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 <p><b>NEW YORK</b> STATE OF OPPORTUNITY.</p> <p><b>Adirondack Park Agency</b></p> <p>PO Box 99 · 1133 NYS Route 86 Ray Brook, NY 12977 Tel: (518) 891-4050 www.apa.ny.gov</p>	<p><b>APA General Permit/Order 2024G-1</b></p>	<p>Permit #: 2024-0006</p>
	<p><b>Certificate for Certain Minor Regulated Activities in APA Jurisdictional Freshwater Wetlands</b></p>	

This certificate under General Permit 2024G-1 is granted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, authorizing a minor regulated activity in a freshwater wetland pursuant to the Freshwater Wetlands Act (Environmental Conservation Law, Article 24) and the Adirondack Park Agency Act (Executive Law, Article 27, including Section 809(13)(e)), in an area classified Resource Management by the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan in the application and materials received by the Agency on January 18, 2024, May 20, 2024, June 14, 2024, and August 1, 2024 and as depicted on the attached reduced-scale Project Plans. The project site is in the Town of Clare, St. Lawrence County.

The project shall not be undertaken or continued unless the project authorized herein, including site restoration, is completed within four years of the date of issuance of this certification.

This certificate does not convey any right to trespass upon the lands or interfere with the riparian rights of others in order to undertake the authorized project, nor does it authorize the impairment of any easement, right, title, or interest in real or personal property.

Nothing contained in this certificate shall be construed to satisfy any legal obligations of the permittee to comply with all applicable laws and regulations or to obtain any governmental approval or permit from any entity other than the Agency, whether federal, state, regional, or local.

Failure to comply with this general permit and approved attached Project Plans is a violation and may subject the project sponsor, successors and assigns to civil penalties and other legal proceedings, including modification, suspension or revocation of the permit.

**PROJECT SITE**

The project site is the approximately 0.7-acre area within 100 feet of the intersection between Dean Road and a tributary to the Middle Branch Grass River, in the Town of Clare, St. Lawrence County, in an area classified Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is a portion of the 7,628.3±-acre Town of Clare tax parcel identified as Tax Map Section 179, Block 1, Parcel 1.

The project location is shown on a map titled “Snowmobile Trail C8D Project Site – Grass River Conservation Easement,” prepared by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and received by the Agency on June 14, 2024, and labeled with the coordinates 44°21’44.143”N, -74°58’0.836”W.

The project site is located within the Middle Branch Grass River Scenic River area. The project site also contains wetlands. Additional wetlands not described herein or depicted on the Project Plans may be located on or adjacent to the project site.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION AS PROPOSED**

The project as conditionally approved herein involves the replacement of two failed 18-inch-diameter circular culverts beneath Dean Road. The two failed culverts will be replaced by a single 6-foot-diameter elliptical culvert. Both the existing and replacement culverts are 20 feet in length.

The project is shown on two un-titled and un-attributed sheets of plans, one received August 1, 2024 and the other received June 14, 2024 (Project Plans). The project is also described in a narrative received June 14, 2024 as part of the permit application.

A reduced-scale copy of both sheets of Project Plans for the project is attached to this certificate for easy reference. The original, full-scale maps and plans described in this paragraph are the official plans for the project, with copies available upon request from Adirondack Park Agency headquarters in Ray Brook, New York.

### **CONDITIONS**

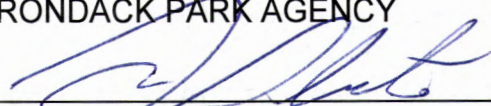
1. This permit is binding on the permittee(s) and all contractors undertaking all or a portion of the project authorized herein. Copies of this certificate and Project Plans shall be furnished by the permittee to all contractors prior to undertaking the activities authorized herein.
2. This certificate authorizes minor regulated activities in a freshwater wetland as depicted and described in the Project Plans. Any change to the location, dimensions, materials, or other aspect of the activities authorized herein shall require prior written Agency authorization.
3. Prior to construction, including clearing and grubbing, temporary erosion and sediment control measures shall be installed and maintained as depicted and described in the Project Plans. All silt fence shall be properly installed with the bottom buried at a depth of at least 4 inches. Once the site has been stabilized, silt fence and any other temporary erosion and sediment controls shall be completely removed.
4. All site restoration activities depicted and described in the Project Plans shall be implemented within three days of project completion, and in accordance with the approved implementation schedule.
5. The permittee shall notify the Agency in writing within five business days after the work authorized by this certificate has been successfully completed. Written notification shall include color photographs which clearly show the completed work and site restoration and identify the date and location that the photographs were taken.

