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Draft State Boat Launch Improvements:

Squantz Cove, Candlewood Lake

March 4, 2021
DEEP Bureau of Outdoor Recreation/Boating Division
Virtual Public Information Session



Agenda

- Introductions
- Welcome
- Housekeeping
- Presentation
- Next steps





Introductions

- Peter Francis, DEEP Boating Division Director
- Mason Trumble, Deputy Commissioner
- Mike Lambert, Bureau Chief Outdoor Recreation
- Mike Payton, Boating Division, Navigation Safety & Boating Infrastructure Unit
- Yolanda Cooley, Boating Division, Regulatory Section
- Stephen Benben, PE, Triton Environmental, Inc.



Welcome Message

Mason Trumble, DEEP Deputy Commissioner Environmental Conservation



Housekeeping

- Overview of meeting format
 - Present draft design
 - No open microphone
 - Clarifying questions in chat
 - Meeting ends at 9pm
- Presentation/plans will be posted online



Presentation

R. Michael Payton, Program Specialist
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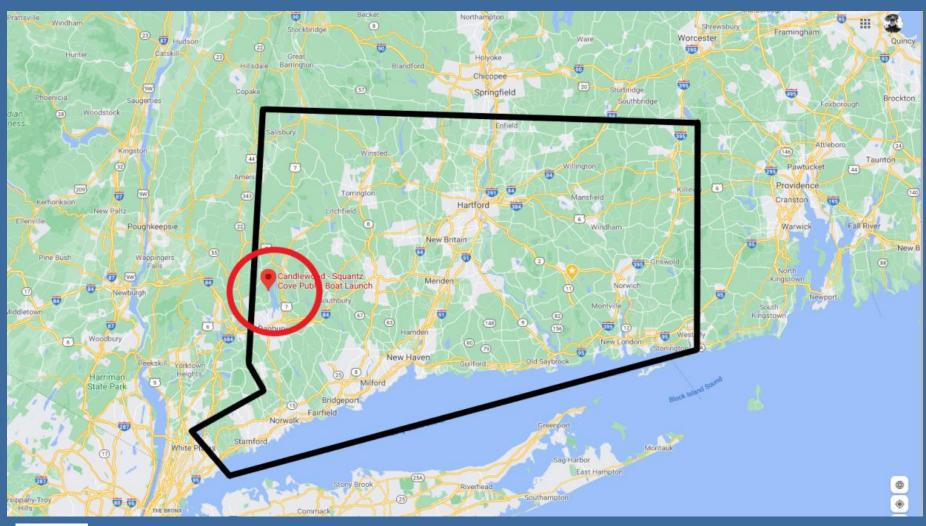


Why are we here?

- Determined launch was due for repairs
- Launch is not American with Disability Act (ADA) compliant
- Hired consultant in 2019 to redesign
- Public information meeting and comment opportunity is part of process
- Public input is important to DEEP in designing a safe and efficient launch for patrons



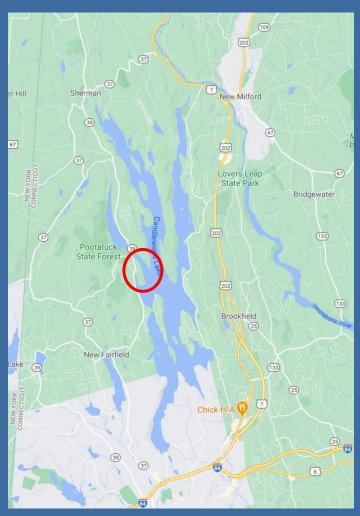
Candlewood Lake Location





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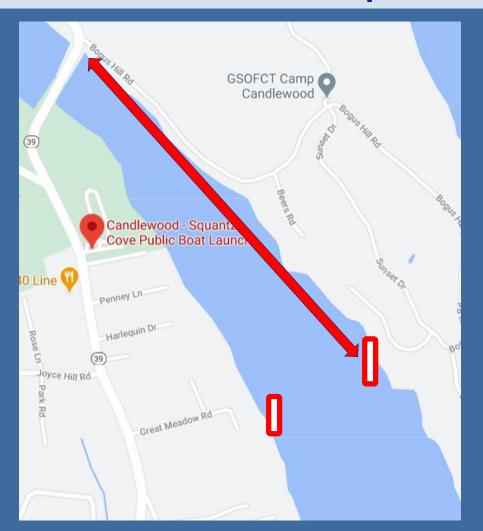
Boat Launch Location



