# Riverfront Enhancement Planting Plan

for 1 Kingswood Road Newton, MA 02466

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# **ADDRESSED TO:**

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# I. RIVERFRONT ENHANCEMENT AREA

#### **A. EXISTING CONDITIONS:**

A perennial river (Charles River) is located at the rear of the property on (70 Kingswood Road). The locus site consists of an existing single-family house with associated asphalt driveway, walkway, two porches, garage, patio, and maintained lawn. The mitigation planting is proposed in the back yard of the existing single-family home. This plan proposes to enhance the Riverfront Area by planting 2 native trees, 5 native shrubs and 60 herbaceous plugs.

### **B. GENERAL INSTALLATION PROCEDURES:**

<u>Supervision</u>: All work within the enhancement area shall be supervised by a qualified wetland scientist. The supervisor shall submit monitoring reports to the Conservation Commission as described below. Reports shall contain details of all work performed and photographs of completed conditions.

**Timing:** The installation of the plantings should be accomplished during the spring or fall growing seasons (between April 16 and May 31 or between September 16 and October 30).

### Step 3: Planting

Plantings will be installed according to the plan. Precise citing of plants may be determined by the wetland scientist or landscaper in the field prior to installation. All plantings (reference the planting list in section C) shall be distributed randomly throughout the area; trees spaced at 10' on center and shrubs spaced at 6' on center. All plantings will be removed from burlap sacks, wire cages and plastic containers prior to planting. Each plant will have it roots loosened prior to planting to encourage root growth away from the planting bulb. Plants will be adequately watered immediately following planting.

### **Step 4: Enhancement Monitoring**

- a. **Seasonal monitoring reports** shall be prepared for the enhancement area by a qualified wetland scientist for a period of 2 additional years after installation or every year until a COC is issued by the Newton Conservation Commission. This monitoring program will consist of early summer and early fall inspections and will include photographs and details about the vitality of the enhancement area. Monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Commission by November 15th of each year. Monitoring reports shall describe, using narratives, plans, and color photographs, the physical characteristics of the enhancement area with respect to stability, survival of vegetation and plant mortality, aerial extent and distribution, species diversity and vertical stratification (i.e. herb, shrub and tree layers).
- b. At least 75% of the surface area of the enhancement area shall be re-established with indigenous plant species within two growing seasons. If the enhancement area does not meet the 75% re-vegetation requirement by the end of the second growing season after installation, the applicant shall submit a remediation plan to the Commission for approval that will achieve enhancement goals, under the supervision of a Wetland Specialist. This plan must include an analysis of why the areas have not successfully re-vegetated and how the applicant intends to resolve the problem.

# **C. PLANTING LIST:**

Possible Plantings for Enhancement Area (414 s.f.)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number	Size
Trees (2)*			
Yellow Birch	Betula alleghaniensis	1	1-2 in. caliper
Red Cedar	Juniperus virginiana	1	1-2 in. caliper
Shrubs (5)*	·	·	
Spicebush	Lindera benzoin	3	1 or 2 gal. pots
Highbush Blueberry	Vaccinium corymbosum	2	1 or 2 gal. pots
Ground Cover (60)*			
Bloodroot	Sanguinaria canadensis	10	2-3" plug
Bearberry	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	10	2-3" plug
Native Ferns (variety)**	(Variety)	10	2-3" plug
Pennsylvania Sedge	Carex pensylvanica	10	2-3" plug
Maple Leaf Viburnum	Viburnum acerfolium	10	2-3" plug
Spring Beauty	Claytonia virginica	10	2-3" plug

<sup>\*</sup>Quantity and selection of each species dependent on nursery availability.

#### D. CONCLUSIONS

This mitigation will enhance the Riverfront Area over current conditions and will improve the functions and values of the Riverfront Area. All local, state and federal statutory interests and performance standards have been protected and will be met by the project, as described above.

Sincerely,

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Wetland Scientist

<sup>\*\*</sup> A variety of native ferns can be used: Marginal wood fern, hay-scented fern, ostrich fern, Christmas fern, or maidenhair fern.