6. The authorized work shall be scheduled and conducted during drier periods (not during major storm events, spring runoff, and thawing conditions) to avoid and minimize erosion of soils and to prevent silting and muddying of wetlands or surface waterbodies.
7. No mechanized equipment shall be driven in wetlands unless expressly authorized herein. Every effort shall be made to work from upland areas and to minimize disturbances to areas adjacent to wetlands. Only tracked equipment shall be used in wetlands. Vehicular access in wetlands shall be under frozen conditions when possible.
8. Wetland disturbance including grading and grubbing of stumps and roots shall be limited to the area depicted and described on the Project Plans.
9. No waste disposal, material or excavation stockpiling, or dewatering discharge shall occur in or within 100 feet of wetlands unless specifically authorized in the Project Plans. Clean water bypass shall be discharged back to freshwater wetlands in a manner that limits or prevents erosion, sedimentation, and particle suspension.
10. When brought from off-site, all equipment, including but not limited to trucks, excavators, tractors, etc., and hand excavation tools such as shovels, rakes, and picks, to be used on the project site shall be clean and free of soil, mud, or other similar material. If washed on the project site, equipment shall be washed in one location to prevent the distribution of propagules among different wash sites. All construction equipment and vehicles operating in areas that may contain existing invasive species shall be thoroughly cleaned prior to moving to other areas.
11. All tree cutting and/or vegetation removal shall be limited to the area depicted and described on the Project Plans. All cut vegetation shall be immediately removed from the wetland and adjacent area upon completion of the activity.
12. Existing pipe and box culverts shall be replaced at their existing location unless structure relocation or realignment is specifically authorized herein. Replacement culverts and any associated scour protection must be installed so that they do not constitute a barrier to upstream movement of fish and other aquatic species.
13. All culverts with closed bottoms (including round culvert pipes) must be appropriately embedded. Round culverts must be installed with at least 20% of the culverts vertical height is embedded below the existing wetland substrate.
14. Native soil material or wetland substrate shall be placed for culvert embedding and spread evenly throughout the bottom of the new culvert where appropriate.
15. New or replacement culverts shall be installed so as to preserve the pre-construction water levels unless specifically authorized herein and shall not inhibit the natural movement of fish or other aquatic species.

CERTIFICATE issued this 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of August, 2024.

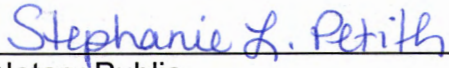
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BY:

  
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STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 2024, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared David J. Plante, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their capacity, and that by their signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

  
Notary Public

Stephanie L. Petith  
Notary Public, State of New York  
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Qualified in Franklin County  
Commission Expires April 15, 2025

