a public meeting of the Board of Selectmen that:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation may acquire an interest in a parcel of land located in Warwick as shown on the attached locus map marked as "Exhibit A" for conservation and/or recreation purposes.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, kindly contact Kendra Amaral, Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Public Affairs at Kendra.Amaral@mass.gov. For your information, DCR has sent a similar notice to Senator Joanne M. Comerford, Representative Susannah M. Whipps, and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. Thank you for your attention to this matter

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