



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND  
 ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
**Department of Agricultural Resources**  
 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114  
 617-626-1700 fax 617-626-1850 www.Mass.gov/AGR

5



DEVAL L. PATRICK  
 Governor

IAN A. BOWLES  
 Secretary

TIMOTHY P. MURRAY  
 Lieutenant Governor

DOUGLAS W. PETERSEN  
 Commissioner

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Pursuant to the Rights-of-Way Management Regulations (333 CMR 11.00) in order to apply pesticides to control vegetation to maintain Rights-of Ways, the Department of Agricultural Resources must approve a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP). The VMP is intended to justify the need to control vegetation, identify target vegetation, describe the intended methods of control, describe methods for identifying sensitive areas, describe operational guidelines for applicators, outline a program of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) designed to reduce the use of herbicides, and describe alternative land use activities.

The following community is advised that the **City of Peabody** proposes to utilize herbicides to treat their Rights-of-Way.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:**

In accordance with 333 CMR 11.05 the Department of Agricultural Resources will conduct a regional hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Vegetation Management Plan for the City of Peabody, as submitted by: Mr. Richard Walker, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department for the City of Peabody.

**To provide all interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed VMP, a public hearing will be held at the following location:**

**Friday, April 3, 2009 at 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM**

**Park, Recreation & Forestry Meeting Room, 50 Farm Avenue, Peabody, Massachusetts**

**Plans Available for Review Prior to Public Hearings:**

Section 11.05 (3)(d) of the ROW Management Regulations provide: "At least 21 days prior to the end of the public comment period, the applicant shall send a copy of the proposed VMP to the chief elected official, the Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission in affected communities upon their request." Such request should be made to:

Mr. Richard Walker  
 Director  
 Parks, Recreation & Forestry  
 50 Farm Avenue  
 Peabody, MA 01960

Copies of the proposed VMP are also available for review at the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Pesticide Bureau, during regular business hours. It is also available for review at the Reference Desk of the following public library:

Peabody Institute Library, 82 Main Street, Peabody, Massachusetts 01960

**Written Comments Requested**

The public hearings listed above will give interested parties the opportunity to present data, views or arguments, orally or in writing concerning the proposed VMP. Persons giving testimony are also requested to provide written comments. Written comments in advance of the hearing dates are welcome. **The Department will accept written testimony concerning the City of Peabody VMP until the close of business Friday, April 24, 2009**

Commentary should be sent to:

Rights-of -Way Program  
 Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources  
 Pesticide Bureau  
 251 Causeway Street  
 Suite 500  
 Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2151

