



# Maine State Vernal Pool Assessment Form



## INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete all 3 pages of form thoroughly. Most fields are required for pool registration.
- Clear photographs of a) the pool AND b) the indicators (one example of each species egg mass) are required for all observers.

Observer's Pool ID: YWD SVP-1

MDIFW Pool ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. PRIMARY OBSERVER INFORMATION

- a. Observer name: Michael Cuomo
- b. Contact and credentials previously provided?  No (submit Addendum 1)  Yes

### 2. PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

- a. Contact name:  same as observer  other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Contact and credentials previously provided?  No (submit Addendum 1)  Yes
- c. Project Name: YWD Mount A.

### 3. LANDOWNER CONTACT INFORMATION

- a. Are you the landowner?  Yes  No If no, was landowner permission obtained for survey?  Yes  No
- b. Landowner's contact information (required)
- Name: York Water Dist. attn: Gary Stevens Phone: 207 363 2265
- Street Address: P.O. Box 447 City: York State: ME Zip: 03909
- c.  Large Projects: check if separate project landowner data file submitted

### 4. VERNAL POOL LOCATION INFORMATION

a. Location Township: York

Brief site directions to the pool (using mapped landmarks):

From Route One take Mountain Road. Site is beside Center for Wildlife driveway (#385 Mountain Rd.), before Mount Agamenticus access road.

#### b. Mapping Requirements

i. USGS topographic map OR aerial photograph with pool clearly marked.

#### ii. GPS location of vernal pool (use Datum NAD83 / WGS84)

Longitude/Easting: 70 deg. 41' 18.3" Latitude/Northing: 43 deg. 13' 00.4"

Coordinate system: NAD83

- Check one:  GIS shapefile  
 - send to Jason.Czapiga@maine.gov; observer has reviewed shape accuracy (Best)
- The pool perimeter is delineated by multiple GPS points. (Excellent)  
 - Include map or spreadsheet with coordinates.
- The above GPS point is at the center of the pool. (Good)
- The center of the pool is approximately \_\_\_\_\_ m  ft  in the compass direction of \_\_\_\_\_ degrees from the above GPS point. (Acceptable)



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## 5. VERNAL POOL HABITAT INFORMATION

a. Habitat survey date (only if different from indicator survey dates on page 3): \_\_\_\_\_

### b. Wetland habitat characterization

■ Choose the best descriptor for the landscape setting:

- Isolated depression
- Pool associated with larger wetland complex
- Floodplain depression
- Other: on intermittent stream connecting all 3 pools on this site

■ Check all wetland types that best apply to this pool:

- Forested swamp
- Wet meadow
- Slow stream
- Dug pond or borrow pit
- Shrub swamp
- Lake or pond cove
- Floodplain
- Peatland (fen or bog)
- Abandoned beaver flowage
- Mostly unvegetated pool
- Roadside ditch
- Emergent marsh
- Active beaver flowage
- ATV or skidder rut
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### c. Vernal pool status under the Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA)

i. Pool Origin:  Natural  Natural-Modified  Unnatural  Unknown

If modified, unnatural or unknown, describe any modern or historic human impacts to the pool (**required**):

#### ii. Pool Hydrology

■ Select the pool's estimated hydroperiod AND provide rationale in box (**required**):

- Permanent
- Semi-permanent (drying partially in all years and completely in drought years)
- Ephemeral (drying out completely in most years)
- Unknown

Explain:

Shallow depth, landscape position, bedrock controlled topography

■ Maximum depth at survey:  0-12" (0-1 ft.)  12-36" (1-3 ft.)  36-60" (3-5 ft.)  >60" (>5 ft.)

