



Housatonic River Commission

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Town of Salisbury
Planning and Zoning Commission
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RE: Application for 1 Elman Drive, Salisbury CT 06068

The Housatonic River Commission (HRC) was recently presented with an application for 1 Elman Drive. The applicant indicated the following proposed activities:

- Construction of a new building
- Grading
- Excavation
- Filling

It is our understanding that the area disrupted would include 3.68 acres of land within the outer corridor of the Housatonic River. The applicant has provided information regarding erosion and siltation control in the plans prepared by Steven Trinkaus P.E.

Due to distance from the banks and inner corridor of the Housatonic River, the Housatonic River Commission does not have comments in opposition to the project. However, given its proximity to the outer corridor, HRC would like to advise all involved parties to review and adhere to Wild and Scenic [best management practices](#) (BMPs) relevant to each stage of this project. Please also be aware of [Section 7 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act](#), if changes are made to this project that result in adverse effect to the free-flowing condition, water quality, or [ORVs](#) of the Housatonic River. HRC supports this project provided written acknowledgement of the following:

- **Vegetation management (Respect to Vegetative Buffers)** - The applicant should develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable landscape strategy to address the impacts the proposed project will have on soil structure, stability, and ecological function, prioritizing native plantings and invasive species removal. This recommendation is based on the applicant's proposed grading, excavation, and filling activities within the corridor. HRC encourages the applicant to consider coordinating with the Wild and Scenic Program Coordinator to explore development of a vegetation management approach consistent with Wild and Scenic BMPs. The HRC may be able to provide financial assistance to help support this effort through its Sustainable Corridor Rebate Grant Program, which offers funding opportunities to interested private landowners within the Housatonic River Corridor.
- **Erosion and Sediment Control** - Proper siltation and erosion control, minimized grading, adherence to stormwater BMPs during rainy seasons.
- [Low Impact Design](#) wherever possible in the construction process.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns to mscherff@housatonicrivercommission.org. We appreciate your continued collaboration.

Best Regards,

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