

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
 BOEA No.: 13606
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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: Hoppy's Landing Proposed Float and Gangway & Reconstruction of the Boat Ramp Project		
Street: Causeway Road, West Island		
Municipality: Fairhaven	Watershed: Buzzards Bay	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 4606490N, 346318E NAD 83	Latitude: 41d35'43.19"N	Longitude: 70d50'38.36"W
Estimated commencement date: 04/06	Estimated completion date: 06/06	
Approximate cost: \$341,834	Status of project design: 95 %complete	
Proponent: Town of Fairhaven		
Street: 40 Center Street		
Municipality: Fairhaven	State: MA	Zip Code: 02719
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Susan E. Nilson		
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 11.06(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): Grant application was submitted to Seaport Advisory Council for \$341,834.00. Land was purchased in 2003 from Municipal Funds of \$170,000, \$250,000 from EOEA Division of Conservation Services, Land & Water Conservation Fund, and Seaport Advisory Council for \$80,000.

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?

Yes (Specify: MA DEP, CZM Federal Consistency Review, Fairhaven Conservation Commission, DEP Chapter 91 Waterways License, US Department of ACOE PGP Cat. 2) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: See previous for permit submittals, all permits are presently in progress.

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 type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Permits <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i> ACOE PGP Cat. 2 Mass. CZM Federal Consistency Review
Total site acreage	6.40 ac			
New acres of land altered		1,840 SF (0.04 ac.)		
Acres of impervious area	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		N/A		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		2,740 SF (0.06 ac)		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		N/A		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	N/A			
Number of housing units	N/A			
Maximum height (in feet)	N/A			
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	N/A			
Parking spaces	N/A			
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	N/A			
GPD water withdrawal	N/A			
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	N/A			
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	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.*)

(a) The proposed site is a 6.4 acre peninsula with approximately 1,400 linear feet of shoreline. It is located on the southern half of Long Island, which is bisected by a causeway half way between Scoticut Neck and West Island. This project is located in Buzzards Bay at Hoppy's Landing, in Fairhaven, MA. The site by virtue of being a peninsula is a unique landscape feature that provides access to the water and shellfishing areas. The northern half of the site has been developed and the southern half has been left in a natural state. The northern portion of the site is developed with parking and maneuvering areas paved with crushed shells, a boat ramp, floating dock, and 20' x 20' two story building.

The proposed scope of work for this project is the removal of the existing floating dock system and construction of a pier, gangway and float system and the reconstruction of the existing boat ramp. The proposed 75' long by 8' wide pier and 50' long by 6' wide gangway will consist of the addition of 16 piles and provide access to the proposed 40' by 16' wide float system. This structure will replace the existing 60' long by 16' floating dock system. The reconstruction of the concrete boat ramp will consist of 2,760 square feet replacing the existing 1,447 square feet ramp structure.

(b) The proposed boat ramp, pile driving and float installation has no off-site alternatives. On-site alternatives include: (1) No-build alternative: The no-build alternative will result in the continued limited access to navigable waters from the site. The no-build alternative does not meet the project goals and is not considered further. (2) Alternate location: This option consists of reconstruction of the boat ramp and installing a proposed ramp and float system elsewhere on the site. However, there is nearby documented records of nesting **Common and Least Terns** (*Sterna hirundo*, Special Concern, and *Sterna antillarum*, Special Concern) in the southern half of this property of this type of habitat, which is used by these birds. However, there are not sufficient water depths on site to allow for floats and other locations would interfere with navigation. The proposed location is an expansion of the existing ramp system and is consistent with the uses in the area. (3) The proposed boat ramp, pile driving and float installation is the preferred alternative.

(c) The project has been designed to minimize the impacts to the wetland resource areas. The proposed pier, gangway and float will improve the existing floating dock system and will maintain clearance below the float of 2.5' at mean low water to minimize impacts to the bottom. The boat ramp will replace an existing ramp.