

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands
WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability
Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

A. General Information

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From:

Ayer

Conservation Commission

To: Applicant

Danielle and Keith Sheffer

Name

66 Nashua Street

Mailing Address

Ayer

City/Town

MA

State

01432

Zip Code

Property Owner (if different from applicant):

Name

Mailing Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

1. Title and Date (or Revised Date if applicable) of Final Plans and Other Documents:

Patio and Walkway Proposal (prep. by Matthew Field Architecture & Design)

Title

9/20/2021

Date

Title

Date

Title

Date

2. Date Request Filed:

2/8/2022

B. Determination

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, the Conservation Commission considered your Request for Determination of Applicability, with its supporting documentation, and made the following Determination.

Project Description (if applicable):

Using pavers, construction of 510 sq. ft. 2-tier patio with retaining walls in backyard. First retaining wall 3 ft. off/parallel back of house, drops 2 ft. to first patio area set level to walkout from back stair. Second retaining wall drops 1 ft. to additional leveled patio area which will merge with existing terrain. Area of work is just outside of 25 ft. buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Project Location:

66 Nashua Street

Street Address

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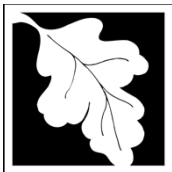
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B. Determination (cont.)

The following Determination(s) is/are applicable to the proposed site and/or project relative to the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations:

Positive Determination

Note: No work within the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act may proceed until a final Order of Conditions (issued following submittal of a Notice of Intent or Abbreviated Notice of Intent) or Order of Resource Area Delineation (issued following submittal of Simplified Review ANRAD) has been received from the issuing authority (i.e., Conservation Commission or the Department of Environmental Protection).

1. The area described on the referenced plan(s) is an area subject to protection under the Act. Removing, filling, dredging, or altering of the area requires the filing of a Notice of Intent.

2a. The boundary delineations of the following resource areas described on the referenced plan(s) are confirmed as accurate. Therefore, the resource area boundaries confirmed in this Determination are binding as to all decisions rendered pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations regarding such boundaries for as long as this Determination is valid.

2b. The boundaries of resource areas listed below are not confirmed by this Determination, regardless of whether such boundaries are contained on the plans attached to this Determination or to the Request for Determination.

3. The work described on referenced plan(s) and document(s) is within an area subject to protection under the Act and will remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work requires the filing of a Notice of Intent.

4. The work described on referenced plan(s) and document(s) is within the Buffer Zone and will alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work requires the filing of a Notice of Intent or ANRAD Simplified Review (if work is limited to the Buffer Zone).

5. The area and/or work described on referenced plan(s) and document(s) is subject to review and approval by:

Ayer

Name of Municipality

Pursuant to the following municipal wetland ordinance or bylaw:

Ayer Wetlands Bylaw

Name

Article XXVI

Ordinance or Bylaw Citation



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B. Determination (cont.)

6. The following area and/or work, if any, is subject to a municipal ordinance or bylaw but not subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act:

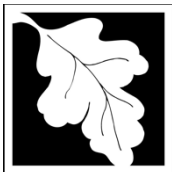
7. If a Notice of Intent is filed for the work in the Riverfront Area described on referenced plan(s) and document(s), which includes all or part of the work described in the Request, the applicant must consider the following alternatives. (Refer to the wetland regulations at 10.58(4)c. for more information about the scope of alternatives requirements):

- Alternatives limited to the lot on which the project is located.
- Alternatives limited to the lot on which the project is located, the subdivided lots, and any adjacent lots formerly or presently owned by the same owner.
- Alternatives limited to the original parcel on which the project is located, the subdivided parcels, any adjacent parcels, and any other land which can reasonably be obtained within the municipality.
- Alternatives extend to any sites which can reasonably be obtained within the appropriate region of the state.

Negative Determination

Note: No further action under the Wetlands Protection Act is required by the applicant. However, if the Department is requested to issue a Superseding Determination of Applicability, work may not proceed on this project unless the Department fails to act on such request within 35 days of the date the request is post-marked for certified mail or hand delivered to the Department. Work may then proceed at the owner's risk only upon notice to the Department and to the Conservation Commission. Requirements for requests for Superseding Determinations are listed at the end of this document.

