

RE: sewage easement on property

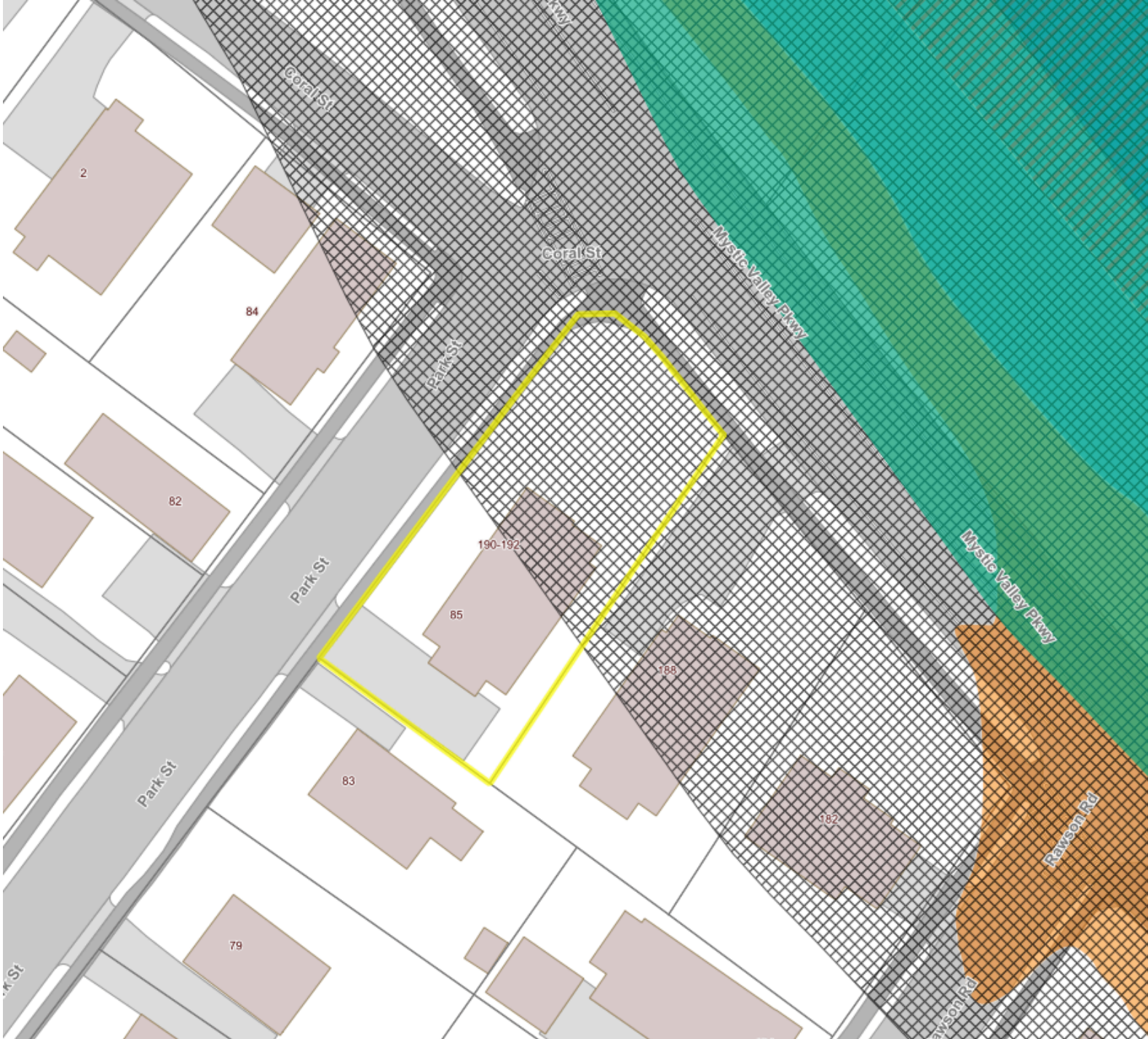
From David Morgan <dmorgan@town.arlington.ma.us>

Date Thu 1/8/2026 9:10 AM

To Dina Brawer <dinabrawer@hotmail.com>

Cc William Copithorne <wcpithorne@town.arlington.ma.us>; ZBA <ZBA@town.arlington.ma.us>

Hi Dina,
Sure, the hatched area below is called Riverfront Area and is jurisdictional to the Conservation Commission, [requiring permitting](#) for activity there.



Cheers,
David

From: Dina Brawer <dinabrawer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 5:22 PM
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Thanks David

It was my husband who reached out, but he thought that it was a question whether the lot was within the conservation area - not a definite fact.

Are you able to provide a map that clearly shows where the conservation area boundary is within our property?

Thanks in advance
Dina

On Jan 7, 2026, at 2:03 PM, David Morgan <dmorgan@town.arlington.ma.us> wrote:

Hi Dina,
I believe I discussed the prospect of adding a driveway with another owner, or perhaps the property developer in the past year or so. Half of the lot is within Conservation Commission jurisdiction, so the permit decision will hinge on where you locate the entrance. Should you choose to proceed, please be in touch.

Cheers,
David

David Morgan | Environmental Planner + Conservation Agent | Department of Planning and Community Development | 781.316.3012
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From: William Copithorne <wcopithorne@town.arlington.ma.us>
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Good afternoon Dina,

Having reviewed your property's location, I believe there would be multiple steps required to determine if a driveway would be feasible/allowed.

First, the sewer easement in front of your property appears to be related to an MWRA (Massachusetts Water Resources Authority) sewer main. As such, the MWRA has jurisdiction related to this easement, not the Town. I would recommend reaching out to the MWRA [Sewer 8\(M\) permit](#) coordinator to determine if such work is allowed and if a permit would be required from the MWRA.

If the MWRA would allow such work, then there are a couple of steps that the Town would have involvement in. Based on what you have written below, it is my understanding that you would still need to proceed with a special permit through the ZBA. Also, based on the proximity to the Mystic River, you should also confer with the Town's Conservation Agent, David Morgan (Cc'd) to determine if the Conservation Commission may require a permit application and review.

Lastly, as the frontage of your property is on Mystic Valley Parkway, this roadway is under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (MassDCR) and not the Arlington DPW/Engineering Division. Assuming all other approvals are received, I believe you or your contractor would then have to apply for a

permit from the MassDCR for a [Construction Access Permit](#). Having completed multiple such permits for the Town, I will note that MassDCR permitting tends to be a long process.

Please note that it is possible that another order of events may be acceptable and that some steps may be possible to occur in tandem. Ultimately via this email I was just hoping to convey all the groups that I believe would be involved in the decision process. I hope this all helps.

-Bill

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Hello and Happy 2026.

I am wondering if you are able to provide any information on my query below?
I can also be reached at 917 691 9119

Thanks in advance

Dina

From: Dina Brawer <dinabrawer@hotmail.com>
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Hello

I hope this finds you well.

I applied for a special parking permit and the zoning board suggested I get in touch to get more detail on the sewage easement that runs through my frontage and find out what the implication of having a drive/parking space run over it would be.

I am at 190 mystic valley parkway in Arlington.

Thanks in advance for any detailed information you can provide,

Dina