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**APA General
Permit/Order
2024G-1**

Permit #: 2024-0331

**Certificate for Certain Minor
Regulated Activities in APA
Jurisdictional Freshwater
Wetlands**

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 Wild Forest by the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan in the application received by the Agency on November 20, 2024 and as depicted on the attached reduced-scale Project Plans. The project site is in the Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County.

The project shall not be undertaken or continued unless the project authorized herein, including site restoration and any required compensatory wetland mitigation, 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 located in the Blue Mountain Wild Forest on the trail leading to Rock Lake, in the Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, in an area classified Wild Forest on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is located within Tax Map Section 47.000, Block 1, Parcel 23.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AS PROPOSED

The project as conditionally approved herein involves trail improvements including the replacement of three existing bog bridges and installation of a rock turnpike and 10 steppingstones.

The project is shown on the following plans:

- A 10-page plan titled "Rock Lake Trail Improvement Project," prepared by Jamie Parslow, and dated November 15, 2024 (Project Plans).

A reduced-scale copy of pages 2-7 of the 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.

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.

5. 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.
6. 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.

7. Wetland disturbance including grading and grubbing of stumps and roots shall be limited to the area depicted and described on the Project Plans.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Any cutting of vegetation along the shorelines of navigable waterbodies shall be in conformance with the Shoreline Restrictions of Section 806 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act. A copy of the Shoreline Restrictions or the Citizen's Guide is available upon request.
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 Bridges shall be replaced at their existing location unless structure relocation or realignment is specifically authorized herein. Replacement Bridges 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. Native soil material or wetland substrate shall be placed for Bridge and Steppingstones embedding and spread evenly throughout the bottom of the new structures where appropriate.

CERTIFICATE issued this 16th day
of December, 2024.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

BY: Ariel Lynch
Ariel Lynch
Environmental Program Specialist 3 (EPS3)

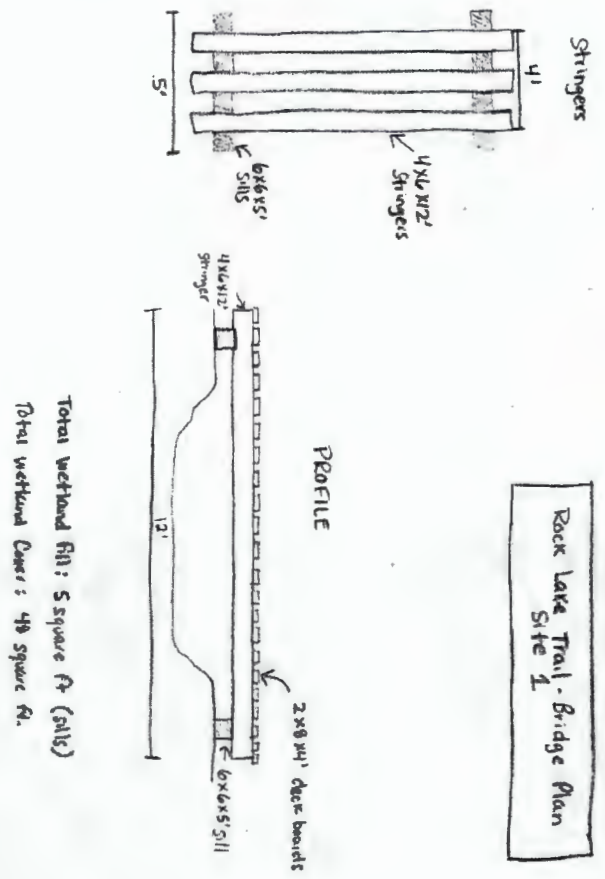
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the 16th day of December in the year 2024, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Ariel Lynch, 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.

