

Client: Lowell's Boat Shop  
Amesbury, MA

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Completion: Spring, 1999



Lowell's Boat Shop on the Merrimack River in Amesbury was established in 1793 and is the oldest continuously running boat building shop in America. The Newburyport Maritime Society plans to incorporate an undeveloped neighboring parcel into this working museum in order to expand the site to include a riverside park and visitor amenities.

Because the boat shop is on a waterway, there are many restrictions and regulations governing develop-

ment of the site. A COG designer met with the museum staff to begin the process of developing a comprehensive landscape plan. The designer provided a site analysis for the staff outlining a potential vision for the future. A clarity of ideas and a look at the problems that need to be addressed gave the staff the practical tools needed to continue the development of the site into a living museum which will carry on the 200-year boat building tradition.

