



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 13, 2013

Peter Shanahan
President
Acton

Re: Briefing by OARS on wastewater permitting for the Assabet River

Richard Tardiff
Treasurer
Wayland

Dear State Senator,

Dick Lawrence
Clerk
Hudson

OARS, the watershed organization for the Assabet, Sudbury and Concord Rivers, would like to formally invite to you a briefing hosted by State Senator Jamie Eldridge and State Representative Kate Hogan, on upcoming permitting of the municipal wastewater treatment plants that discharge to the Assabet River.

Don Burn
Westborough

The briefing will be held on **Friday July 19, 2013 at 3:00 pm at the Maynard Town Hall** (195 Main Street, Maynard, in the Conference Room).

Allan Fierce
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The EPA and MassDEP issue 5-year permits under the federal and state Clean Water Acts in order to restore the river to its Class B (“fishable and swimmable”) water quality. There has been significant progress due to improved wastewater treatment, but the river does not yet meet this standard.

Paul Goldman
Marlborough

OARS will present the long-term water quality trends and the most recent water quality data in the context of the wastewater treatment plant upgrades that have been completed by Westborough (also serves Shrewsbury and Hopkinton), Marlborough (also serves Northborough), Hudson, and Maynard. Options for managing wastewater that can help protect drinking water supplies, flows in local streams, and water quality throughout the watershed will be discussed. This briefing provides an opportunity for legislators to see the most recent data and analysis that will be considered by the EPA and MassDEP in drafting the Marlborough wastewater discharge permit expected this summer.

Dave Griffin
Maynard

Martin Moran
Hudson

Pam Rockwell
Concord

The OARS website contains more information about the Assabet, Sudbury and Concord Rivers: www.oars3rivers.org. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 978-369-3956 or afieldjuma@oars3rivers.org. A map of the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord watershed is attached.

Laura Rome
Maynard

David Williams
Marlborough

Yours sincerely,

Alison Field-Juma
Executive Director

OARS at Work in the Watershed

Highlights from 2012

