



**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Terry Martino  
**FROM:** Ed Snizek *ES*  
**DATE:** September 1, 2013  
**RE:** RASS Monthly Report

**RASS DIVISION- August 2013 MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>ENGINEERING-</b> Project Reviews	25	96
OSWTS Reviews	16	54
Stormwater Management Reviews	8	54
Shoreline Reviews	19	63
<b>ENGINEERING-</b> Jurisdictional/Legal Reviews/Agency Coordination	13	52
<b>ENGINEERING-</b> Enforcement Reviews	4	18
<b>ECOLOGY/BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE</b> Project/Legal Reviews	2	8
<b>WETLANDS-</b> Project/Legal Reviews	9	49
<b>FRESHWATER RESOURCE</b> Project/Legal Reviews	1	14
<b>FORESTRY-</b> Project/Legal Reviews	2	11
<b>SITE VISITS (All Staff)</b>	36	117
<b>WETLAND SITE VISITS COMPLETED</b>	26	150
<b>AIR PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS</b>	16	199
<b>DEEP HOLE TEST PITS DESCRIBED BY STAFF</b>	10	73

## **Projects**

P2013-002, Sykes (New York State Canal Corp.), Town of Russia.  
Extensive shoreline slope failure along Hinckley Reservoir,  
potential 814. (Bendell)

P2013-0146, Squeo, Town of Bolton.  
Boathouse in a wetland. Other involved Agency staff: McSherry  
(Rooks)

P2013-0171, Verizon Wireless, Town of North Hudson.  
Cell tower review and access road possibly involving wetlands.  
Other involved Agency staff: Lynch (Rooks)

P2013-0138, NYCO Mines, Town of Lewis.  
Meeting with DEC and ACOE staff. Other involved Agency staff:  
Saehrig (Rooks)

P2007-0148, North Elba Rec Trail Phase 1. Town of North Elba.  
Meeting with town, ACOE and consultants to examine project site,  
wetlands and proposed mitigation areas. (Rooks)

P2013-0161, Robillard, Town of Brighton.  
Proposed construction of two boathouses totaling 1,199 square  
feet in wetlands. Other involved Agency staff: Lynch (O'Dell)

P2013-0131, NYS DEC, Taylor Pond Dam, Town of Black Brook.  
Dam replacement involving 325 square feet of permanent wetland  
impact. Other involved Agency staff: Walrath, Regan (O'Dell,  
LaLonde)

## **Pre-Applications**

A2013-0133, Town of Jay, Lewis Brook and Otis Brook.  
Through the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program  
administered by NRCS, the Town of Jay is receiving technical  
assistance and funding in order to implement repair measures in  
response to recent natural disasters. The Agency has been  
coordinating review with the Town Supervisor and other involved  
agencies. On August 6th, Agency staff met with the Town, their  
consulting engineer, NRCS, DEC, and Army Corps to discuss the  
proposed design and permitting process for the proposed stream  
bank and stream channel stabilization projects. Funds need to  
be spent by October 1, 2013. The Lewis Brook proposal is not  
jurisdictional to the Agency. As a result of the field visit,  
the Agency received revised plans for the Otis Brook restoration

that are currently under review. It appears that the restoration plan can be modified in such a manner that eliminates impacts to adjacent wetlands thereby eliminating the need for an Agency permit. Other involved Agency staff: Walrath (LaLonde)

A2013-0091, Clearwater, Town of Horicon.

Reconstruction of Clearwater dam. Project will flood current wetlands on the project site to restore pond which is part of the subdivision. Meeting with staff to discuss wildlife survey (if applicable) and requirements and wetland mitigation. Other involved Agency staff: Brewer, Walrath, Weber. (Rooks, LaLonde, Snizek)

A2013-0104, Lord, Towns of Bleeker and Johnstown.

Twenty two lot subdivision in Resource Management. Visited the property to get an overview of the site. Other involved Agency staff: Lynch. (Ziemann, LaLonde, Rooks)

A2013-0122, Lake George Escape Campground Resort, Town of Lake George.

Agency staff met with Campground Resort owner, attorney, consultants and the Town of Warrensburg engineer on 8/21/13. The owner is proposing to connect the resort (approximately 600 sites) to the Town of Warrensburg Municipal sewer district. Connection would require a new sewer line under the Schroon River as well as other infrastructure improvements. An application has not yet been received. The Agency will coordinate review with other involved Agencies as well as the Town of Warrensburg.

A2013-0106, Blanchard, Town of Willsboro.

Eight lot subdivision in Moderate Intensity Use, involving wetlands and the construction of six new single family dwellings with onsite wastewater treatment systems and municipal water supply. Met with applicant, consultant and NYSDOH representative to review deep-hole test pit determinations. Other involved Agency staff: Darrah. (Ziemann, LaLonde, Rooks)

A2013-0128, Labarge, Town of North Elba

Site visit to flag wetlands for proposed hotel project. Other involved Agency staff: Hannon (O'Dell, Bendell)

## **Jurisdiction/ Legal**

Provided technical comments on Legal Guidance/Flyers associated with docks, boardwalks, structure height, and shoreline restrictions. Other involved Agency Staff: Reynolds (LaLonde, Snizek)

Provided shoreline reviews for jurisdictional office that included retaining walls, bridges, river restorations, dams and on-site wastewater treatment. Other involved Agency Staff: Miller, Heath (LaLonde)

## **Planning/Local Government**

### **State Land**

Assist Planning Division staff with Essex Chain Lake reclassification package. Includes analysis of aquatic resources, wetlands, and air photo interpretation and GIS project to characterize wetlands associated with the eight lakes. (Snizek, Rooks)

### **Enforcement**

#### **E2012-0041, Ploof, Town of Brighton.**

Investigated report of ponds constructed in a wetland. Site visit revealed that excavated ponds had intercepted intermittent stream but there was no evidence of wetland involvement. Other staff: Adams (Snizek,Rooks)

#### **E2013-0103, Craven, Town of Lake Pleasant**

Alleged violation includes wetland fill.  
Other involved Agency staff: Fravor (O'Dell, Bendell)

**E2013-0075, E2012-0209, E2010-0215:** Provided technical review comments associated with on-site wastewater treatment systems located on shoreline parcels. Other involved Agency staff: Fravor, D. Wagner (LaLonde)

## **Meetings/Events/Teleconferences Attended**

8/5/13. Japanese Knotweed Management Summit. Represented the Agency at this conference in North Creek sponsored by APIPP. Provided presentation on APA permitting requirements for terrestrial invasive species control. (Rooks)



### Year 2013 Wetland Field Visits

Time Period	Number of requests received during month	Number completed	Interval for processing. (Date received to date scheduled for those received in that month)	Number pending
January	2	2	4	0
February	0	0	NA	0
March	5	0	NA	5
April	27	18	12	12
May	35	37	11	12
June	42	33	13	21
July	24	35	18	10
August	16	25	12	1
September				
October				
November				
December				
Cumulative for 2013	151	150	Avg = 12	

### Year 2013 Air Photo Interpretations

	JIF	Project Review	Enforcement	For Citizens	For Other Staff	Other	Total
Jan.	10	3	2		1	1	17
Feb.	13	7	1			1	22
March	19	2	2	1		4	28
April	16	5	4	2		2	29
May	9	5	1	1		2	18
June	30	2	2		1	2	37
July	20	7	1		2	2	32
August	10			2	2	2	16