



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

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Memorandum

To: Danny Romanowicz  
Inspectional Services

From: Sarah Porter  
Conservation Agent

Re: Locations for proposed marijuana establishment

I have the following comments to offer on the locations for a proposed marijuana establishment. These comments address whether the properties may be located in or within 100' of State or locally protected wetlands such that a Determination of Applicability or Order of Conditions would need to be obtained from the Conservation Commission for any proposed improvements. The findings are based on available office mapping, aerial photos and other office data and do not represent on site field inspections of each parcel.

1. 637 Tarkiln Hill Road (Map 125, Lot 13) - The northeast portion of the property is located in the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands which are located on the other side (east) of the railroad tracks. If the facility were to remain in its current condition, no approval would be required by the Conservation Commission for the establishment of a marijuana facility. However, if improvements were proposed to the portion of the building/parking lot located within the 100' Buffer Zone, a permit would be required from the Conservation Commission.
2. South side of Shawmut Ave. (Map 124, Lot 146) – This property contains Bordering Vegetated Wetlands which are located east, west and possibly south of the existing cleared upland area. Due to the close proximity of the wetlands to the cleared area, an Order of Conditions would likely be required from the Conservation Commission for any proposed facility. .
3. 109 Gifford Street (Map 25A, Lot 5) – This property is located within the FEMA 100 year Coastal Floodplain (Zone AE el. 6). It is also possibly within the 100' Buffer Zone to wetlands

located east of Lot 5. A permit would be required from the Conservation Commission if a facility were to be located here.

4. 7 Conway Street (Map 37, Lot 303) - It appears that a small portion of the northeast corner of the lot may be located in the Coastal Floodplain (Zone AE el. 6). It is my understanding that a bulkhead exists between the Acushnet River and the existing developed land. No 100' Buffer Zone extends into the upland from the edge of the bulkhead/edge of the River. If a Coastal Bank is present a 100' Buffer Zone would extend into the upland from the edge of the Bank. Therefore, unless a Coastal Bank is present, or work is proposed in the Coastal Floodplain, a permit would not be required from the Conservation Commission to establish a marijuana facility at this location.

cc: Michele Paul, Conservation Commissioners