

Specifications for Dune Walkways

Pursuant to Section 196-13I(3) of the Quogue Village Code, on August 21, 2020 the Board of Trustees adopted the following amended design specifications for residential elevated walkways that are required pursuant to Sections 80-13C and Section 146-4 of the Village Code for pedestrian passage (including wheelchair passage) across dunes:

1. All walkways shall be elevated. The bottom of horizontal joists shall be constructed at least one foot above grade. Stairways shall have open risers. Stairways down the south face of a dune shall be constructed with at least two and one-half feet of clearance from the dune. In the event that sand thereafter accumulates around and under a walkway or stairway so that it is at or below the surrounding grade, such walkway or stairway shall be reconstructed so that it becomes properly elevated or shall be replaced by a walkway or stairway that complies with the elevation requirement. Retaining walls that restrict the natural movement of sand are prohibited.
2. Walkways shall be a maximum of 4 feet in width. Walkways designed for wheelchair access, which shall be permitted if required by the needs of the owner, may have a passing area up to 8 feet in length and width.
3. A hand rail and a horizontal mid rail shall be required on each side of any walkway that has a walking surface that is two and one-half feet or more above grade. Cable rails made of steel or other metal materials are not permitted.
4. All newly installed lighting shall be low-voltage and downward-facing.
5. Walkways and stairways and their handrails shall be made of natural lumber only. Plastic or composite materials are not permitted. Treated lumber may only be used for posts in direct contact with the ground.

Pursuant to Section 196-13F of the Quogue Village Code, on August 21, 2020 the Board of Trustees adopted the following amended design specifications for newly constructed or rebuilt residential elevated walkways to a body of water:

1. Decking on walkways above wetlands areas shall be designed to allow passage of light and air to the wetlands below.
2. Walkways shall be a maximum of 4 feet in width.

3. Decking shall be not more than two and one-half feet above grade unless a greater clearance is required by the DEC or another agency for environmental reasons.
4. There shall be no handrails in areas of the walkway above land and marsh areas that do not exceed two and one-half feet above grade. In other areas of the walkway, handrails may be permitted if they will be consistent with conditions in the surrounding area and will not materially impair views from the surrounding area.
5. Any lighting shall be low-voltage and downward facing and designed to avoid light intrusion onto other properties.
6. Building materials shall comply with requirements of the DEC and other regulatory agencies.