

Public Hearing Notice
Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
For the Proposed Fee-to-Trust Transfer of Property and Subsequent Development
of a Resort/Hotel and Ancillary Facilities in the City of Taunton, Massachusetts and
Tribal Governmental Facilities in the Town of Mashpee, Massachusetts by the
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency, with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, serving as a cooperating agency, has filed a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Tribe’s application for the conveyance into trust of title to approximately 170 acres of land in the Town of Mashpee, Massachusetts, and approximately 151 acres of land in the City of Taunton, Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. The DEIS is now available for public review at the Taunton Public library, 12 Pleasant Street, Taunton, Massachusetts 02780; the Mashpee Public Library at 64 Steeple Street, Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649; and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Headquarters at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649. The DEIS is also available online at www.mwteis.com or you may request a copy from Epsilon Associates, Inc. at (978) 897-7100.

The DEIS describes the impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on transportation, wetlands, stormwater, geology, rare species, hazardous materials, water supply, wastewater, utilities, solid waste, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, cultural resources, noise, visibility, socioeconomic conditions, and environmental justice.

The BIA will hold two public hearings to receive comments on the DEIS. The public hearings will be held at the following times and locations.

December 2, 2013 at 5:30 PM	December 3, 2013 at 5:30 PM
Mashpee High School 500 Old Barnstable Road Mashpee, Massachusetts	Taunton High School 50 Williams Street Taunton, Massachusetts

Written comments on the DEIS must be submitted to the BIA no later than December 30, 2013.

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