

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

The Adirondack Park Agency has general jurisdiction over the deposit of fill in, excavation of/within and/or draining of a jurisdictional wetland, or any other activity that substantially impairs the functions served by or the benefits derived from a jurisdictional wetland in the Adirondack Park.

The Agency's approval criteria, set forth in § 809(10) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, mandates that a project can be permitted only when it is consistent with the land use and development plan, compatible with the character description and purposes, policies, and objectives of each land use area; and has no undue adverse impact on Park resources, including the natural, scenic, aesthetic, and open space resources.

The Agency proposes to issue a general permit (GP 2024G-1) and order for certain regulated activities occurring in wetlands subject to Adirondack Park Agency (APA) jurisdiction or in adjacent areas where the activities could substantially impair jurisdictional wetlands. The existing general permit for Minor Regulated Activities in APA Jurisdictional Wetlands (GP 2002G-3AAR) will be revoked and replaced with GP 2024G-1.

The proposed General Permit 2024G-1 titled "Certain Minor Regulated Activities in APA – Jurisdictional Freshwater Wetlands" will provide a streamlined process for certain minor activities involving wetlands that involve no permanent wetland fills or involve minor fills with compensatory wetland mitigation and otherwise have a de minimis impact on existing wetland resources, enabling Agency staff to issue expedited permits for these activities and more time to focus on projects that have greater potential for significant impacts to Park resources.

A certificate issued under GP2024G-1 would include relevant mitigating conditions for meeting the conclusions of law, as specified in the general permit. The certification for the General Permit/Order will include standard conditions related to compliance with the approved project plans, documentation of site restoration, erosion and sediment control, invasive species spread prevention, and vegetative cutting; as well project-specific conditions regarding compensatory wetland mitigation and conditions related to wetland protections for the eligible regulated activities.

Based on the information and requirements set forth above, in Parts 1 and 2 of this Full Environmental Assessment Form, and in the General Permit and Certificate, the Agency finds that there will be no significant adverse environmental impact as the result of the issuance of this General Permit.

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

SEQR Status: Type 1 Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: Part 1 Part 2 Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

Draft Adirondack Park Agency (APA) General Permit 2024G-1; Draft Application for APA General Permit 2024G-1; Draft Order for APA General Permit 2024G-1; Draft Certificate for APA General Permit 2024G-1.

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the Adirondack Park Agency _____ as lead agency that:

A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action: General Permit and Order for Certain Minor Regulated Activities in APA - Jurisdictional Freshwater Wetlands

Name of Lead Agency: Adirondack Park Agency

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Barbara Rice

Title of Responsible Officer: Executive Director

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: *B. Rice*

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer) *[Signature]*

Date: 3/26/24

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Applicant (if any)
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