

STAIRWAY AND WALKWAY REQUIREMENTS

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1. Stairways, elevated walkways, and that portion of piers landward of the ordinary high-water mark are permitted, provided:
 - a. The structure is necessary to access or protect the shoreline because of steep slopes or wet, unstable soils.
 - b. The structure shall be located so as to minimize earth disturbing activities and shoreline vegetation removal during construction and be visually inconspicuous as viewed from the adjacent waterway. Lattice work shall not be allowed.
 - c. Railings are permitted where required by safety concerns, state statutes or state regulations.
 - d. Stairways shall be supported on piles or footings rather than being excavated from erodible soils, steep slopes or a bluff face.
 - e. Canopies and roofs on such structure are prohibited.
 - f. The combined area of landings for a stairway and the landward side of a pier may not exceed 128 square feet for each buildable lot. Each single stairway landing may not exceed 36 square feet in area. Landings shall not be adjacent to each other and they must be separated by at least a ten-foot vertical distance, width shall be 60 inches or less.
 - g. Standards for removal of shoreline vegetation in [section 50-189](#) shall be complied with.

