

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
INTRA-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

  
FROM Matt Urban  
Wetlands Program Manager

DATE June 23, 2016  
AT (OFFICE) Bureau of Environment

SUBJECT Wetland Bureau Permit # 2015-02579  
Stewartstown, 15838

TO David Scott, Bureau of Bridge Design

Forwarded herewith, for your files and further use as appropriate, is a copy of the subject permit as approved by the Wetlands Bureau and the Water Division on 06/15/2016.

**Please note specific conditions on permit.**

TERRAIN ALTERATION

Note that the non-site specific permit (RSA 485-A: 17 "Terrain Alteration") is part of this Wetlands Bureau Permit.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

- This permit covers the project's consideration for Water Quality protection and no further action is required by this office.
- This permit does not cover the Water Quality protection for this project. However, a Water Quality Permit will be obtained for this project.

CORPS PERMIT STATUS

- No Corps Jurisdiction
- SPGP (Minimum Impact) - No waiting period; no Corps approval required
- SPGP (Minor Impact)-Wait 30 days from NHWB issuance date; no written approval from Corps required
- SPGP (Major Impact)-Wait 30 days from NHWB issuance date; written approval from Corps required
- Emergency - No waiting period; No written approval from Corps required
- Amendment - No waiting period; No written approval from Corps required
- Corps Individual Permit Required

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT (CZM) STATUS

- Outside of Coastal Zone-consistency finding not necessary from OSP
- Within Coastal Zone (Non-Federal Action)-consistency finding not necessary form OSP
- Within Coastal Zone (Federal Action)-if covered by SPGP, or no Corps' jurisdiction, consistency finding is automatic from OSP
- Within Coastal Zone (Federal Action)-if individual Corps permit, written consistency finding is necessary from OSP

EROSION CONTROL PLAN STATUS

- Erosion Control Plan Required; Submit Erosion Control Plan to DES Wetlands Bureau

If you have any questions, please call 271-7969.

MRU:mru  
Encl.

cc: BOE Original  
Bureau of Construction  
Randy Environmental Coordinator (Via Electronic Notification)  
Lysa Bennet-Crouch (Via Electronic Notification)



The State of New Hampshire  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

WETLANDS AND NON-SITE SPECIFIC PERMIT 2015-02579 RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Permittee: NH Dept. of Transportation  
PO Box 483  
Concord, NH 03302-0483  
Project Location: Bridge Street, Stewartstown  
Waterbody: Connecticut River

NOTE--  
CONDITIONS  
JUN 22 2016  
DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

APPROVAL DATE: 06/15/2016

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/15/2021

Based upon review of the above referenced application, in accordance with RSA 482-A and RSA 485-A:17, a Wetlands Permit and Non-Site Specific Permit was issued. This permit shall not be considered valid unless signed as specified below.

**PERMIT DESCRIPTION:** Construct a trestle for access to rehabilitate Br. 054/163, Bridge Street temporarily impacting 12,975 sq. ft. of riverine wetlands. NHDOT project 15838.

**THIS APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:**

1. This is a major impact project per Administrative Rule Env-Wt 303.02(p), a replacement of a stream crossing structure in a tier 3 stream.
2. On September 23, 2015 the Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) received a Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application 2015-02579 from the NH Dept. of Transportation to construct a trestle for access to rehabilitate Br. 054/163, Bridge Street in Stewartstown over the Connecticut River temporarily impacting 8,025 sq. ft. of river and banks.
3. On Nov. 13, 2015 DES sent a Request for More Information ("RFMI") to the applicant requesting a correction to the Top of Bank line, clarification of a line on the plan indicating Non-Jurisdictional Drainage Area shown within the bank, and a correction to the scale shown on the plan.
4. On Jan. 6, 2016 the DES received a response to the RFMI.
5. On Feb. 17, 2016 the DES met with the applicant to discuss jurisdictional determinations.
6. NH Stream Crossing Guidelines, University of New Hampshire, May 2009 provides field survey data collection information including bankfull width along with other references in Appendix E.
7. One of the references in Appendix E is "Harrelson" which notes, that when using a change in slope as a bankfull indicator, avoid confusing the lowest terrace with that of the flood plain and that where the perennial vegetation forms a dense root mat is usually slightly below bankfull stage in in steep channels lacking floodplain.
8. On Feb. 19, 2016 the DES received a modified impact plan and indications that a payment voucher was being processed.
9. On May 26, 2016 the DES was able to apply the voucher payment to the file.
10. The need for the proposed impacts has been demonstrated by the applicant per Env-Wt 302.01.
11. The applicant has provided evidence which demonstrates that this proposal is the alternative with the least adverse impact to areas and environments under the department's jurisdiction per Env-Wt 302.03.
12. The applicant has demonstrated by plan and example that each factor listed in Env-Wt 302.04(a) Requirements for Application Evaluation, has been considered in the design of the project.

DES Web site: [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov)

P.O. Box 95, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

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- 13. The project does not require mitigation as this meets rule Env-Wt 302.03(c)(2)(c), protection of existing infrastructure.
- 14. In accordance with RSA 482-A:8, DES finds that the requirements for a public hearing do not apply as the permitted project is not of substantial public interest, and will not have a significant impact on or adversely affect the values of the riverine resource, as identified under RSA 482-A:1.
- 15. The DES has determined the applicant has met the purpose of the current stream rules relative to not causing damage upstream or downstream and not impeding aquatic organisms.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO ALL DES WETLANDS PERMITS:**

- 1. A copy of this permit shall be posted on site during construction in a prominent location visible to inspecting personnel;
- 2. This permit does not convey a property right, nor authorize any injury to property of others, nor invasion of rights of others;
- 3. The Wetlands Bureau shall be notified upon completion of work;
- 4. This permit does not relieve the applicant from the obligation to obtain other local, state or federal permits, and/or consult with other agencies as may be required (including US EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers, NH Department of Transportation, NH Division of Historical Resources (NH Department of Cultural Resources), NHDES-Alteration of Terrain, etc.);
- 5. Transfer of this permit to a new owner shall require notification to and approval by DES;
- 6. This project has been screened for potential impacts to **known** occurrences of rare species and exemplary natural communities in the immediate area. Since many areas have never been surveyed, or have received only cursory inventories, unidentified sensitive species or communities may be present. This permit does not absolve the permittee from due diligence in regard to state, local or federal laws regarding such communities or species.
- 7. Review enclosed sheet for status of the US Army Corps of Engineers' federal wetlands permit.

APPROVED: *Gino Infascelli*  
 Gino Infascelli  
 DES Wetlands Bureau

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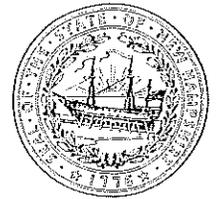
**BY SIGNING BELOW I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE FULLY READ THIS PERMIT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL PERMIT CONDITIONS.**

*David L Scott*  
 OWNER'S SIGNATURE (required)

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 CONTRACTOR'S SIGNATURE (required)



The State of New Hampshire  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF MAJOR IMPACT N.H. WETLANDS PERMITS

Your permit was approved by the New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau as a major impact project, and your project will be reviewed by the U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers for possible approval under the Army Corps. New Hampshire State Programmatic General Permit- SPGP. The Army Corps. will notify you within thirty (30) days as to whether you qualify.

\*\*\*\*\*NO WORK SHOULD BE DONE IN\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*WETLANDS UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THAT NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM THE ARMY CORPS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS,  
YOU SHOULD CALL THEM AT 1-800-343-4789.

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IC: U.S. ARMY CORPS. OF ENGINEERS