



# Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Wayne F. MacCallum, *Director*

August 4, 2009

Jennifer Carlino  
70 E. Main Street  
Norton, MA 02766

Dear Vernal Pool Applicant:

Thank you for applying for the certification of the vernal pool in the town of Norton. We were unable to proceed on the certification of the pool because your submittal lacked the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ USGS topographic map showing an accurate location of the vernal pool.

\_\_\_\_\_ One of the following:

1. Sketch map of pool with compass bearings and distances to the pool from two permanent landmarks
2. Aerial photograph showing location of the vernal pools
3. Professional survey showing the location of the vernal pools

\_\_XX\_\_ Photographic documentation of biological criteria required (please refer to the "Guidelines for the Certification of Vernal Pool Habitat") ***\*\*We could not certify this pool under the obligate species method as only one egg mass was documented\*\****

\_\_\_\_\_ Photographic documentation of the vernal pool demonstrating the lack of permanently flowing connections to larger wetlands

\_\_XX\_\_ Proof that the vernal pool does not support fish (best done by submitting photographs of the pool when it is dry) ***\*\*In order to have certified the pool under the facultative species method, we would have needed a picture of the pool not holding water\*\****

**Please note all evidence submitted for certification must follow the updated 2009 Guidelines for the Certification of Vernal Pool Habitat.** The "Guidelines" can be found on the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program's web site at <http://www.nhesp.org>.

I am returning the entire certification package that you submitted. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of vernal pool conservation, and please feel free to call me at (508) 389-6371 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marea Gabriel".

Marea Gabriel  
Aquatic Ecologist

cc. Robert Davis, Environmental Resource Specialist

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