

Glossary of Terms

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
Active Erosion	Areas that are 1) bare and void of vegetation or other stabilizing material, 2) areas that are experiencing undercuts and/or sloughing off of the parent material or 3) areas directly adjacent to the shoreline that have the potential to deposit sediment or soil material into the Lake.
Adjoining Property Owner	An individual, group, or entity that has title to land that abuts the land or lot in question.
Boat Slip (Slip)	A designated watercraft docking area confined on at least two sides by sections of a dock, pier or piling. One boat slip can accommodate only one boat at a time.
Bulls Bridge Development	That portion of the Housatonic River Project located in the vicinity of Bulls Bridge, including applicable lands, waters, and hydroelectric facilities.
Carrying Capacity	A determination of the type and level of visitor use that can be accommodated while sustaining the desired resource and social conditions.
Clean Water Act (CWA)	Federal legislation that, among other things, gives states the authority to certify that projects licensed and approved by federal agencies meet state water quality standards.
Commercial Facilities	Shoreline facilities operated on a for-profit basis (e.g., marinas, boat ramps)
Community Dock	A boat dock, pier or boat house containing three or more slips directly related and adjunct to a subdivision, cluster development, condominium, or planned development, owned and/or controlled by the owners of the lots of such subdivision or development, and which may be used adjunct to the use of the individual lots or units within the subdivision or development and which has a commonly owned or shared walkway.
Courtesy Pier	An access dock with no slips for use while launching or retrieving boats.
Deeded Rights	Rights for use of Project lands retained through a property deed. These may include rights to a dock of simple

construction, rights to pass and re-pass, and rights to stabilize the shoreline.

Dock	A platform extending from a shore over water and supported by piles, pillars or flotation materials, used to secure, protect, and provide access to boats or personal watercraft or for recreation (e.g. fishing, wildlife viewing, etc.).
Extended Property Lines	A linear extension of the property lines shown on county tax maps or on a recorded survey prepared by a Licensed Land Surveyor of those lines landward of the FERC project boundary.
Facilities	Man-made features constructed to enhance access and use of project lands, including but not limited to docks, boat ramps, picnic tables, walkways, sheds, patios, and seawalls.
Falls Village Development	That portion of the Housatonic River Project located in the vicinity of Falls Village, including applicable lands, waters, and hydroelectric facilities.
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Flowage Easement	Legal permission to inundate/cover property with water.
Footprint	The outer dimensions of a dock's deck area and slip(s).
GIS	Geographic Information System – System of computer hardware, software and procedures designed to support capture, management, manipulation, analysis, modeling, and display of spatially referenced data for solving complex planning and management problems.
Housatonic River Project	Lands, waters, and hydroelectric facilities licensed by the FERC as Project No. 2576, including the Falls Village Development, Bulls Bridge Development, Rocky River Development, Shepaug Development, and Stevenson Development.
Lakefront Property Owner	Persons whose property abuts the Project boundary.
Marina	A facility situated on a lakeshore that provides launching and secure moorings for water-borne craft and/or supplies, fuel, and marine equipment sales and repair services

NGVD	National Geodetic Vertical Datum
Personal Watercraft	A motorboat less than sixteen feet in length which uses an inboard motor powering a jet pump, as its primary motive power and which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside, the vessel.
Pier	A platform extending from a shore over water and supported by piles or pillars, used to secure, protect, and provide access to boats or personal watercraft or for recreation (e.g. fishing, wildlife viewing, etc.)
Project Boundary	A jurisdictional line established by the FERC to enclose the lands, waters, and structures needed to operate a licensed hydroelectric project. Also referred to as FERC Project boundary.
Project Land	All lands within the FERC designated Project boundary.
Public Use Area	An area or facility that is open to the public with equal and unobstructed use of such facilities to all members of the public without regard to race, color, religious creed or national origin. Such uses may be subject to specific operating hours or a reasonable fee for use.
Retaining Wall	A wall of stone, concrete, wood, or other sturdy material built to support a structure, maintain level ground, and or prevent erosion.
Rip-rap	Method of stabilization of a bank or slope through placement of rock.
Rocky River Development	That portion of the Housatonic River Project comprising Candlewood Lake, including applicable lands, waters, and hydroelectric facilities.
Seawall	A wall of stone, concrete, wood, or other sturdy material built along the shoreline to prevent erosion.
Set Back	A distance from the dock easement lines in which construction of facilities is not allowed.

Shepaug Development	That portion of the Housatonic River Project comprising Lake Lillinonah, including applicable lands, waters, and hydroelectric facilities.
Shoreline Stabilization	Any activity intended to reduce the amount of erosion at the water's edge (e.g. sea walls, rip-rap, vegetation)
Shoreline Development	A general reference to structures and/or facilities and uses including homes, commercial, industrial, and recreational amenities located within or adjacent to the Project boundary.
Shoreline Structure	A man-made feature constructed within the project boundary (e.g. docks, sheds, seawalls, patios, stairs, etc.).
SMP	Shoreline Management Plan
Stevenson Development	That portion of the Housatonic River Project comprising Lake Zoar, including applicable lands, waters, and hydroelectric facilities.
Use and Occupancy	In reference to FERC regulated lands, utilization or placement of structures within the Project boundary.
Vegetated Buffer Zone	Vegetated or undeveloped area adjacent to the water intended to maintain environmental and/or aesthetic integrity of the shoreline.