

## **Wilmington Town Beach (Lake Raponda) Erosion Mitigation Project Pre-Bid Walk Through Q&A**

**Q:** Is the existing tree closest to the proposed grass pavers at the bottom of the existing driveway staying, or should it be removed? Also, should the dying tree near the northern most proposed plantings (along the shore line) be removed?

**A:** No. Both trees are within the shoreline protection zone and cannot be cut down. Note: the tree north west of the existing stairs, shown with a Tree Protection Fence on page L-1.1, has since been removed. This tree will no longer need a Tree Protection Fence.

**Q:** Can the construction team dewater the area around the proposed stone toe on the southern end of the project area?

**A:** No dewatering in the lake is allowed for this project.

**Q:** Should the stepping stones leading up to the proposed stone bridge be at the same elevation on either side of the bridge, or can they be at different heights from each other, depending on the existing grade on either side of the existing swale?

**A:** Yes, as long as the bridge surface and stepping stones are level.

**Q:** Should there be any top dressing or refreshing of existing areas (i.e. new grass or sand)?

**A:** No. Any disturbed areas shall be restored to their exiting condition. Any existing areas not to be disturbed do not need top dressing or refreshment. For areas where the plan set has indicated new plants and soil will be added, conform to the directions on the plans and details (example: berms, bottom of existing stairs, and planting beds).

**Q:** What about the existing fire pit near the northern most proposed planting area?

**A:** This fire pit was not constructed by the town. It can be removed as needed, and the stones can be re-used for other purposes, provided they are appropriate per the plans and details.

**Q:** How can vehicles/ equipment access the downhill areas of the project area?

**A:** For areas not accessible via the existing driveway, the contractor may remove the fence along Lake Raponda Road, north of the existing stairs. This fence must be placed back after construction is completed, and any disturbed plants must be replaced in kind. Preference must be given for approaches that minimize disturbance.

**Q:** For the proposed stone walls, are both sides of the walls meant to be visible?

**A:** The water-facing side of the stone wall is the side that is meant to be permanently/ year-round visible. The stone wall near the existing plantings is not to be back filled, see detail on L-5.2.

**Q:** What type of stone is required for the stonework? What about capstones?

**A:** There is a preference for using stone from the site as available for the stone toe. For the proposed stone walls, please use a stone that is locationally appropriate to Southern Vermont, such schist or granite field stone. There is no capstone; top course should be generally flat, but not manufactured smooth. Stones used in the stone walls should all be from the same source for visual cohesion. See detail on L-5.2.

**Q:** What qualifications are the masons doing the project stonework required to have?

**A:** Refer to specification 32 3223 Dry Stone Wall section 1.05 Contractor Requirements. The mason (Waller) in charge who shall be responsible for the work done must meet these qualifications. Other masons on the project are not required to have these qualifications.

**Q:** Is there any specification for the type of fuels that can be used in equipment?

**A:** Follow all applicable state and federal requirements for work along a lake shore, as well as all permit requirements.

**Q:** What is the project budget? What about potential overages?

**A:** The construction budget is \$105,937.50 We encourage bidders to calculate a realistic bid to avoid future overages and change orders.