- West side of Candlewood Lake
- Boat launch is located in Squantz Pond State Park
- Located on Route 39 in Town of New Fairfield



Squantz Cove



- SLOW-NO-WAKE speed zone from causeway south 2,500 feet
- Speed zone marked seasonally with buoys installed by DEEP



Launch History

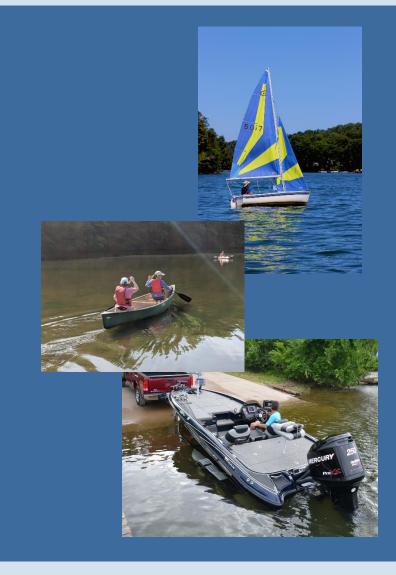
- Over 35 years old
- Many lake residents depend on launch for boat access to homes on Candlewood Lake





Launch Use

- Very popular especially weekends and holidays
- Variety of boating activity including fishing, paddling, waterskiing, tubing, pontoon boating, sailing, PWC
- Fishing tournaments





Results of Proposed Improvements

- SAFETY: NEW FEATURES
 - efficient traffic pattern
 - better organized parking design
 - docks
 - sidewalks
 - lighting



Results of Proposed Improvements

- SITE FUNCTIONALITY & EFFICIENCY
 - new traffic pattern
 - mitigate user group conflicts
 - launching and retrieval of boats
 - ADA compliance
 - improve parking