1. The area described in the Request is not an area subject to protection under the Act or the Buffer Zone.
2. The work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.
3. The work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, subject to the following conditions (if any).
Installation of erosion controls (straw wattles or haybale/silt fence) between work area and wetlands, to be inspected by Conservation Commission representative prior to commencement of work.
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4. The work described in the Request is not within an Area subject to protection under the Act (including the Buffer Zone). Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, unless and until said work alters an Area subject to protection under the Act.



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B. Determination (cont.)

5. The area described in the Request is subject to protection under the Act. Since the work described therein meets the requirements for the following exemption, as specified in the Act and the regulations, no Notice of Intent is required:

Exempt Activity (site applicable statutory/regulatory provisions)

6. The area and/or work described in the Request is not subject to review and approval by:

Name of Municipality

Pursuant to a municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw.

Name

Ordinance or Bylaw Citation

C. Authorization

This Determination is issued to the applicant and delivered as follows:

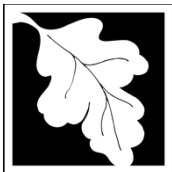
- by hand delivery on _____ by certified mail, return receipt requested on _____

Date

Date

This Determination is valid for **three years** from the date of issuance (except Determinations for Vegetation Management Plans which are valid for the duration of the Plan). This Determination does not relieve the applicant from complying with all other applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, bylaws, or regulations.

This Determination must be signed by a majority of the Conservation Commission. A copy must be sent to the appropriate DEP Regional Office (see <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-regional-offices-by-community>) and the property owner (if different from the applicant).



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C. Authorization (cont.)

Signatures:

Signature

Jon Schamalenberger, Chair

Printed Name

Signature

Mark Phillips

Printed Name

Signature

George Bacon

Printed Name

Signature

Jennifer Amaya

Printed Name

Signature

Jessica Gugino

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

Signature

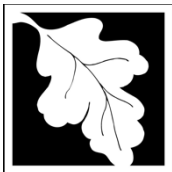
Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

D. Appeals

The applicant, owner, any person aggrieved by this Determination, any owner of land abutting the land upon which the proposed work is to be done, or any ten residents of the city or town in which such land is located, are hereby notified of their right to request the appropriate Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office (see <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-regional-offices-by-community>) to issue a Superseding Determination of Applicability. The request must be made by certified mail or hand delivery to the Department, with the appropriate filing fee and Fee Transmittal Form (see Request for Departmental Action Fee Transmittal Form) as provided in 310 CMR 10.03(7) within ten business days from the date of issuance of this Determination. A copy of the request shall at the same time be sent by certified mail or hand delivery to the Conservation Commission and to the applicant if he/she is not the appellant. The request shall state clearly and concisely the objections to the Determination which is being appealed. To the extent that the Determination is based on a municipal ordinance or bylaw and not on the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or regulations, the Department of Environmental Protection has no appellate jurisdiction.



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Request for Departmental Action Fee
Transmittal Form

DEP File Number:

 Provided by DEP

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A. Request Information

1. Location of Project

_____	_____
a. Street Address	b. City/Town, Zip
_____	_____
c. Check number	d. Fee amount

2. Person or party making request (if appropriate, name the citizen group's representative):

Name

Mailing Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

3. Applicant (as shown on Determination of Applicability (Form 2), Order of Resource Area Delineation (Form 4B), Order of Conditions (Form 5), Restoration Order of Conditions (Form 5A), or Notice of Non-Significance (Form 6)):

Name

Mailing Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

4. DEP File Number:

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B. Instructions

1. When the Departmental action request is for (check one):

- Superseding Order of Conditions – Fee: \$120.00 (single family house projects) or \$245 (all other projects)
- Superseding Determination of Applicability – Fee: \$120
- Superseding Order of Resource Area Delineation – Fee: \$120

Send this form and check or money order, payable to the *Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, to:

Department of Environmental Protection
 Box 4062
 Boston, MA 02211



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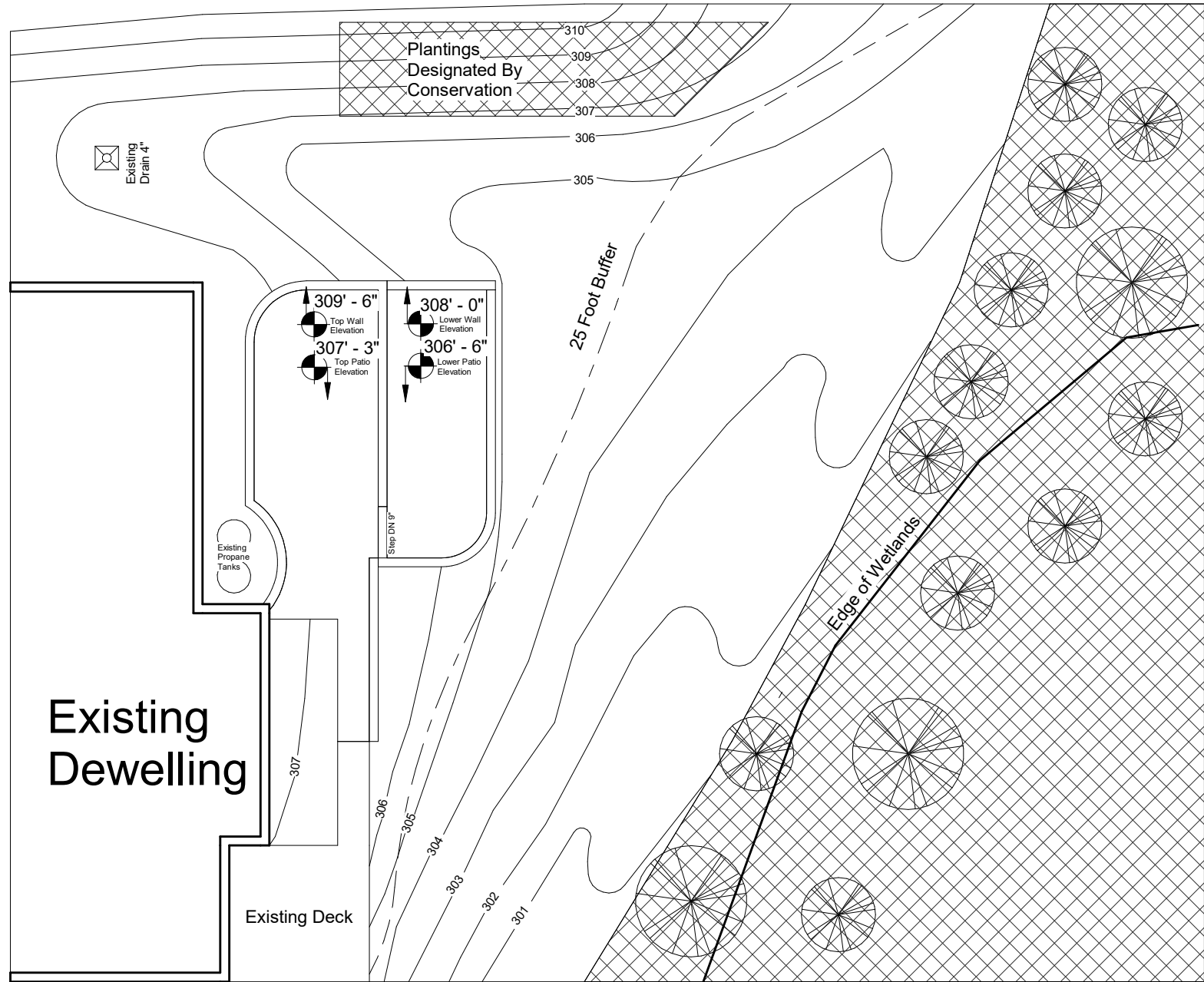
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DEP File Number:

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B. Instructions (cont.)

