

Project Narrative

for
Alan J. Lorandean
(applicant)

for a property at

Map 111, Lot 16A Pleasant Valley Road
Amesbury, Massachusetts

Proposed project:

The proposed project involves the installation of a 3.5-foot wide by 6-foot platform and a 3.5-foot by 15-foot long platform connected to each other by steps and supported by six(6) 12-inch concrete footings and suspended over the bank of the Merrimack river. The lower platform (pier) will attach to a 3.5-foot by 35-foot articulating ramp which then attaches, at the mean low water line, to several 4-foot by 20-foot walkways supported by 6-foot by 10-foot floats. There will be a 20-foot by 10-foot dock at the end of the walkways. The dock and walkways will float on the river. We have attached a plan view and a profile view prepared by this office dated January 31, 2025. The proposed project is a water dependant Limited Project. The dock will be removed for winter storage outside of the 100-foot buffer zone in a lawn area of the applicant's property across River Road.

Wetland Resource Areas:

The wetland resource area that will be affected, is the Bank of the Merrimack River as determined by the Survey. There is no bordering Vegetated Wetland in this area. The impacts will be minimal utilizing six 12-inch concrete footings to support the landward structure. The dock itself will float and a portion of it (landing float) will rest on the Land Under Water during low tide. No trees on the Bank will be impacted by the proposed project.

The approximate area where the dock landings will be located. Photo taken on x/xx/xx at high tide.

Threatened and Endangered Species:

The Merrimack River is considered Bald Eagle and Short Nosed Sturgeon habitat. This Notice of Intent will be filed with the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

Performance Standards

The project as proposed will meet the Performance Standards as per 310 CMR 10.54 by not impairing the physical stability of the Bank, the water carrying capacity of the Merrimack River, the ground water and surface water quality, nor the breeding habitat of the fisheries.

Construction Sequence:

All work will take place on the Pleasant Valley Road side of the project. Erosion Control in the form of straw wattles will be installed on the river side of each footing when it is being installed.