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

Permit #: 2025-0188

**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 Wilderness by the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan as described in the application received by the Agency on August 11, 2025 and as depicted on the attached reduced-scale Project Plans. The project site is located in the Town of Webb, Herkimer 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 Ha-De-Ron-Dah Wilderness Area on the Middle Settlement Lake Access Trail in the Town of Webb, Herkimer County, in an area classified Wilderness on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is identified as Tax Map Section 44, Block 1, Parcel 1.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AS PROPOSED

The project as conditionally approved herein involves trail improvements that will create a single trail corridor and involves placement of 40 linear feet of 2-foot by 2-foot stepping stones and an additional 1-foot (approximate) distance between stones to allow for un-impeded stream flow. Placement of the stones will allow hikers to negotiate the stream and results in approximately 56 square feet of wetland impacts.

The project is described in the following 21-page report: "Forest Preserve Detailed Project Work Plan," submitted by Michael Marsh, and received by the Agency on August 11, 2025. Reduced-scale copies of Sheet 12 (Site Plan) and Sheet 14 (Sketch Plan) from the report are 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.

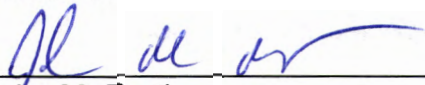
CONDITIONS

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 motorized or mechanized equipment shall be used to complete the project. Every effort shall be made to work from upland areas and to minimize disturbances to areas adjacent to wetlands.
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. 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. Native soil material or wetland substrate shall be utilized for embedding the proposed stepping stones.

CERTIFICATE issued this 2nd day
of September, 2025.