2. On a separate sheet attached to this form, state clearly and concisely the objections to the Determination or Order which is being appealed. To the extent that the Determination or Order is based on a municipal bylaw, and not on the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or regulations, the Department has no appellate jurisdiction.
3. Send a **copy** of this form and a **copy** of the check or money order with the Request for a Superseding Determination or Order by certified mail or hand delivery to the appropriate DEP Regional Office (see <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-regional-offices-by-community>).
4. A copy of the request shall at the same time be sent by certified mail or hand delivery to the Conservation Commission and to the applicant, if he/she is not the appellant.



Project Information

Proposed Patio

- Total Proposed Patio = 370± SF
- Top Area = 230± SF
- Bottom Area = 140± SF

Materials

- Ideal Straight Face 8" h x 12" w x 12" d
- Ideal Universal Coping 3.63" h x 16" w x 13" d
- Ideal Pavers By Owner

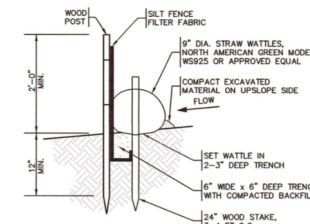
Planting

- To be designated by Conservation Commission

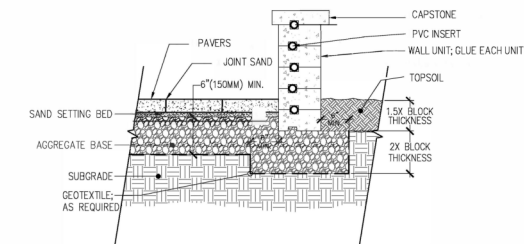
Scope Of Work

- Implementation of Silt fence
- Grading of patio and surrounding area
- Installation Of Patio and Walls
- Finish grading for drainage