Stephanie L. Petith
Notary Public, State of New York
Reg. No. 01PE6279890
Qualified in Franklin County
Commission Expires April 15, 2025

Stephanie L. Petith
Notary Public

Rock Lake Trail Improvement Project: Site 1- Bridge
 Coordinates: 43.82198, -74.34719
 Proposed wetland actions:
 Remove current bridge and replace with a 4-foot wide by 12-foot-long span bridge.
 Total wetland fill: 5 square feet
 Total wetland covered: 48 square feet



Rock Lake Trail Improvement Project: Site

1- Bog Bridges

Coordinates: 43.82198, -74.34719

Proposed wetland actions:

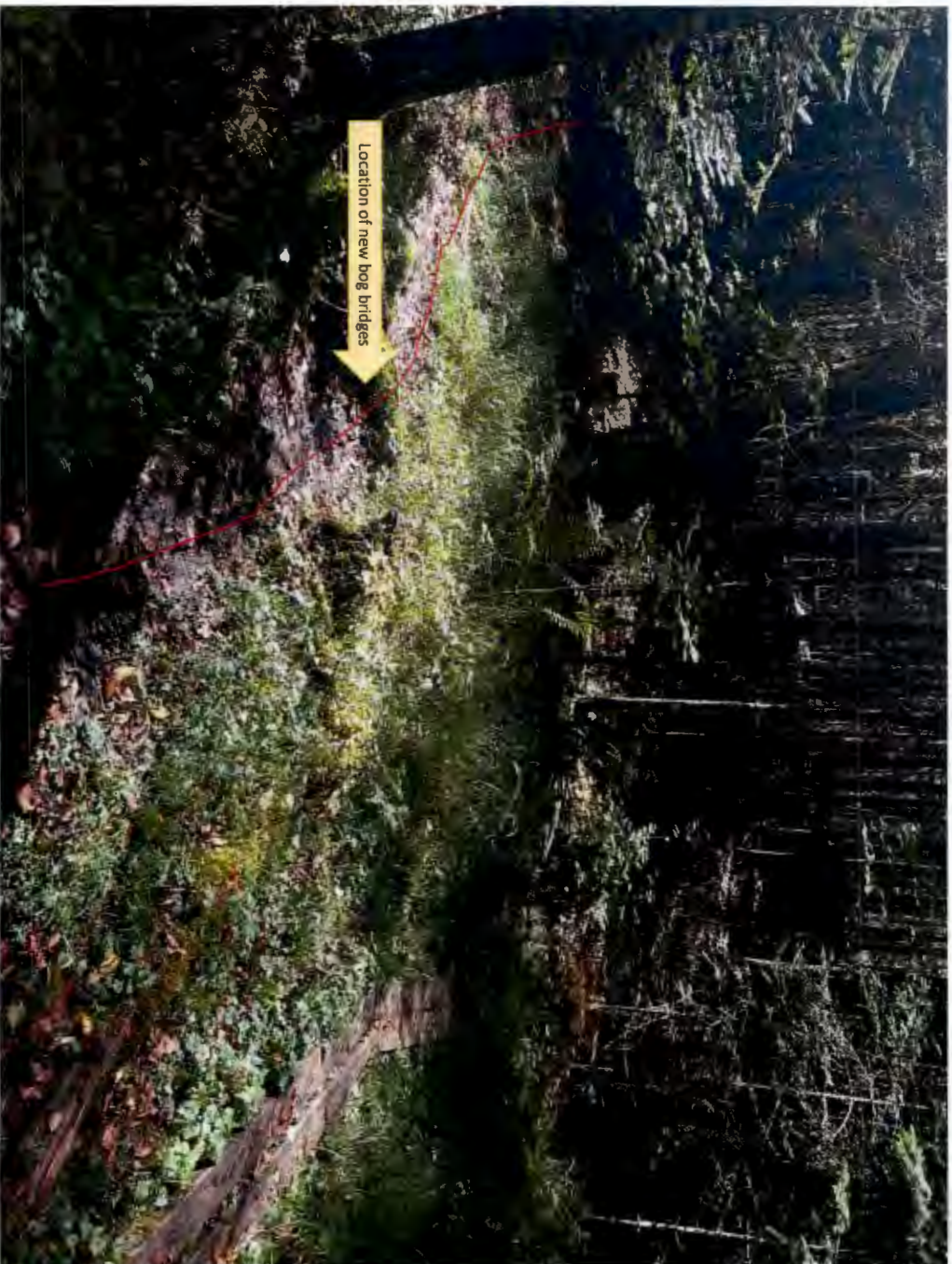
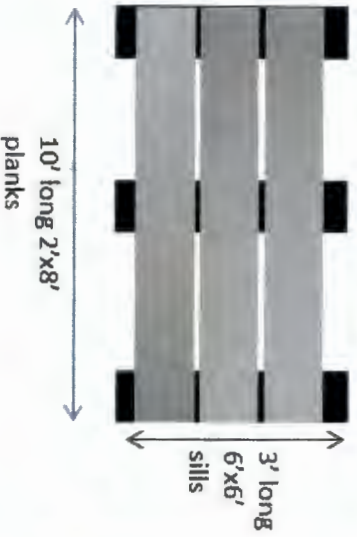
Remove 32 feet of old bog bridging. Net loss of wetland fill: 7 sills: 2 feet long x 6 inches wide= 7 square feet of wetland fill removed, and 64 square feet of wetland cover to be removed.

