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Date Issued: July 24, 2025

In the Matter of the Application of

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Permittee

for a permit pursuant to 9 NYCRR Part 578

To the County Clerk: Please index this permit in the grantor index under the following name(s):

1. New York State Department of Transportation

SUMMARY AND AUTHORIZATION

This permit authorizes the rehabilitation of an existing culvert in an area classified Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map in the Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County.

This authorization shall expire unless recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office within 60 days of issuance of a signed and notarized permit. The signed and notarized permit shall be recorded in the names of all persons listed above and in the names of all owners of record of any portion of the project site on the recordation date.

The project shall not be undertaken or continued unless the project authorized herein is in existence within five years of the date the permit is recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office. The Agency will consider the project in existence when the culvert insert has been installed.

The project shall be undertaken in compliance with all conditions stated herein. Failure to comply with this permit is a violation and may subject the permittee, successors, and assigns to civil penalties and other legal proceedings.

This permit 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 permit 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.

PROJECT SITE

The project site is an approximately 550-foot by 250-foot area of land located within the NYS Route 3 Department of Transportation Right-of-Way in the Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County, in an area classified Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map.

The project site contains deciduous forest and emergent wetlands with a value rating of "1". Additional wetlands not described herein or depicted on the Site Plan may be located on or adjacent to the project site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project as conditionally approved herein involves the rehabilitation of an existing culvert by slip line to insert a new steel lining and the construction of a new steep pool.

The project will involve the loss of 630 square feet of wetlands and temporary impacts to 1,544 square feet of wetlands.

The project is shown on the following maps, plans, and reports:

- Nine-sheet plan set titled, "Site B: Culvert C750021 Route 3 over tributary to Peavine Creek Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County," prepared by McFarland-Johnson, Inc., with sheets 5 and 6 received May 30, 2025 and sheets 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14 received March 11, 2025 (Site Plans).
- Single-sheet plan titled, "Special Note Item 610.1605 Turf Establishment -Performance," received May 30, 2025 (Planting Plan).

A reduced-scale copy of the Sheet 5 of the Site Plans for the project is attached as a part of this permit for reference.

AGENCY JURISDICTION

Pursuant to Section 809(2)(a) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act and Adirondack Park Agency regulations at 9 NYCRR Part 578, a permit is required from the Adirondack Park Agency prior to any deposit of fill in or excavation of a wetland in the Adirondack Park.

CONDITIONS

THE PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. The project shall not be undertaken until this permit has been recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office.
- This permit is binding on the permittee, all present and future owners or lessees of the project site, and all persons undertaking all or a portion of the project, for as long as the culvert remains on the site. Copies of this permit, Site Plans, and Planting Plan shall be furnished by the permittee to all subsequent owners or lessees of the project site prior to sale or lease, and by the permittee and/or any subsequent owner or lessee to all persons undertaking any development activities authorized herein.

- 3. In addition to complying with all terms and conditions of this permit, all future activities on the project site shall be undertaken in compliance with the requirements of New York State's Adirondack Park Agency Act, Freshwater Wetlands Act, and the Adirondack Park Agency's implementing regulations [9 NYCRR §§ 570-588].
- 4. This permit authorizes the rehabilitation of a culvert and construction of a step pool in the location shown and as depicted on the Site Plans. Any change to the location, dimensions, or other aspect of the culvert and step pool shall require a new or amended permit.
- 5. The project shall be undertaken in compliance with the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans as shown on the Site Plans.
- 6. 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.
- Outside of the limits of contractor access and staging areas shown on Sheet 5 of the Site Plans, no trees, shrubs, or other woody stemmed vegetation may be cut, culled, trimmed, pruned or otherwise removed or disturbed on the project site without prior written Agency authorization, except for the removal of 1) dead or diseased vegetation, rotten or damaged trees, or any other vegetation that presents a safety or health hazard.
- 8. All plantings described on the Planting Plan shall be planted no later than the first spring or fall planting season after final grading related to the construction of the culvert on the project site. Trees and shrubs that do not survive shall be replaced annually until established in a healthy growing condition.
- 9. The undertaking of any activity involving wetlands not authorized herein shall require a new or amended permit.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Agency has considered all statutory and regulatory criteria for project approval set forth in the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Freshwater Wetlands Act and 9 NYCRR Part 578, and 9 NYCRR Part 574. The Agency hereby finds that the project authorized as conditioned herein:

- a. will be consistent with the land use and development plan;
- b. will be compatible with the character description and purposes, policies, and objectives of the Resource Management land use area;
- c. will be consistent with the overall intensity guidelines for the Resource Management land use area;
- d. will comply with the shoreline restrictions of § 806 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act;
- e. will not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, historic, recreational or open space resources of the Park or upon the ability of the public to provide supporting facilities and services made necessary by the project;
- f. will secure the natural benefits of wetlands associated with the project, consistent with the general welfare and beneficial economic, social, and agricultural development of the state; and
- g. will result in minimal degradation or destruction of the wetland or its associated values, and provides an essential public benefit.

PERMIT issued this 24 day of fely, 2025.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

John M. Burth

Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the Aday of July in the year 2025, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared John M. Burth, 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
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