



# Town of Simsbury

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*Rachel Blatt*

*Assistant Town Planner*

To: Simsbury Conservation Commission  
From: Rachel Blatt, Assistant Town Planner  
Date: October 3, 2014  
Re: **Application #14-34 of Gerard Toner, agent; Town of Simsbury owner; for the regulated activities of paving an existing driveway in a wetland on the property of Curtiss Park (Map J06, Block 102, Lot 002). Zone R-40.**

This application to pave an existing gravel driveway into Curtiss Park is being submitted for consideration, pursuant to the requirements of Sections 22a-36 to 22a-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and the requirements of Section 7 of the Simsbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

Existing Conditions: Curtiss Park lies within the flood plain of the Farmington River and wetlands soils are located across the site. The soils are noted to be classified as a combination of poorly drained soils (Podunk sandy loams) and moderately well drained soils (Limerick silty loams). This is also a Special Flood Hazard Area.

The driveway in question provides access to one of two parking areas in the park. Currently both the driveway and parking area are gravel. Sediment has been seen to be dragged out onto the public right-of-way. The applicant notes that "the parking area and access roadway are presently served by a closed drainage system that discharge directly to the Farmington River."

Regulated Activity: The proposed paving includes the following, as stated in the project description: "removal of existing pavement surfaces, fine grading of a portion of the existing gravel parking and roadway areas, and placement of bituminous concrete pavement surface on the access roadway and select parking areas in Curtiss Park."

The applicant notes that impacts on the "cross-sectional area available for flood conveyance will be negligible."

Recommendations for Further Consideration: Staff recommends that the Commission ensure that erosion and sedimentation controls are to their satisfaction. It is also recommended that maintenance of the remaining gravel portions of the parking facility be discussed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

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*8:30 - 7:00 Monday*

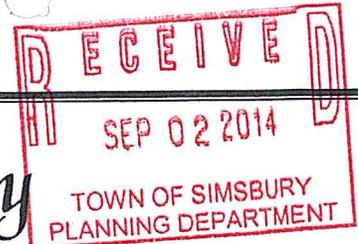
*8:30 - 4:30 Tuesday through Thursday*

*8:30-1:00 Friday*



# Town of Simsbury

Office of Community Planning and Development - Inland Wetlands Permit Application



DATE: 8/29/14 FEE: \$ n/a CK #: - APP #: 14-34  
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: QUARRY ROAD (PARCEL ID JOB 102 002)  
 NAME OF APPLICANT: TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
 MAILING ADDRESS: 933 HOPMEADOW ST., SIMSBURY, CT  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: GTOWER@SIMSBURY-CT.GOV TELEPHONE # 860-408-4682  
 NAME OF OWNER: TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
 MAILING ADDRESS: SAME AS ABOVE  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: SAME AS ABOVE TELEPHONE # SAME AS ABOVE

NOTE: ATTACH A WRITTEN LETTER OF AGENCY, DULY ACKNOWLEDGED, TO ACT FOR THE OWNER, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES SET FORTH HEREIN.

DESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC ACTIVITY(ies) FOR WHICH A PERMIT IS SOUGHT AS IT RELATES TO "REGULATED ACTIVITIES" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 6 OF THE SIMSBURY INLAND WETLANDS REGULATIONS, SUCH AS: A) REMOVE MATERIAL FROM; B) DEPOSIT MATERIAL IN OR DISCHARGE TO; C) CONSTRUCT ON; D) OBSTRUCT; E) ALTER; F) POLLUTE; OR G) OTHERWISE ADVERSELY AFFECT A REGULATED AREA:

SEE ATTACHED

### CERTIFICATIONS AND PERMISSIONS:

As owner, I hereby give permission to the Town of Simsbury's Conservation Commission Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency, their Agents, or Town Staff to enter upon my land to make observations and tests as may be necessary to evaluate this application and ongoing work, subject to twenty-four hours notice of such entry/testing.

I hereby certify that all statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge, whether made by me or my agents. Any permit issued shall be contingent upon field conditions and activities being substantiated as indicated herein. A changed situation shall require reconsideration of the permit by the Commission upon discovery by either party.

I certify that I have the authority to sign this application.

Thomas C. Coley 9/2/14 Michael J. Tower 8/29/14  
 Signature of Owner Date Signature and Title of Applicant Date

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**Inland Wetlands Permit Application**  
**Curtiss Park Access Road and Parking Lot Improvements**

**Quarry Road (Parcel ID J06 102 002)**

**Specific Activity**

The purpose of this project is to reduce the maintenance requirements for the parking lot and access road, stabilize the exposed gravel surface, and reduce the potential for erosion of this exposed gravel material in this portion of Curtiss Park. Curtiss Park is a heavily utilized public recreational facility that serves the residents of the Town of Simsbury. The access road and parking facility is one of the most heavily used parking facilities in the park and the existing gravel surface requires continuous maintenance.

The park contains 6 soccer fields, picnic pavilion, and associated parking facilities. The park includes 2 parcels; the western portion with frontage along the Farmington River and the eastern portion of the site are located along Tariffville Road. The regulated activities proposed as part of this application are located east of Tariffville Road.

The regulated activities proposed as part of this application include removal of existing pavement surfaces, fine grading of a portion of the existing gravel parking and roadway areas, and placement of bituminous concrete pavement surface on the access roadway and select parking areas in Curtiss Park. These activities are located within designated wetland areas on the Official Wetlands and Watercourses Map for the Town of Simsbury. Soils are classified as a combination of poorly drained and moderately well drained soils classified as Podunk sandy loams and Limerick silty loams, respectively. These wetland soil areas have been disturbed by previous construction activity and most likely have limited functional value.

These improvements to the roadway and parking areas will improve safety for pedestrians, improve accessibility for handicapped individuals, and improve the efficiency of parking for the facility. The parking area and access roadway are presently served by a closed drainage system that discharges directly to the Farmington River. The resurfacing of the parking lot and access road should reduce the amount of suspended solids entering the existing drainage system and improve runoff water quality.

The activities included as part of this application are located within the Special Flood Hazard Area. The impact of the proposed project on the cross-sectional area available for flood conveyance will be negligible.



## Curtiss Park Access Road and Parking Lot Improvements

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Approximate Scale: 1 inch = 150 feet

