



Waterford Land Trust, Inc.

PO Box 926, Waterford, CT 06385-0926

February 4, 2025

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Town of Waterford
Environmental Planner
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Ms Fitzgerald,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Waterford Land Trust, I am writing to provide information about a restoration project we are undertaking at our Conover Nature Preserve, located at the end of Old Barry Road, Waterford, CT.

We request the Town of Waterford Conservation and Wetlands Commission review the application and find the project is "as of right" under the Town of Waterford Inland Wetlands and

Watercourses Regulations, Section 4.2b.

The project involves replacing an existing footbridge with a new footbridge in the same location. The existing footbridge has outlived its usefulness, and it will be replaced with a new structure offering easier accessibility. Land Trust volunteers will remove the existing bridge and properly dispose of the timbers. The new bridge will require some minor shoring to level and stabilize the structure. Please see the attached document describing the replacement foot bridge.

The Land Trust will neither conduct any work in the brook nor disturb the adjoining shoreline.

The Waterford Land Trust is a local non-profit corporation located in Waterford, CT and dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural resources of Waterford and nearby towns – the land, water, plants and animals, as well as unique scenic and historic sites.

Mr. Bert Chenard and I are available to provide any additional information, as you request. Bert may be reached at (860) 857-9672 or bchenard@gmail.com. Please feel free to write to Waterford Land Trust, Inc at our mailing address, e-mail at info@waterfordlandtrustct.org. You may also contact me personally at (860) 442-5936.

Sincerely,

David L Lersch
President, Waterford Land Trust, Inc

Enclosure (1)

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TOWN OF WATERFORD
Application for Inland Wetland / Watercourse Permit



Type of Application:

Permitted Use, Section 4.1 _____

Unregulated Activities, Section 4.2 _____

Regulated Activities, Section 6 _____ Fee: _____

Agency Use:

Date Received: _____

Received By: _____

Application Number: _____

1. Applicant: WATERFORD LAND TRUST, INC. Phone: (860) 442-5936		
Address: P.O. BOX 926, WATERFORD		State: CT Zip: 06385
Fax: N/A	E-Mail: INFO@WATERFORDLANDTRUST.ORG	
2. Owner: WATERFORD LAND TRUST, INC Phone: (860) 442-5936		
Address: P.O. BOX 926, WATERFORD		State: CT Zip: 06385
Fax: N/A	E-Mail: INFO@WATERFORDLANDTRUST.ORG	
3. Agent: Phone: _____		
Address: _____		State: _____ Zip: _____
Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____		
4. Property Address: 28 OLD BARRY ROAD, WATERFORD		
5. Abutting Property Owners – Complete Attached Form ATTACHED		
6. Activity to be Reviewed and / or Licensed (attach sheet if necessary): INSTALL (2) 2'x3' CONCRETE PADS AS FOUNDATION SUPPORT FOR REPLACEMENT FOOT BRIDGE.		
7. Description of Proposed Activity (attach sheet if necessary): ATTACHED		
8. Purpose of Activity (attach sheet if necessary): IMPROVE HIKER SAFETY OVER FOOTBRIDGE		
9a. Acreage of Property: 35.5		9b. Acreage of Wetlands: UNNAMED STREAM CROSSING
10. Acreage of Wetlands Altered: 0 (ACTIVITY ON EACH BANK @ 5' ABOVE STREAM)		
11. Wetland Mitigation Proposed: N/A		
12. Section 7 and sections 8.1 & 8.2 of the Town of Waterford "Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations" have been complied with: (Review attached check list) Yes: ☒ No: ☐		
The applicant / owner hereby gives the Commission, its agent and consultants the right of free access to any part of the property under consideration. The undersigned warrants the truth of all statements contained herein and in all supporting documents according to the best of his / her knowledge, information and belief.		
Applicant: [Signature] Jensch, PRESIDENT		Date: FEB 4, 2025
Owner: [Signature] Jensch, PRESIDENT		Date: FEB 4, 2025
Agent:		Date:

Conservation Commission

Properties Adjacent to:

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ITEM #7 DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to replace the current bridge on an existing walking trail through the Conover Preserve, owned by the Waterford Land Trust, Inc. The bridge is a rudimentary wooden structure and through age, needs to be replaced. The total span across the stream from bank to bank is currently 14 feet long. The height of the existing and replacement bridge is less than 5 feet from the surface of the stream. The bridge rests on stones each side of the stream banks.

