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DATE: December 1, 2013

RE: RASS Monthly Report

RASS DIVISION- NOVEMBER 2013 MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

ACTIVITY	November	YTD
ENGINEERING- Project Reviews	16	146
OSWTS Reviews	14	85
Stormwater Management Reviews	8	78
Shoreline Reviews	22	102
ENGINEERING- Jurisdictional/Legal Reviews/Agency Coordination	14	84
ENGINEERING- Enforcement Reviews	9	32
ECOLOGY/BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE Project/Legal Reviews	3	14
WETLANDS- Project/Legal Reviews	20	96
FRESHWATER RESOURCE Project/Legal Reviews	6	26
FORESTRY- Project/Legal Reviews	1	16
SITE VISITS (All Staff)	28	177
WETLAND SITE VISITS COMPLETED	19	215
AIR PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS	17	255
DEEP HOLE TEST PITS DESCRIBED BY STAFF	7	119

Projects

P2013-0234, Verizon Wireless, Town of Ticonderoga.
Cell tower and access road in Rural Use.
Involved Agency staff: Prickett, Lynch, Bendell, Rooks.

P2013-0238, Verizon Wireless, Town of Elizabethtown.
New cell tower and access road.
Involved Agency staff: Darrah, O'Dell, LaLonde.

P2007-0170, NYS DOT, Town of Elizabethtown.
Reviewed wetland mitigation monitoring report for a
transportation project. Involved Agency staff: Saehrig, Rooks.

P2013-0061, Petracca, Town of Forestport.
Four-lot subdivision involving wetlands. Examined conceptual
plans in relation to wetland boundaries.
Involved Agency staff: Saehrig, Ziemann, Bendell, Rooks.

P2013-0239, Lyme Timber, Town of Webb.
Overstory removal constituting a jurisdictional clearcut. Edited
draft permit Involved Agency Staff: Ziemann, Rooks.

P2013-0220, Duncaon, Town of Putnam.
Construction of single family dwelling and septic system. Site
investigation resulted in no suitable location for septic.
Involved Agency staff: Yamrick, Ziemann, O'Dell.

P2013-0251, Cerussi, Town of Webb.
Subdivision into sites and construction of two single family
dwellings involving wetlands. Site plan reviewed.
Involved Agency staff: McSherry, O'Dell, Ziemann.

Pre-Applications

A2013-0169, Smith, Town of Saranac.
Pond construction involving wetlands.
Involved Agency Staff: Lynch, Walrath, Rooks.

A2013-0161, Hadley Wind, Town of Hadley.
Wind farm. Reviewed material received to date and met with
applicants.
Involved Agency Staff: Lynch, Rooks.

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

Septic system for a campground. Examined conceptual plans in relation to wetland boundaries.
Involved Agency Staff: Lynch, LaLonde, Burth, VanCott, Rooks.

A2013-0171, Mountain View Association, Town of Bellmont.
Dredging. Reviewed material received to date and met with applicants.
Involved Agency Staff: Walrath, Bendell, Rooks.

A2013-0187, McCavanaugh Pond Club, Town of Waverly, Franklin County. Proposed timber harvest. Overstory removal of a two-aged stand. 25 acres of harvest area lies within the Scenic River Corridor of the St. Regis River. Met with forester onsite. Determined that harvest plan will be non-jurisdictional in the proposed configuration. Involved Agency Staff: Ziemann

A2012-186, Republic Steel, Town of Moriah.
Met with NYSDEC and applicant to evaluate applicant's proposal to reduce impoundment water levels by discharging water through a water supply line into the existing drainage brook.
Involved Agency Staff: Saehrig, LaLonde, Rooks, Walrath

A2013-TBD, Town of Jay, Town of Jay.
Visited three sites in the Town of Jay where additional post Irene storm damage is proposed to be rectified. Saehrig, LaLonde, Rooks, Walrath

A2013-0179, NYSDOT, Town of North Elba.
Replacement of Route 73 bridge over West Branch Ausable River. Pre-application meeting held on site.
Involved Agency staff: Saehrig, Bendell, O'Dell.

Planning/Local Government

State Land

RASS staff continues to work with the Planning Division drafting the classification and reclassification of State Lands FSEIS. RASS is concentrating on wetlands and aquatic resources in the Essex Chain Lakes Tract. (Snizek and Rooks)

Legal-Jurisdiction/Enforcement

E2013-0171, Black Brook Lodge LTD, Town of Black Brook.
Conducted joint investigation with DEC for alleged violations involving a wetland and stream.

Involved Agency staff: Burth, O'Dell, Bendell.

E2013-0145, Ferguson, Town of Dresden.

Investigated alleged wetland fill violation.

Involved Agency staff: McNamara, O'Dell.

E2013-0172, Harper, Town of Crown Point.

Investigated failing septic system for wetland impacts.

Involved Agency staff: Fravor, O'Dell.

