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TO: Terry Martino

FROM: Ed Snizek *Ed Snizek*

DATE: November 1, 2013

RE: RASS Monthly Report

RASS DIVISION- OCTOBER 2013 MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

ACTIVITY	OCTOBER	YTD
ENGINEERING- Project Reviews	11	130
OSWTS Reviews	5	71
Stormwater Management Reviews	7	70
Shoreline Reviews	5	80
ENGINEERING- Jurisdictional/Legal Reviews/Agency Coordination	8	70
ENGINEERING- Enforcement Reviews	3	23
ECOLOGY/BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE Project/Legal Reviews	3	11
WETLANDS- Project/Legal Reviews	16	76
FRESHWATER RESOURCE Project/Legal Reviews	3	20
FORESTRY- Project/Legal Reviews	3	15
SITE VISITS (All Staff)	15	148
WETLAND SITE VISITS COMPLETED	20	195
AIR PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS	17	238
DEEP HOLE TEST PITS DESCRIBED BY STAFF	22	112

Projects

P2013-0161, Robillard, Town of Brighton.

Pair of boathouses involving wetlands. Proposal reviewed and alternatives analysis requested.
Involved Agency staff: Lynch and O'Dell.

P2013-0221, Siskavich, Town of Dannemora.

Road for forestry use involving wetlands.
Involved Agency staff: Wagner and O'Dell.

P2011-0103, White, Town of Putnam.

Four-lot subdivision. Reviewed draft permit conditions and findings of fact for Timber Rattlesnake protection on project site.: McSherry. (Rooks)

P2013-0222, National Grid, Whitehall to Ticonderoga.

Replacement or refurbishment of 71 structures, eight of which are in wetlands. Reviewed application and wetland inventory report. Involved Agency Staff: Rooks.

P2013-0128, Verizon Wireless, Town of Putnam.

Cell tower with potential to impact Timber Rattlesnake breeding habitat. Reviewed application and provided NIPA questions.
Involved Agency Staff: Yamrick and Rooks.

P2013-0171, Verizon Wireless, Town of North Hudson.

Reviewed wetland delineation report by consultant. Field visit was conducted previously. Involved Agency Staff: Lynch and Rooks.

P2013-136, NYSDEC, Town of Arietta.

Site visit to Lower Sargent Pond to evaluate efficacy of rotenone treatment (2 days after treatment). Treatment appeared successful and bioassay completed by DEC staff confirmed that target concentration was achieved during treatment. Involved Agency Staff: Walrath.

P2013-0212, DeLong, Town of Indian Lake.

Site visit to inspect wetland impact mitigation area for a proposed seven-lot subdivision involving wetlands
Involved Agency Staff: Walrath and O'Dell.

P2010-167 The Lake George Association, Town of Bolton.

Compliance inspection for the Indian Brook sediment basin.
Involved Agency Staff: Walrath and Bendell.

Pre-Applications

A2013-0128, LaBarge, Village of Saranac Lake.

Provided information regarding wetlands within mean high water mark of Lake Flower for dock proposal.

Involved Agency Staff: Hannon, Bendell (O'Dell)

A2013-0154, Lyme Adirondack Timberlands I, LLC, Town of Webb.

Pre-Application site visit for proposed shelterwood overstory removal on 43± acres. Involved Agency Staff: Bendell, Rooks and Ziemann.

A2013-0122, Lake George Escape, Town of Warrensburg.

New sewer municipal sewer system in a Rivers Area, staff met to determine basis of jurisdiction. Involved Agency Staff: Lynch, VanCott, LaLonde, Burth, and Rooks.

A2013-103, Durham, Town of Fine.

Met with applicant's representative to discuss permitting needs and approvability of a pond dredging project in the town of Fine: Involved Agency Staff: Snizek, Walrath and Rooks.

A2013-163 Town of Johnsbury, Town of Johnsbury.

Performed site visit to evaluate a proposal to dredge the ski bowl pond to remove nuisance aquatic vegetation and sediment in order to improve the swim area. Involved Agency Staff: Walrath and Bendell.

Jurisdiction/ Legal

J2013-0661, Town of Minerva, Town of Minerva.

Reviewed proposal for a temporary draw down of Minerva Lake.

Drafted NJ letter for legal staff's review and approval.

Involved Agency Staff: Walrath.

J2013-TBD, AuSable River Association, Town of Keene.

Inspected the area around the NYS Route 73 bridge at Little John's Brook to determine if removing sediment under the bridge is a regulated wetland activity. Involved Agency Staff: Walrath and Bendell.

Planning/Local Government

State Land

P2008-0017, NYSDEC, Town of Croghan.

