



CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT HARBOR MANAGEMENT AND SHELLFISH COMMISSION

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Stamford Harbor Boat Launch Feasibility Study: Next Steps¹

SEC. 8.4: POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS²

*As noted, Kosciuszko Park Site 1 was identified to be the highest scoring location between the four sites evaluated. While the scoring matrix showed this location to be the most favorable, additional survey and investigative work will be required to determine overall boat ramp facility viability in this area. Initial feedback from CT DEEP WEED [Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division] about the development has been positive, however there will need to be increased dialogue with the State and Federal regulatory bodies that hold jurisdiction over this area, and **by no means is it guaranteed that any or all of the regulatory bodies will issue approval for such development. It is difficult to solicit much further input from these agencies until more specifics as to an actual boat ramp design and impacts are known**, [emphasis added by SHMSC 1/20/26] however the development of a boat launching facility for public use, provided disruption or degradation of coastal resources are minimized, is a supported development policy under CT State Statutes. Specific regulatory agencies that will need to be included as part of this review include, but are not limited to:*



View toward Kosciuszko Park Potential Boat Launch Site 1 nearby Stamford Hurricane Barrier to right. (G. Steadman photo 2016)

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- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works, given the proximity of the work to the Stamford Hurricane Barrier.
- CT DEEP WEED, due to proposed post-closure uses of the landfill
- CT DEEP Land and Water Resources Division (LWRD) regarding proposed developments below the Coastal Jurisdiction Line (CJL).
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory, regarding proposed developments within “waters of the U.S.” and below the High Tide Line (HTL).

It is further noted that review of the City’s compliance with the existing “Closure Plan” for Kosciuszko Park, or other regulatory matters which may have arisen from the 2005-2007 landfill closure work, including the 30-year post-closure maintenance program that the City is obligated to perform, is beyond the scope of the boat ramp evaluation, and should be reviewed internally before progressing studies, surveys, and investigative activities further. If following an internal review, the City of Stamford believes itself to be in compliance and wishes to pursue the development of a boat ramp at this location further, the following next steps may be considered [emphasis added by SHMSC 1/20/26].

1. *Perform property/topography/bathymetric survey in the proposed development areas of interest. A review of existing property land records, including any access and easement agreements, and land-use restrictions that may be on-file, should also be carried out and incorporated into the survey mapping.*
2. *In consultation with DEEP WEED, prepare and execute subgrade investigations (soil test borings, test pits, etc.) in the area of the proposed developments, with a goal of better defining geotechnical conditions for engineering design purposes, as well as the extent of, if any, historic landfill in this location, and how best to minimize impacts to these locations.*
3. *Develop preliminary site and grading plans of the proposed boat ramp facility including parking lot additions, vehicle/trailer access ways and maneuvering & tie-down areas, and boat ramp and boarding dock locations. As part of this phase, a determination of cut/fills and required stormwater management should be determined.*
4. *Continue discussions with CT DEEP WEED regarding required cuts/fills and potential impacts, if any, on any existing landfill or cover, and begin discussions with the U.S. Army*



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Corps of Engineers Regulatory & Civil Works, and CT DEEP LWRD regarding applications to such agencies for the activities to be conducted within respective jurisdictions.

The completion of any of the bullets points above can additionally be a stop and decision point, before proceeding to a subsequent bullet, and overall furtherment of design and permitting efforts.

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