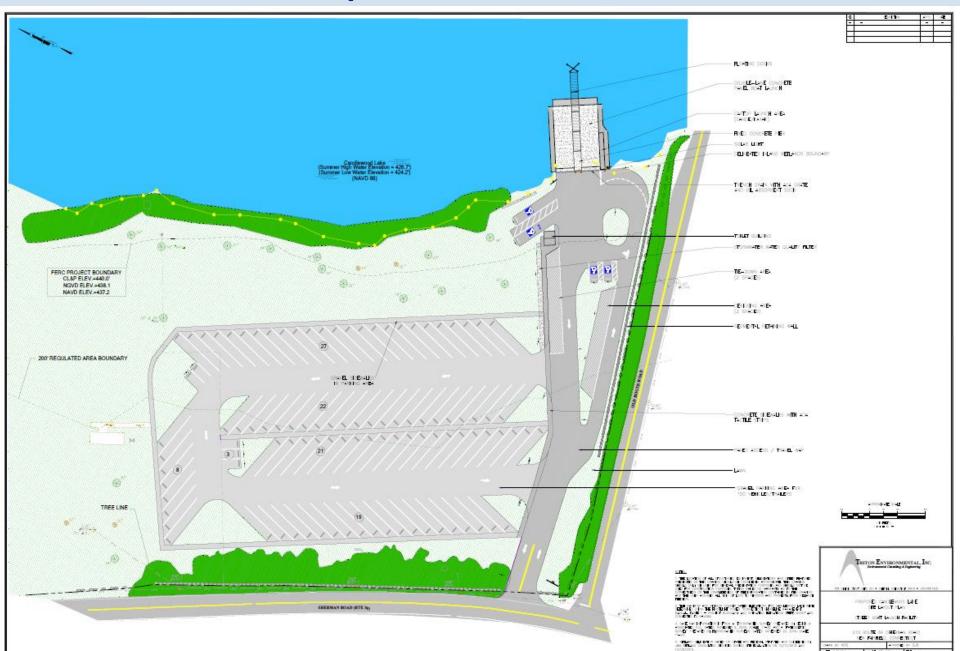
Results of Proposed Improvements

COST SAVINGS

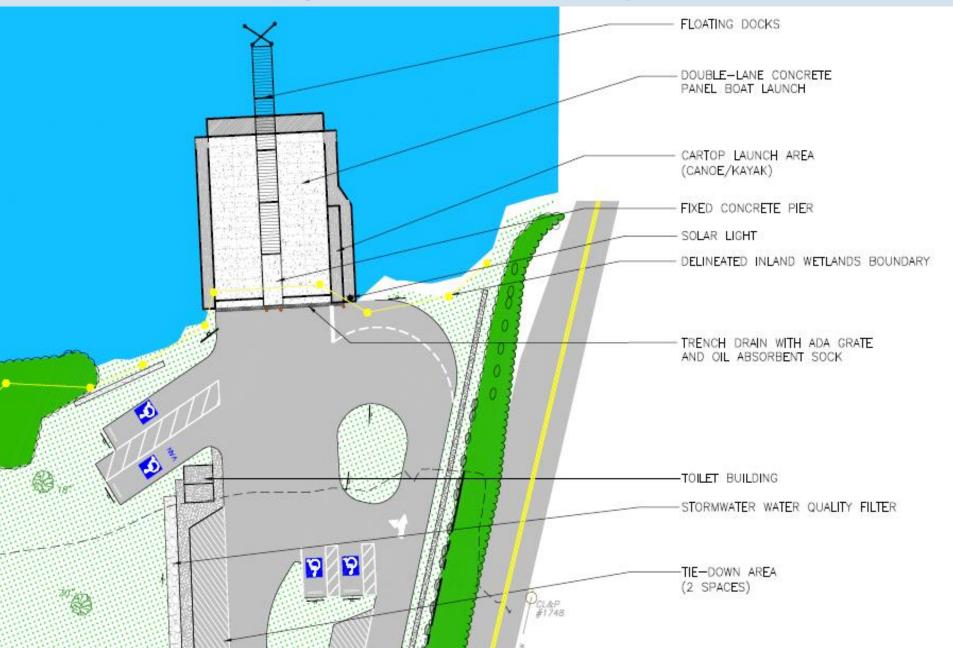
- new roadway and parking surfaces reduce need for repairs
- new ramp design addresses power loading issues
- reduce maintenance costs