Reviewed redesign of snowmobile bridge that spans wetlands to avoid wetland impacts. Involved Agency Staff: McSherry and O'Dell.

Town of Lake George-Draft Tree Removal Code.

Provided suggested edits and comments for Town of Lake George's proposed amendments to tree removal code. Involved Agency Staff: Burgess, Grisi, and Ziemann.

Enforcement

E2013-0195, Town of Ausable, Town of Ausable.

Culvert extension and wetland fill removal. Involved Agency Staff: Burth and O'Dell.

E2013-0150, Town of Crown Point Highway Department.

Culvert installation. Determined that wetlands were not affected and therefore no APA violation. Involved Agency Staff: Rooks.

Meetings/Events/Teleconferences Attended

10/2/13. Attended monthly Lake Champlain Basin Program Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). TAC members focused on drafting technical proposals to address future research, monitoring, and implementation projects for possible funding. (Snizek)

10/2/13. Attended the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) Aquatic Invasive Species meeting which was held at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Ray Brook). (Walrath)

10/7/13. Participated in the Lake George Asian Clam Rapid Response Task Force (LGACRRTF) meeting by teleconference. (Walrath)

10/8/13. Guest lecturer and wetland delineation field exercise for Wetland Ecology and Management class at SUNY Plattsburgh. (O'Dell)

10/15/13. Attended Adirondack Research Consortium's Forestry Roundtable at Paul Smiths College. Symposium on modern forestry

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in the Adirondack Park. Other Agency Attendees: Martino, Townsend, McKeever. (Ziemann)

10/22/13. Meeting with the Lake Luzerne Association regarding possible 2014 Renovate treatment in areas not treated as part of the 2009 permit. (Walrath)

10/29/13. Attended site visit with DEC and DOT on proposed bridge replacement on NYS RT 73 near the Ski Jump facility. Potential realignment of road and bridge. (O'Dell and Bendell)

10/28/13. Attended the Fall APIPP biannual Partners meeting. Presentations were provided on past management efforts to control terrestrial and aquatic invasive species. (Snizek and Walrath)

10/29/2013. Attended Silvicultural Practices Review Group Meeting. Meeting of forest practices stakeholders convened by Adirondack Park Agency Counsel. Other Agency Attendees: Martino, Townsend, McKeever. (Ziemann)

Renovate Guidance Document.

The Agency is accepting public comment for the proposed Agency guidance for the use of the aquatic herbicides Renovate® and Renovate® OTF to manage the aquatic invasive plant Eurasian watermilfoil. The comment period will run through November 7, 2013. (Walrath and Snizek)

Year 2013 Monthly Deep Hole Test Pit Statistics

Deep Hole Test Pit Statistics	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	YTD
Projects Involving DHTPs	2	0	5	6	12	7	10	5	5	10	62
DHTPs Described by APA	0	0	2	10	22	10	19	15	12	22	112
DHTPs Described by Consultants	4	0	4	0	3	0	1	1	6	1	20
Total DHTPs	4	0	6	10	25	10	20	16	18	23	132
Approved Conventional Systems	1	0	1	6	16	4	7	4	6	9	54
Approved Shallow Systems	0	0	3	4	6	5	3	5	5	9	40
Did not Meet Agency Guidelines	3	0	2	0	3	1	10	7	3	5	34
Approved Conventional Systems %	25%	0%	17%	60%	64%	40%	35%	25%	33%	39%	41%
Approved Shallow Systems %	0%	0%	50%	40%	24%	50%	15%	31%	28%	39%	30%
Did not Meet Agency Guidelines %	75%	0%	33%	0%	12%	10%	50%	44%	17%	22%	26%
Approved Shallow Systems	0	0	3	4	6	5	3	5	5	9	40
Shallow Systems due to SHGWT	0	0	3	2	4	5	3	4	7	9	37
Shallow Systems due to Bedrock	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	7
Shallow Systems due to SHGWT %	0%	0%	100%	50%	67%	100%	100%	80%	140%	100%	93%
Shallow Systems due to Bedrock %	0%	0%	0%	50%	33%	0%	0%	20%	40%	0%	18%

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	N/A	0
February	0	0	N/A	0
March	5	0	N/A	5
April	27	18	12	14
May	35	37	11	12
June	42	33	13	21
July	24	35	18	10
August	27	28	10	9
September	23	22	10	10
October	15	20	8	5
Cumulative for 2013	200	195	Average = 12	5

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	13	1		3	3	3	23
Sept.	9	3	2			1	15
Oct.	8	5	1		2	1	17
Nov.							0
Dec.							0
Total	147	40	16	7	9	19	238

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