Up to 40 feet of new bog bridging to be installed in existing trail.

Bog bridges will be 24 inches wide on 3-foot sills.

Total wetland fill: 18 square feet for 12 sills

Total wetland covered: 80 square feet



Rock Lake Trail Improvement Project: Site 2

Coordinates: 43.82223, -74.34618

Proposed wetland actions:

A.) Install a 25 foot by 2-foot-wide rock turnpike along the west side of the trail corridor.

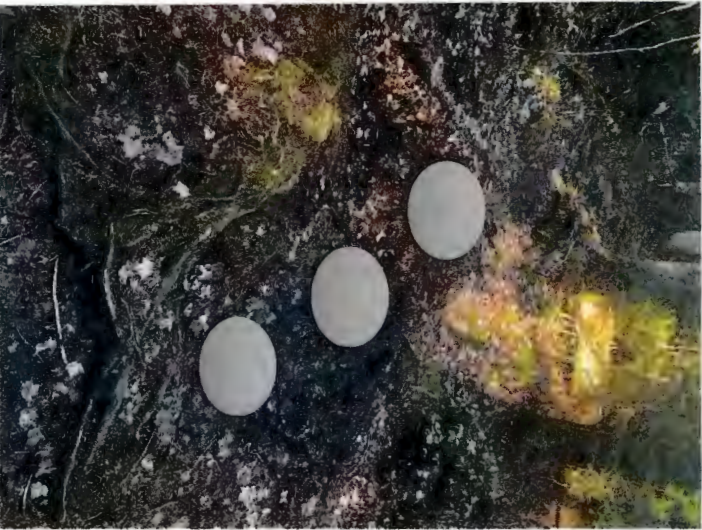
Total Wetland fill: 50 square feet for turnpike

B.) Install up to 10 steppingstones on the approach to the turnpike (from both

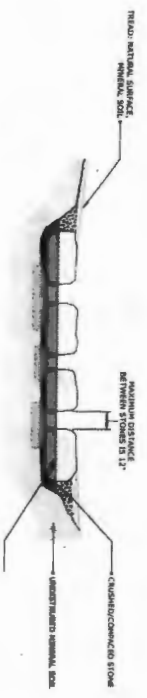
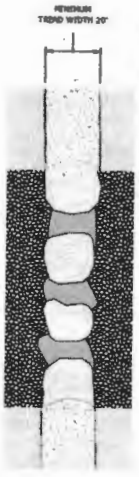
directions)

Total wetland fill: 27.5 square feet (10 steppingstones at approximately 2.75 square feet

each)

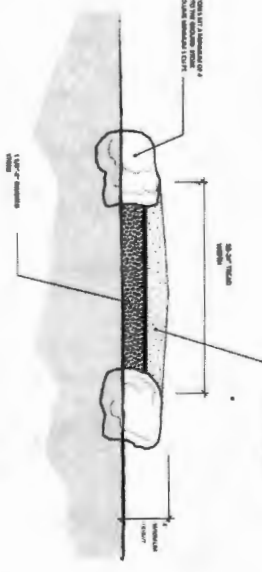


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Rock Lake Trail Improvement Project: Site 3
Coordinates: 43.82323, -74.34552

Proposed wetland actions:
Install a 20 foot long by 2-foot-wide bog
bridge.

Total Wetland fill: 1.5 square feet per sill
6 sills x 1.5 square feet = 9 square feet of fill
Total Wetland covered: 40 square feet

