Last summer the Parks and Recreation Department gave the scouts of Troop 165 a list of things they would like to see built as potential Eagle Scout projects. One of the troop’s Eagle Scout candidates, Jacob Evans, chose to build a bird watching platform on town property on the edge of Copp’s Pond.

The plan includes a simple access footpath from the road (rt 109A) to the platform via an attached walkway that spans a pair of small gullies. The project will provide access to a previously unreachable view of the pond; allowing bird watchers, tourists, and town residents to stand on the water’s edge. The platform will provide a clear view of the pond including very interesting habitats for many species of native and transitory birds and other forms of wild life. This location is removed form the traffic noise of the nearby road and bridge.

Construction will be done by the scouts of Troop 165 and a handful of volunteers, off site. The pieces will be transported to the site where they will be assembled. The project will be built of red cedar and kiln dried spruce because of their low environmental impact and high resistance to insects and the elements.