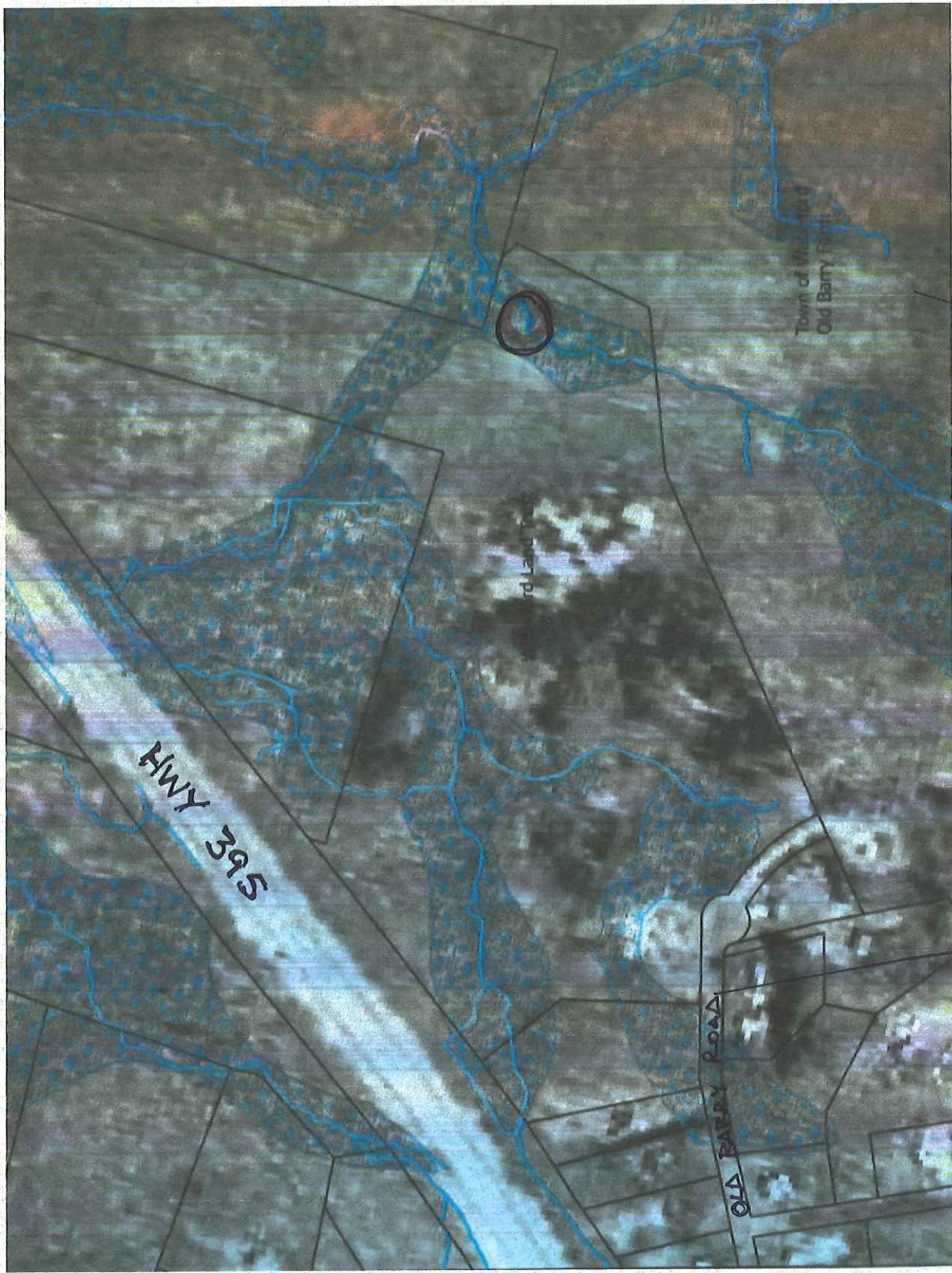
Site Preparation. The existing bridge will be taken apart in place using hand tools, loaded into a trailer, and hauled off the property. All access to the site will be from the tractor road that begins at the cul-de-sac on Old Barry Road. Although there are no wetlands to cross to get to the site, care will be taken to create minimal ground disturbance.