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Date: August 1, 2024

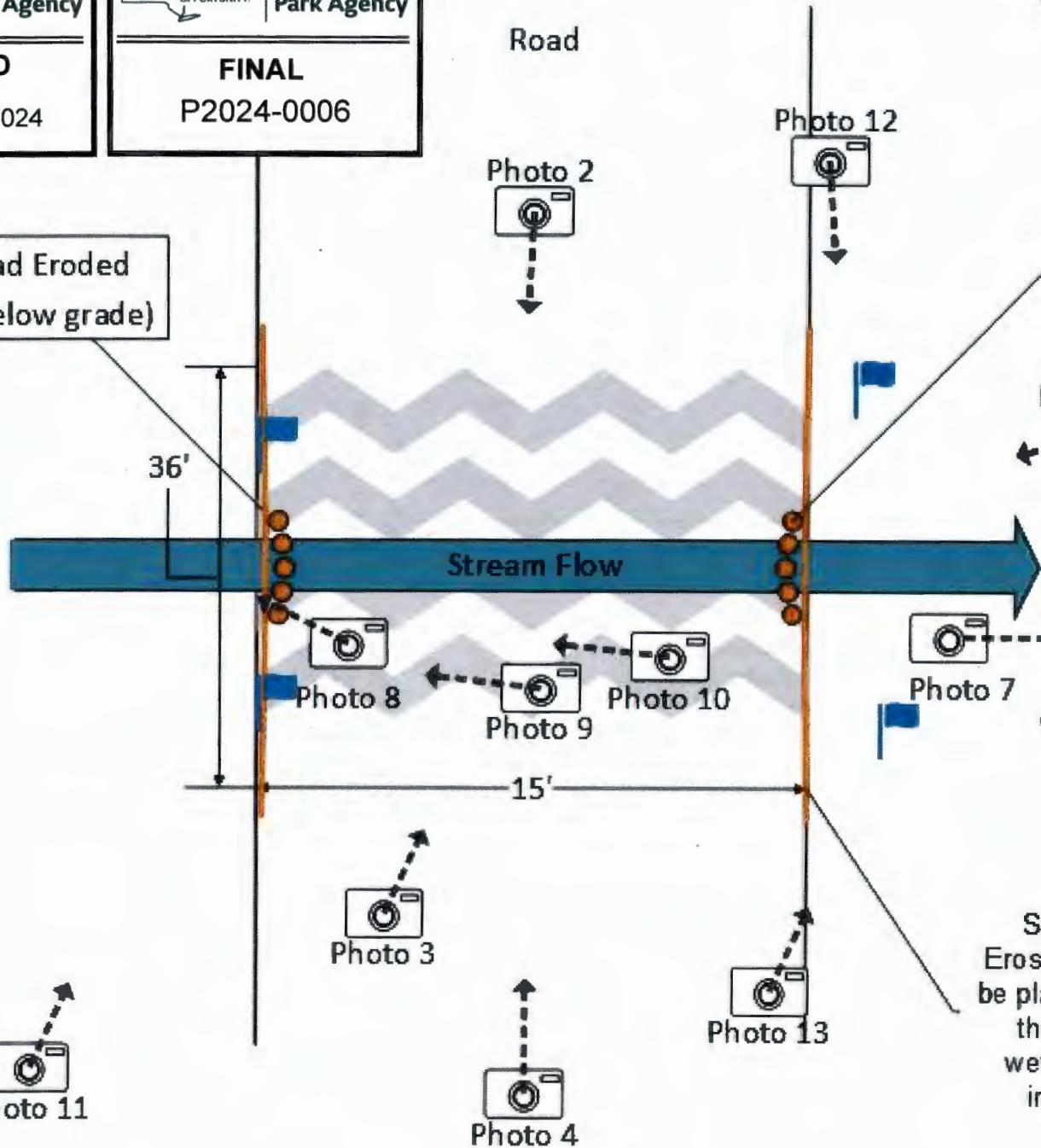
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Road

Road Eroded  
(2' below grade)

