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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Barbara Rice  
FROM: Kathy Regan  
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DATE: April 6, 2022  
RE: RASS Program Report – January, February and March 2022

**RASS DIVISION 2022  
Summary Chart**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>ENGINEERING</b> Project Reviews	61	53	73	187
<b>ENGINEERING</b> Site Visits	2	7	0	9
<b>TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGY</b> Reviews/Site Visits	4	2	7	13
<b>FRESHWATER RESOURCE</b> Reviews/Site Visits	-	-	-	-
<b>FORESTRY</b> Reviews/ Site Visits	13	12	14	39
<b>WETLAND</b> Reviews				
<b>WETLAND</b> Air Photo Interpretations	37	25	34	96
<b>DEEP HOLE TEST PITS</b> Described	12	2	4	18
<b>DEEP HOLE TEST PITS</b> Site Visits	2	0	0	2

## RASS DIVISION 2022 Profile Reports\*

### 2021 Engineering Profile of Project Review and Site Visits<sup>1</sup>

	OSWWTS	Stormwater	Shoreline	Shoreline Variance Proposals	JIF/Legal/Agency Coordination	Enforcement	Planning Division	Total
Jan	35	47	33	11	27	1	7	161
Feb	36	57	36	15	29	1	3	177
March	42	63	25	10	23	3	4	170
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>508</b>

### 2022 Deep Hole Test Pit Statistics

Deep Hole Test Pit Statistics	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
<b>Projects Involving DHTPs</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>
DHTPs Described by APA	5	0	0	5
DHTPs Described by Consultants	7	2	4	13
<b>Total DHTPs</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>
Approved Conventional Systems	0	0	2	2
Approved Shallow Systems	10	2	2	14
Did not Meet Agency Guidelines	2	0	0	2
Approved Conventional Systems %	0%	0%	50%	11%
Approved Shallow Systems %	83%	100%	50%	78%
Did not Meet Agency Guidelines %	17%	0%	0%	11%
Approved Shallow Systems	10	2	2	14
Shallow Systems due to SHGWT	5	2	2	9
Shallow Systems due to Bedrock	5	0	0	5
Shallow Systems due to SHGWT %	50%	100%	100%	64%
Shallow Systems due to Bedrock %	50%	0%	0%	36%

\* Individual project reviews and site visits may include multiple profile categories.

<sup>1</sup>

### 2022 Forestry Profile of Project Review and Site Visits

	Vegetative Management Plan Reviews	Timber Harvest Reviews	River Areas Reviews	Shoreline Cutting Reviews	Total
Jan	8	1	0	4	13
Feb	10	0	1	1	12
March	9	1	1	2	13
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>38</b>

### 2022 Air Photo Interpretations

	JIF	Referrals	Project Review	Enforcement	Public	Other Staff	Other	Total
Jan	25	0	3	3	2	1	3	37
Feb	16	2	6	0	2	2	1	25
March	18	5	6	0	2	2	1	96
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>158</b>

## **COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

### **Committee and Working Groups**

- NYS Invasive Species Council Meeting, January 11 (K. Regan).
- APIPP Terrestrial Invasive Species Partner Meeting, February 8 (K. Regan).
- APIPP Aquatic Invasive Species Partner Meeting, February 10 (K. Regan).
- APIPP Strategic Planning Committee. February 23 (K. McKean).
- Adirondack Research Consortium Connecting Research with Communities, March 11 (K. Regan).
- Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response Task Force LCBP, March 29 (K. Regan).

## **Conferences and Training for Staff**

- NY Statewide Speakers Series: Invasive Species, January 19 (K. McKean).
- Plants and Animals of Conservation: An Introduction to New York State Species Designations webinar, January 20 (M. O'Dell).
- NY Statewide Speakers Series: Eastward Expansion of Round Goby in New York: Assessment of Detection Methods and Current Range, February 23 (K. McKean).
- Eastern NY Stormwater Regional Training Center: Post-Construction Stormwater Practices, March 9 (A. Purzycki and D. Boese).
- NY NRCS Soil Health Committee and Cooperative Soil Survey Annual Meeting, March 23 (A. Ziemann).
- NY Statewide Speakers Series: Invasive Species & Renewable Energy Development, March 30 (K. McKean).

## **Other**

- Interagency discussions on controlling invasive species on Forest Preserve.
- Interagency discussions on developing a wetland bank for DOT projects.
- Development of a Wetland Site Visit Form.

## **ADMINISTRATION** **Reporting**

- Submitted weekly and monthly reports
- Submitted the 2021 Annual Report

## **Agency Coordination/Efficiency**

- Participated in Management and Staff calls.
- Assisted Planning Division with various projects State Land Consultations.
- Developed support materials and program documentation for the Senior Natural Resource Analysis position. Discussed recommendations for hiring this position and the other RASS vacancy.
- Contacted organizations and committees we participate with to let them know of pending retirements. Created a contact list for these committees.
- Transferred materials and projects to various staff.
- Reviewed DOT draft documents on topsoil BMPs.