■ Approximate size of pool (at spring highwater): Width: 30  m  ft Length: 100  m  ft

■ Predominate substrate in order of increasing hydroperiod:

- Mineral soil (bare, leaf-litter bottom, or upland mosses present)
- Organic matter (peat/muck) shallow or restricted to deepest portion
- Mineral soil (sphagnum moss present)
- Organic matter (peat/muck) deep and widespread

■ Pool vegetation indicators in order of increasing hydroperiod (check all that apply):

- Terrestrial nonvascular spp. (e.g. haircap moss, lycopodium spp.)
- Wet site ferns (e.g. royal fern, marsh fern)
- Dry site ferns (e.g. spinulose wood fern, lady fern, bracken fern)
- Wet site shrubs (e.g. highbush blueberry, maleberry, winterberry, mountain holly)
- Moist site ferns (e.g. sensitive fern, cinnamon fern, interrupted fern, New York fern)
- Wet site graminoids (e.g. blue-joint grass, tussock sedge, cattail, bulrushes)
- Moist site vasculars (e.g. skunk cabbage, jewelweed, blue flag iris, swamp candle)
- Aquatic vascular spp. (e.g. pickerelweed, arrowhead)
- Sphagnum moss (anchored or suspended)
- Floating or submerged aquatics (e.g. water lily, water shield, pond weed, bladderwort)
- No vegetation in pool

■ Faunal indicators (check all that apply):

- Fish
- Bullfrog or Green Frog tadpoles
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### iii. Inlet/Outlet Flow Permanency

Type of inlet or outlet (a seasonal or permanent channel providing water flowing into or out of the pool):

- No inlet or outlet
- Intermittent inlet or outlet
- Permanent inlet or outlet (channel with well-defined banks and permanent flow)
- Other or Unknown (explain): \_\_\_\_\_



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## 6. VERNAL POOL INDICATOR INFORMATION

a. Indicator survey dates: 20 Apr 18

### b. Indicator abundance criteria and pool survey effort

- Is pool depression bisected by 2 ownerships (straddler pool)?  Yes  No
- Was the entire pool surveyed for egg masses?  Yes  No; what % of entire pool surveyed? \_\_\_\_\_
- For each indicator species, indicate the exact number of egg masses, confidence level for species determination, and egg mass maturity. Separate cells are provided for separate survey dates.

INDICATOR SPECIES	Egg Masses (or adult Fairy Shrimp)						Tadpoles/Larvae <sup>4</sup>				
	Visit #1	Visit #2	Visit #3	Confidence Level <sup>1</sup>		Egg Mass Maturity <sup>2</sup>		Observed		Confidence Level <sup>1</sup>	
Wood Frog	0										
Spotted Salamander	44+			3		M					
Blue-spotted Salamander	0										
Fairy Shrimp <sup>3</sup>	0										

1-Confidence level: 1 = <60%, 2 = 60-95%, 3 = >95%

2-Egg mass maturity: F= Fresh (<24 hrs), M= Mature (round embryos), A= Advanced (loose matrix, curved embryos), H= Hatched or Hatching

3-Fairy shrimp: X = present

4-Tadpoles/larvae: X = present

### c. Rarity criteria

- Note any rare species associated with vernal pools. Observations should be accompanied by photographs.

SPECIES	Method of Verification*			CL**	SPECIES	Method of Verification*			CL**
	P	H	S			P	H	S	
Blanding's Turtle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Wood Turtle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Spotted Turtle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ribbon Snake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ringed Boghaunter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

\*Method of verification: P = Photographed, H = Handled, S = Seen

\*\*CL - Confidence level in species determination: 1= <60%, 2= 60-95%, 3= >95%

### d. Optional observer recommendation:

- SVP  Potential SVP  Non Significant VP  Indicator Breeding Area

### e. General vernal pool comments and/or observations of other wildlife:

Additional investigation not done after 'Significant' criteria met.

Send completed form and supporting documentation to: Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Attn: Vernal Pools  
650 State Street, Bangor, ME 04401

**NOTE: Digital submission (to Jason.Czapiga@maine.gov) of vernal pool field forms and photographs is only acceptable for projects with 3 or fewer assessed pools; larger projects must be mailed as hard copies.**

For MDIFW use only    Reviewed by MDIFW    Date: \_\_\_\_\_    Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

This pool is:  Significant  Potentially Significant but lacking critical data  Not Significant due to  does not meet biological criteria  does not meet MDEP vernal pool criteria.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_