NOTE: No disturbance of the stream or banks will be tolerated during both the dismantling and erection of the new bridge. Work under the bridge will be done on scaffold planks for the safety of the workers.

Construction details: Land Trust volunteers will build 2 ft by 3 ft wooden forms on the rocks where the current bridge sets. Excavation of any soil on the stream bank is not necessary. Ready-mix concrete will be prepared on site and poured into the forms at a depth of approximately 4 inches. Rebar will be used to help secure the new pad to the ground surface and also protrude upward to give the bridge anchor points. As much of the replacement wooden bridge will be fabricated away from the stream and moved into position to be secured. All work is to be done using hand tools.

Project manager:

Bertrand Chenard bchenard@gmail.com (860)857-9672



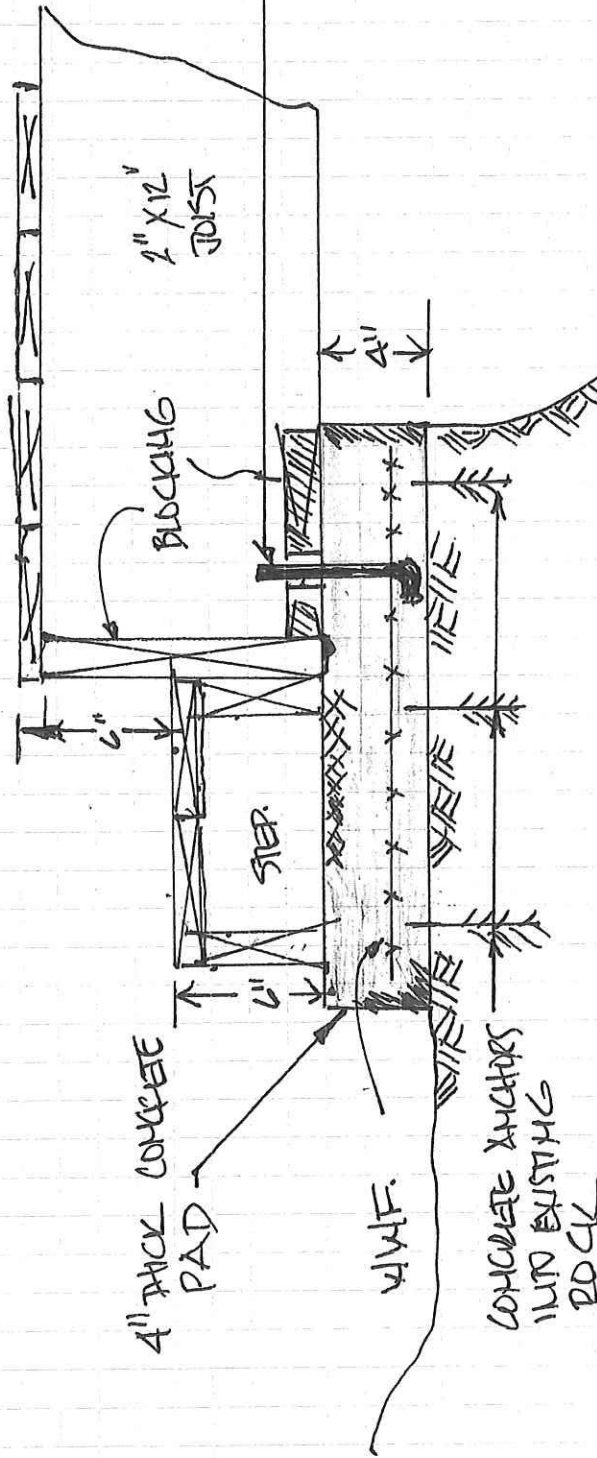
OLD BARRY FARM,
TOWN OF WATERFORD.

ENTRANCE AT OLD
BARRY ROAD.

Conover Footbridge
Existing condition
2024



5/4" DECK BOARDS



FOOT BRIDGE
END BEARING
CONDITION
SCALE 1 1/2" = 1'-0" LONG