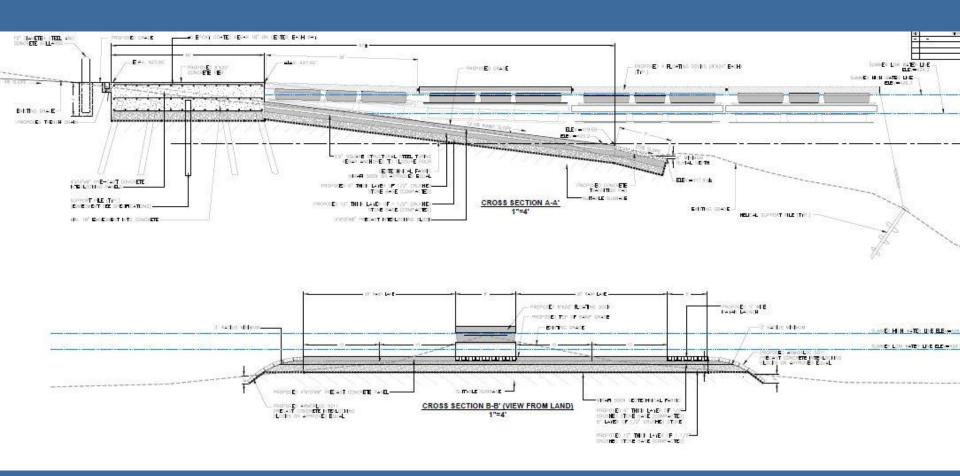
Proposed Site Plan



Turning Area & Ramp Details

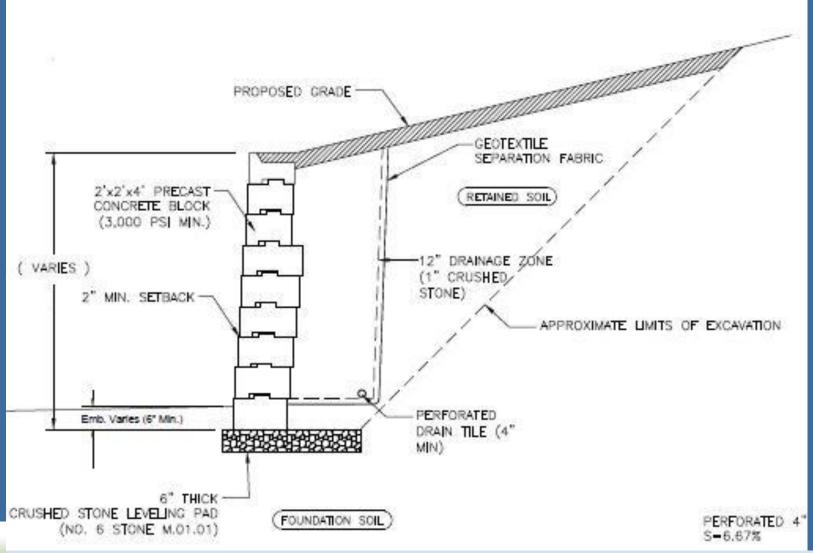


Dock & Ramp Details - Side View



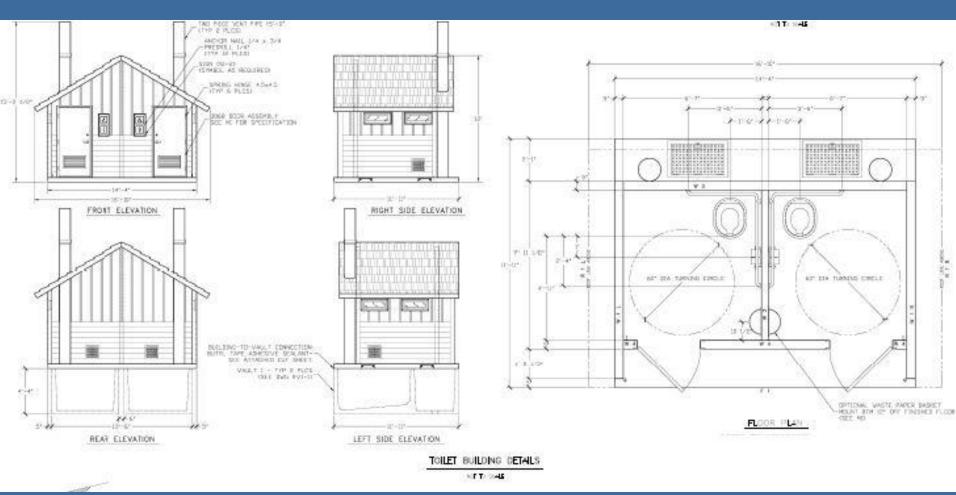


Retaining Wall Details





Toilet Building Details





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Next steps

- Presentation/plans will be posted online
- DEEP will accept public comments received through March 18
- DEEP will carefully consider comments and determine if changes should be made
- Response to comments will be posted
 online



Thank you!

Submit comments by March 18th to: mike.payton@ct.gov

Thank you for your participation!

https://portal.ct.gov/deep/boating

