

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
 EOE No.: 14237
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The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: Onset Islanders Association, Inc. – Boardwalk construction to access existing pier.		
Street: Sagamore Street		
Municipality: Wareham	Watershed: Buzzards Bay	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: N4621920.7, E363603.3	Latitude: 41° 44' 14.63"N Longitude: 70° 38' 24.66" W	
Estimated commencement date: 05-30-08	Estimated completion date: 06-08-08	
Approximate cost: \$3,000	Status of project design: 100 %complete	
Proponent: Onset Islanders Association, Inc.		
Street: c/o William Vanderwal, 16 Frank Cutler Drive		
Municipality: Wareham	State: MA	Zip Code: 02571
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Jeffrey W. Oakes, P.E.		
Firm/Agency: CLE Engineering, Inc.	Street: 15 Creek Road	
Municipality: Marion	State: MA	Zip Code: 02738
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- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes No
- Has this project been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
- a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.05(8)) Yes No
 - a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09) Yes No
 - a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No
 - a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres): N/A

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?
 Yes (Specify _____) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Pending: DEP Superseding Order of Conditions and Town of Wareham Wetlands Bylaw Order of Conditions under DEP File # SE 76-1993.

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACEC | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Other Permits (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:
Total site acreage	0.95			
New acres of land altered		0.009		
Acres of impervious area	0	0	0	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		396		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	506	396	902	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	0	3	3	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	0	0	0	
Parking spaces	0	0	0	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	N/A	N/A	N/A	
GPD water withdrawal	N/A	N/A	N/A	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	

CONSERVATION LAND: Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

Yes (Specify _____) No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify _____) No

RARE SPECIES: Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of

Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify _____) No

HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify _____) No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify _____) No

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify _____) No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (*You may attach one additional page, if necessary.*)

The Onset Islanders Association has maintained a pier, ramp and float system on which the approximately 100 residents of Onset Island secure the small row boats they use to access the island. A wooden boardwalk was constructed many years ago between the end of pavement on Sagamore Street to the ramp on the beach at the landward end of the pier. It was recently discovered that the boardwalk was constructed out side of the right-of-way that was established in 1924 to allow the Onset Island Association access to their pier. As part of a settlement overseen by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Waterways Program (Chapter 91 program) it was agreed that the Onset Islanders Association would seek permits to construct a new boardwalk along the eastern edge of the right-of-way.

A Notice of Intent was submitted to the Wareham Conservation Commission under the Wetlands Protection Act and the local by law. An Order of Conditions was issued denying permission to construct the boardwalk as was proposed to be constructed at grade. The Order of Conditions was appealed to the DEP. During its review the DEP determined the boardwalk was proposed to be constructed on a Coastal Dune. The DEP also requested the design be revised to elevate the boardwalk above the vegetation on the dune, that consists primarily of *Rosa rugosa*.

The need for a Superceding Order of Conditions for this work as proposed on a coastal dune has triggered this ENF filing (301 CMR 11.03(3)(b)).

The boardwalk has been re-designed as directed by the DEP to provide clearance above the *Rosa rugosa*. Additionally it has been straightened to eliminate a jog, thereby shortening the boardwalk, reducing the number of support piles and decreasing the surface area of the impacts.