Open Water  
Upstream

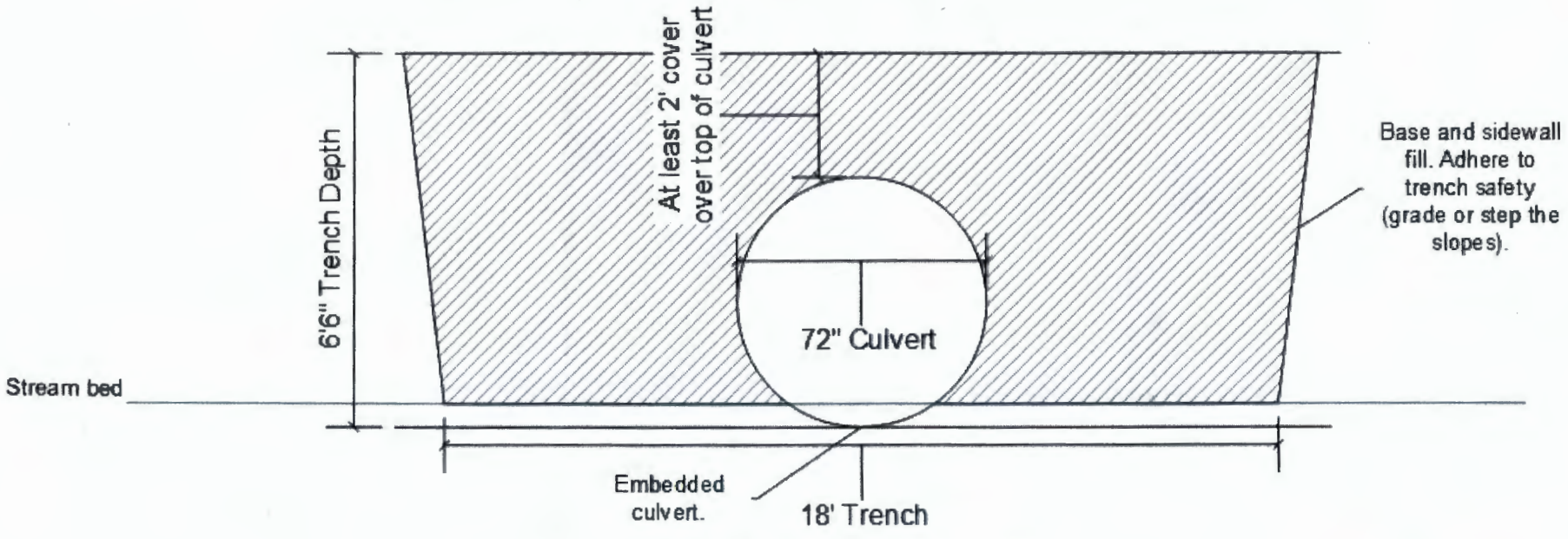
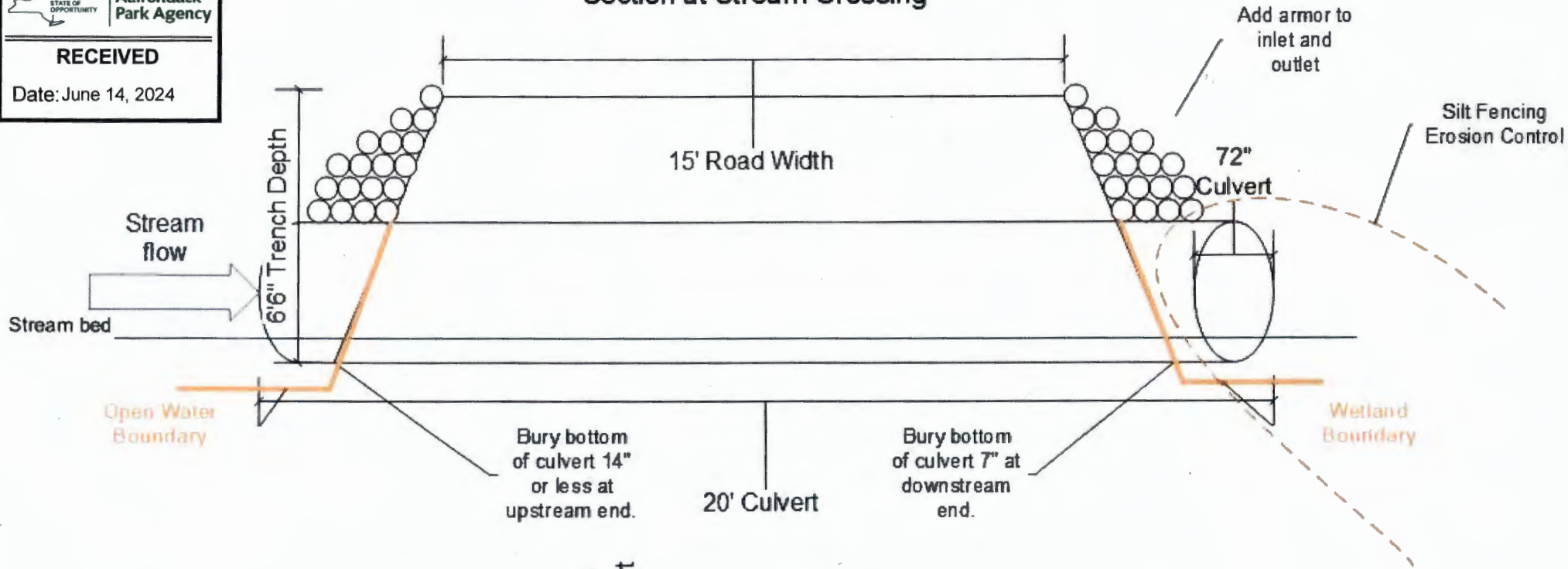


Armoring to be placed outside of wetland – above culvert during installation.  
No rip-rap is to be placed in wetlands

Silt Fencing Erosion Control to be placed between the road and wetland during installation

\*Not drawn to scale.

**Section at Stream Crossing**



**Cross Section of Culvert**

1,190 cu. ft. fill needed  
 Not drawn to scale.