Silt Fence Detail



Retaining Wall and Paver detail



Site Plan - Existing



1 Patio Plan - Proposed
1" = 10'-0"

Matthew Field Architecture
and Design

66 Nashua Street
Ayer, MA 01432

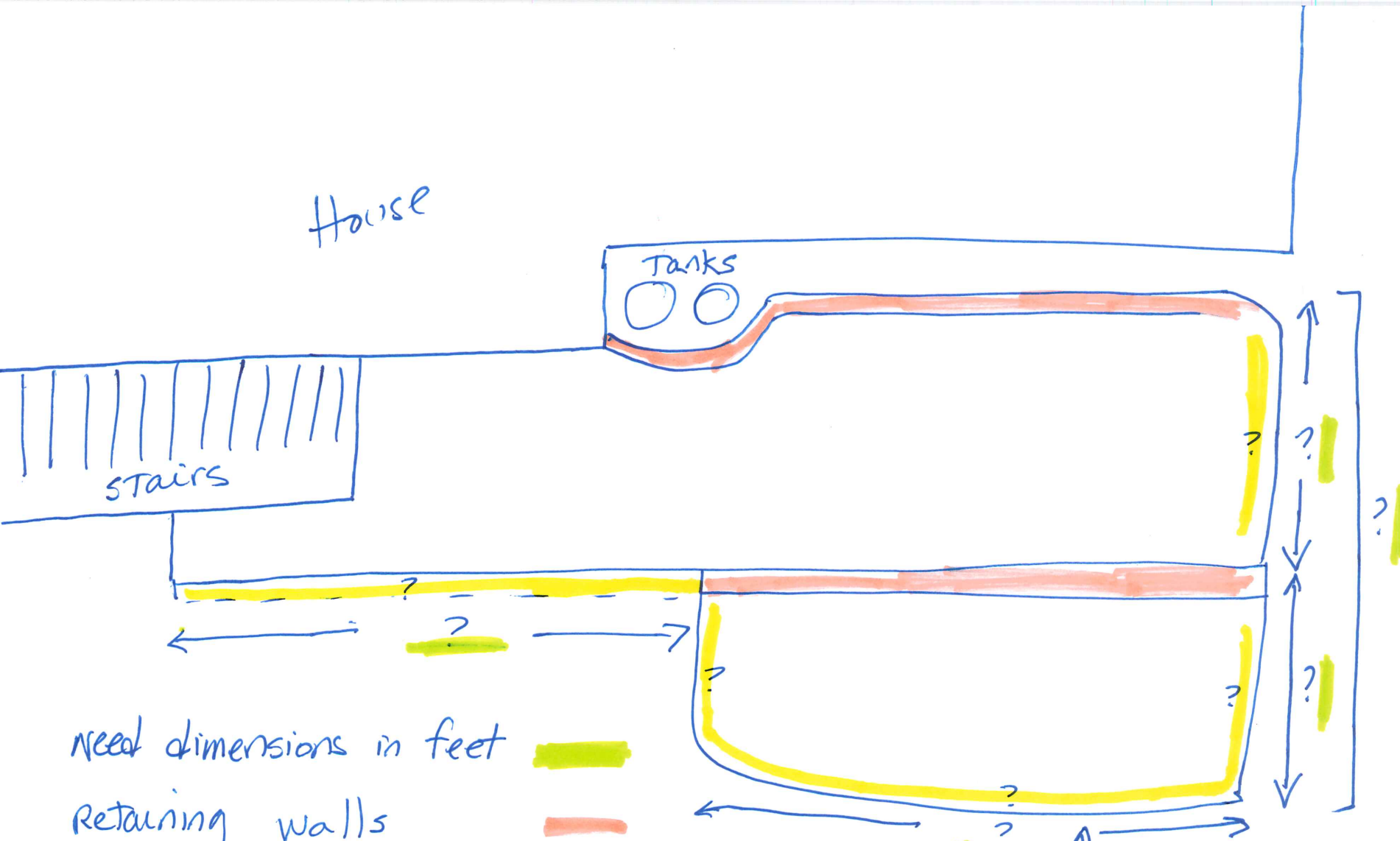
No.	Description	Date

Proposal For Conservation Commission		
Date	20 September 2021	Details and Site Plan Not to Scale
Drawn by	Matthew G Field	

House

Tanks

stairs



need dimensions in feet

Retaining walls

are these areas also retaining walls?



How does this edge of patio merge with existing terrain/slope?

BVW



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City/Town

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A. General Information

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1. Applicant:

Danielle and Keith Sheffer

Name

danielle.sheffer@gmail.com

E-Mail Address

66 Nashua Street

Mailing Address

Ayer

City/Town

MA

State

01432

Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

2. Representative (if any):

Firm

Contact Name

E-Mail Address

Mailing Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

B. Determinations

1. I request the Ayer Conservation Commission make the following determination(s). Check any that apply:

- a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
- b. whether the **boundaries** of resource area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below are accurately delineated.
- c. whether the **work** depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.
- d. whether the area and/or work depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw** of:

Ayer

Name of Municipality

- e. whether the following **scope of alternatives** is adequate for work in the Riverfront Area as depicted on referenced plan(s).



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1. Project Description

1. a. Project Location (use maps and plans to identify the location of the area subject to this request):

66 Nashua Street

Street Address

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Assessors Map/Plat Number

Ayer

City/Town

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Parcel/Lot Number

b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessary):

Project location is just outside the 25 ft. buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Back yard slopes down to BVW and adjacent retention basin.

c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s):

Proposal for Conservation Commission, prepared by Matthew G. Field

Title

9/20/2021

Date

Title

Date

Title

Date

2. a. Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of work, if necessary):

Total 370 sq. ft. 2-tier patio area, with 2 retaining walls, from back stairway along rest of back of house. First retaining wall 3 ft. off and parallel to back of house. Drops 2 ft. to patio level to walkout from stair. Second retaining wall drops 1 ft. to additional leveled area which will merge with to existing slope.



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C. Project Description (cont.)

b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

DA

3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.

- Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96
- Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Project, other than a single family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96
- New agriculture or aquaculture project
- Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96
- Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision
- Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project
- Municipal project
- District, county, state, or federal government project
- Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.

b. Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification above (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.)



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D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

Name and address of the property owner:

Danielle and Keith Sheffer

Name

66 Nashua Street

Mailing Address

Ayer

City/Town

MA


State

01432

Zip Code

Signatures:

I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.


Signature of Applicant

2/17/22
Date
2/18/22

Signature of Representative (if any)

Date