

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
EOEA No.: 13078
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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: Proposed Embayment Plan	
Street: 79 Essex Avenue	
Municipality: Gloucester	Watershed: <u>North Coastal</u>
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: 42 36 81414 Longitude: 70 40 89544
Estimated commencement date: 2004	Estimated completion date: 90 Days After Start
Approximate cost: \$500,000.00	Status of project design: 65 %complete
Proponent: 79 Essex Avenue Realty Trust, Alan G. Hill, Trustee (Yankee Fleet)	
Street: 79 Essex avenue	
Municipality: Gloucester	State: MA Zip Code: 01930
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Paul M. Shea, Jr.	
Firm/Agency: Paul M. Shea, Jr., P.C.	Street: 7 Revere Street
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- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)? 11.03(3)(b)1a (Coastal bank)
 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 301CMR 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): None

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Notice of Intent pending before Gloucester Conservation Commission. Army Corps of Engineers permits not yet filed.

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

- Land
- Water
- Energy
- ACEC

- Rare Species
- Wastewater
- Air
- Regulations

- Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands
- Transportation
- Solid & Hazardous Waste
- 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 (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify: Army Corps. _____ City Council 5.5.4 Permit _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Total site acreage	46.2 acres			
New acres of land altered				
Acres of impervious area	-0-	-0-	-0-	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		-0-		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		Less than 5,000 sqft		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		-0-		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	4125	-0-	4125	
Number of housing units	1	-0-	1	
Maximum height (in feet)	N/A	----	----	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	800	-0-	800	
Parking spaces	170	-17	153	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	1791	-0-	1791	
GPD water withdrawal	N/A	N/A	N/A	
GPD wastewater generation/treatment	800	-0-	800	
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 proposed Yankee Fleet construction project will involve shoreside excavation/dredging and underwater dredging that will restore a previously legally filled area to create a vessel berthing facility for the Yankee Fleet whale watch, fishing and nature and environmental operation that has existed at the 75 Essex Avenue site for the previous twenty (20) years.

The berthing facility will allow Yankee Fleet to utilize the acreage that they own at this location and to create the necessary water berths needed for their fleet of vessels without having to lease space from a neighbor.

The autonomous operation will allow Yankee Fleet to make application for the financing that is needed to continue to improve the property that they have owned for the past 20 years.

The proposed bulkheading along the existing marshland will stop the erosion of that resource area and will allow increased water circulation in the proposed basin area.

Dozens of other potential sites have been reviewed by Yankee Fleet to locate an alternate site on Gloucester Harbor but no site reviewed meets the berthing and parking requirements and access to Route 128 that the 79 Essex Avenue site has at present.