Meetings/Events/Teleconferences Attended

11/04/13. Subpoenaed to testify in a civil suit in relation to a 2006 Enforcement case. (Rooks)

11/6/13. Attended monthly Lake Champlain Basin Program Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. (Snizek)

11/7/13. Agency staff attended the NYS Invasive Species Council meeting. (Snizek) Topics of discussion included the following:

- Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Species Proposed Regulation (6 NYCRR Part 575) is available for public review and comment. Public hearings have been scheduled for 4 sites beginning in December. Public comments will be accepted through December 23, 2013.
- Invasive Species Advisory Committee updated the ISC members on 2014 education and outreach goals which includes: expanding the Adirondack IS awareness week to a single statewide invasive species awareness week (tentatively scheduled for 2nd week of July); developing a NYS invasive species branding campaign to include slogan and logo; secure funding for statewide IS public opinion poll; compiling an invasive species "bookshelf" an electronic clearinghouse containing all existing resources for public use.
- Unconfirmed reports of hydrilla found near Croton and Hudson River. DEC still needs to confirm identification, but this would indicate that the range of hydrilla is expanding in NYS.
- DEC advised that they have drafted regulations which will prohibit boats from entering or leaving a DEC launch with visible plants or animals on the boat and would also prohibit leaving a launch without draining the boat. A NYS transport law to prohibit the transport of IS is also in the works.

11/13/13. Meeting with DEC staff and consulting firm (Environment and Ecology, Inc.). Consultants are working with the towns of Keene and Jay developing a conceptual plan for flood response. Each town has received \$3 million as part of a NY Rising grant to assist a planning effort. (Lalonde)

11/13/13. Site visits scheduled with Town of Jay officials, DEC, Army Corps and NRCS to assess three Emergency Watershed Protection projects in the Town of Jay. One project is located at the Jay Covered Bridge in Jay. The other two are located along Styles Brook, which is further south along Route 9N. Damage occurred at these sites as a result of the Irene/Lee Hurricanes. Officials from the USDA-NRCS have compiled information concerning these sites in Damage Survey Reports. (Lalonde)

11/13/13. Meeting scheduled with Town of Willsboro officials and consultants to discuss Boquet River Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention Improvement Project. The project includes three alternatives to stabilize eroded shoreline on the River. (Lalonde)

11/14/13. Provided comments to the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program's Aquatic Invasive Committee regarding their draft white paper "Recommendations on the Utility of Inspection and Boat Decontamination as Components of an Integrated Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Strategy in the Adirondack Region". (Walrath, Snizek)

11/18/13. Participated in monthly Lake George Asian Clam Rapid Response Task Force Meeting by Telephone. (Walrath)

11/13/13. Proposed Municipal Beach in the Village of Tupper Lake. Discussed conceptual proposal with NYS Department of Health to construct a municipal beach at the Village Park on Raquette Pond in the hamlet of Tupper Lake. The Agency is currently reviewing a Jurisdictional Inquiry associated with the proposal. (Lalonde)

Year 2013 Monthly Deep Hole Test Pit Statistics

Deep Hole Test Pit Statistics	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	YTD
Projects Involving DHTPs	2	0	5	6	12	7	10	5	5	10	8	62
DHTPs Described by APA	0	0	2	10	22	10	19	15	12	22	7	119
DHTPs Described by Consultants	4	0	4	0	3	0	1	1	6	1	1	21
Total DHTPs	4	0	6	10	25	10	20	16	18	23	8	140
Approved Conventional Systems	1	0	1	6	16	4	7	4	6	9	6	60
Approved Shallow Systems	0	0	3	4	6	5	3	5	5	9	2	42
Did not Meet Agency Guidelines	3	0	2	0	3	1	10	7	3	5	0	34
Approved Conventional Systems %	25%	0%	17%	60%	64%	40%	35%	25%	33%	39%	75%	43%
Approved Shallow Systems %	0%	0%	50%	40%	24%	50%	15%	31%	28%	39%	25%	30%
Did not Meet Agency Guidelines %	75%	0%	33%	0%	12%	10%	50%	44%	17%	22%	0%	24%
Approved Shallow Systems	0	0	3	4	6	5	3	5	5	9	2	42
Shallow Systems due to SHGWT	0	0	3	2	4	5	3	4	7	9	1	38
Shallow Systems due to Bedrock	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	8
Shallow Systems due to SHGWT %	0%	0%	100%	50%	67%	100%	100%	80%	140%	100%	50%	90%
Shallow Systems due to Bedrock %	0%	0%	0%	50%	33%	0%	0%	20%	40%	0%	50%	19%

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	22	22	10	9
October	19	21	9	7
November	15	19	9	3
Cumulative for 2013	218	215	Average = 12	3

Year 2013 Air Photo Interpretations

	JIF	Referrals	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.	9	2	2	1			3	17
Dec.								0
Total	156	2	42	17	7	9	22	255

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