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Ian Bowles, Secretary  
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs  
MEPA Office  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02114

RE: Comments about Construction on Boston National Historic Park Ferry Landing  
at Pier 1 in Charlestown Navy Yard, EEA Number 14195

Dear Mr. Bowles:

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) is a grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Mystic River, its tributaries, and the related natural resources throughout the watershed's 22 communities. We are respectfully submitting comments on the National Park Service's (NPS) planned upgrade of its current ferry landing facility at the Charlestown Navy Yard, as detailed in the Environmental Notification Form, EEA Number 14195.

MyRWA supports the intent of this project, as it will provide greater access to navigable waters and improve the pier system at Charlestown Navy Yard. We ask you to consider along with this project the creation of two dock spaces to allow local boaters access to the park from the water.

As the planned activities will involve the disturbance of sediments in the Mystic River and Boston Harbor, we urge the NPS to use best management practices and take great care to minimize this disturbance when doing this work.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cordially,

John Reinhardt  
President