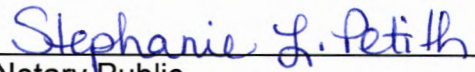
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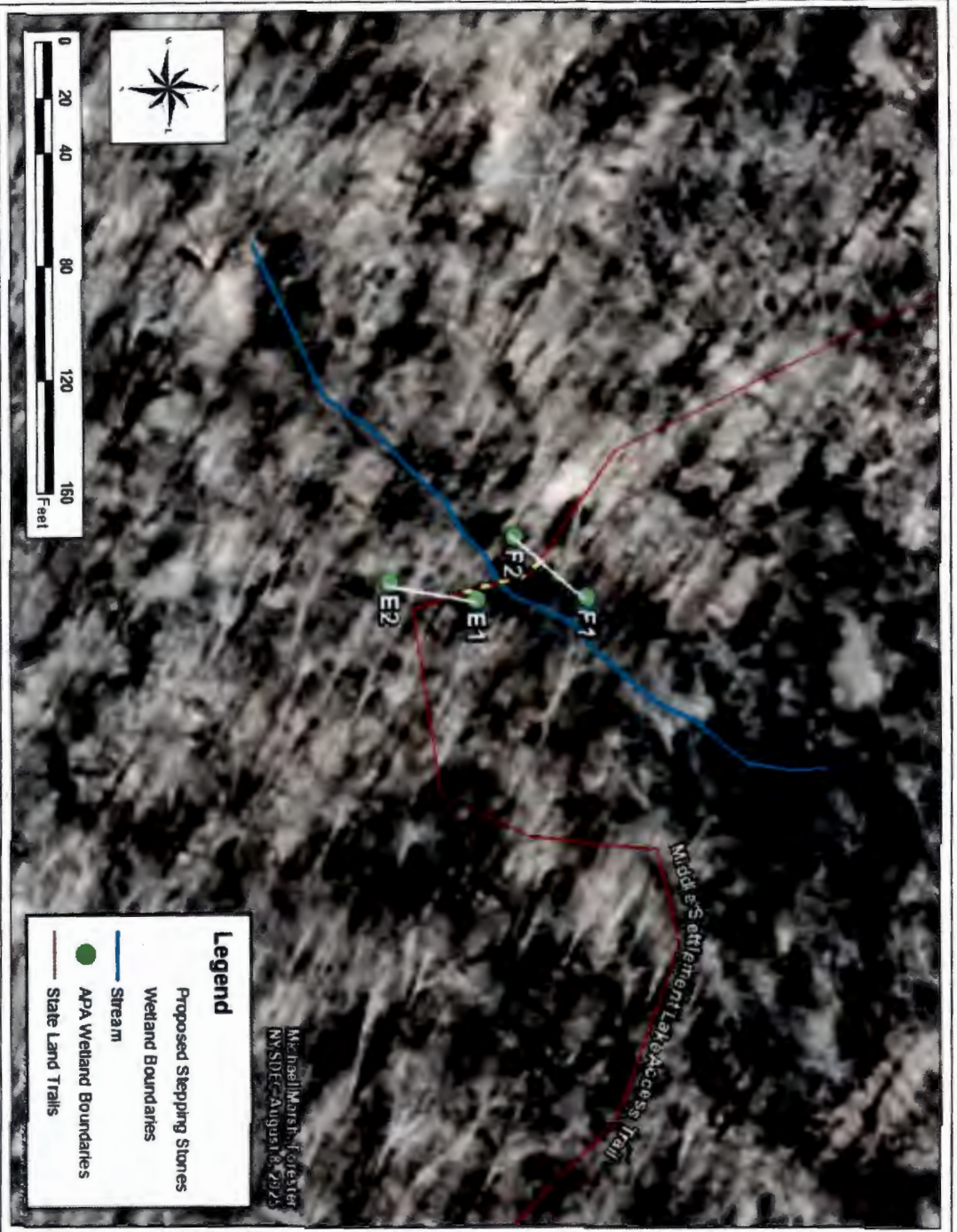
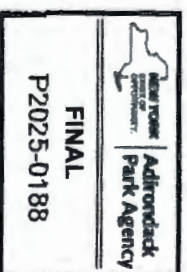
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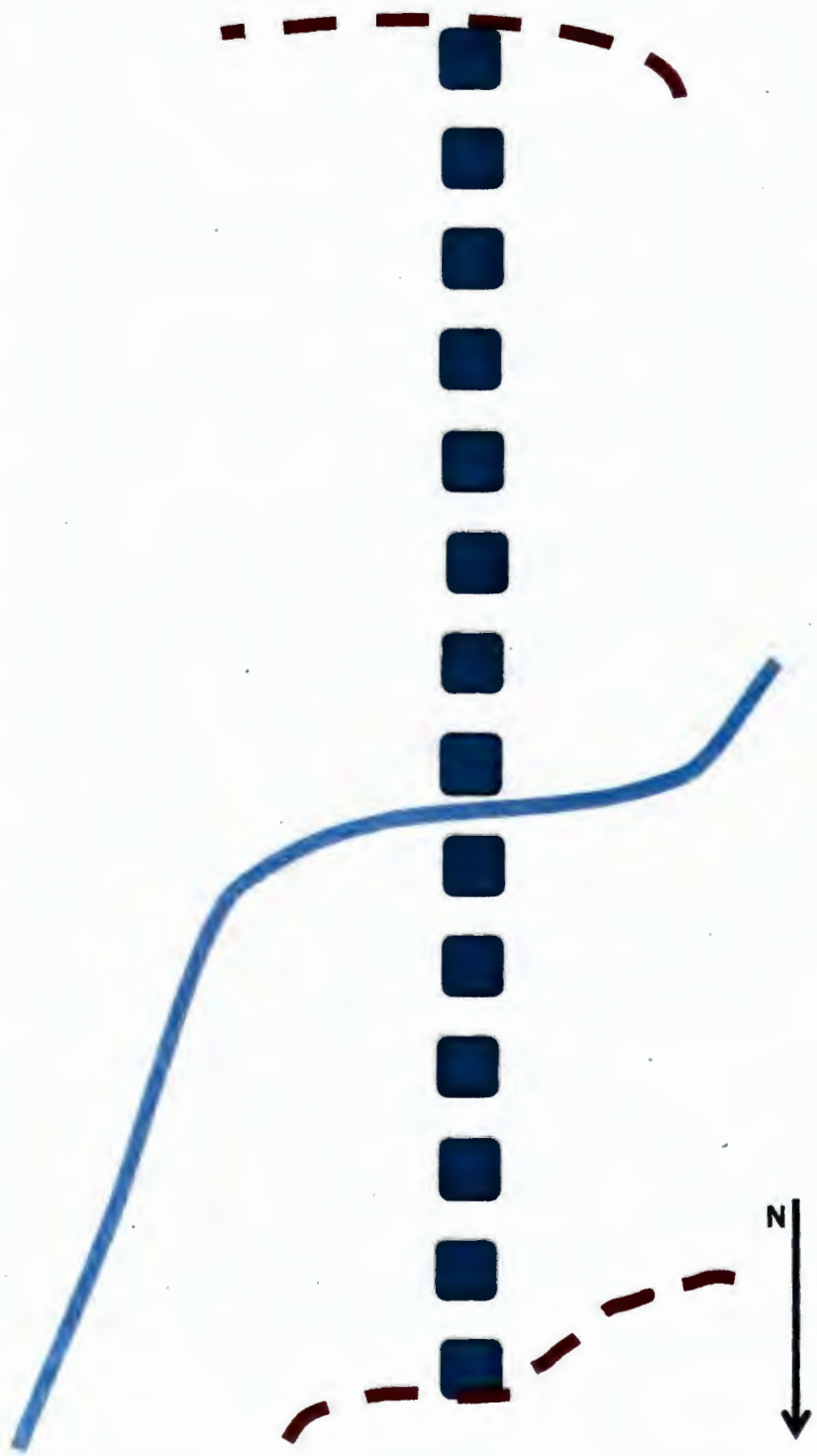
On the 2nd day of September in the year 2025, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared John M. Burth, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged 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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Qualified in Franklin County
Commission Expires April 15, 2029


Notary Public



Site Plan with APA Delineated Wetland boundaries.



Scaled sketch of the proposed stepping stones through the wetland; the dashed red lines are the delineated wetland boundaries, the blue squares the stepping stones, and the blue line the stream.