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Date Issued: October 28, 2025

In the Matter of the Application of

TOWN OF DUANE STEPHEN AND ELIZABETH FISH Permittees

for a permit pursuant to § 809 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act

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

- 1. Town of Duane
- 2. Stephen Fish
- 3. Elizabeth Fish

# **SUMMARY AND AUTHORIZATION**

This permit authorizes a two-lot subdivision by lease and continuation and expansion of an existing sand and gravel extraction in an area classified Rural Use on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map in the Town of Duane, Franklin County.

This authorization shall expire unless recorded in the Franklin 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 Franklin County Clerk's Office. The Agency will consider the project in existence when the permit is recorded.

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 a 37.35±-acre parcel of land located on County Route 26 in the Town of Duane, Franklin County, in an area classified Rural Use on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is identified as Tax Map Section 229, Block 5, Parcel 11, and is described in a deed from The Town of Duane to The Town of Duane, dated January 22, 2022, and recorded January 25, 2002, in the Franklin County Clerk's Office at Book 793, Page 176.

The project site also includes an adjoining 37.0±-acre parcel of land identified as Tax Map Section 229, Block 5, Parcel 8, and described in a deed from Evelyn Pfenninger to Stephen L. Fish and Elizabeth A. Fish dated April 12, 2011, and recorded May 2, 2011, in the Franklin County Clerk's Office at Instrument Number 2011-2200.

Tax Map Parcel 229-5-11 is improved by an existing sand and gravel extraction.

Tax Map Parcel 229-5-8 is improved by a single-family dwelling that was constructed in 1985.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project as conditionally approved herein involves a two-lot subdivision by lease of Tax Map Parcel 229-5-8 to create a 1.7-acre lease lot to allow for the continued operation of the existing Town of Duane sand and gravel extraction and the expansion of the Life of Mine area from 6.8 acres to 8.5 acres.

The extraction includes primarily sand that will be screened and stored on-site to be used for winter highway use. Screenings that consist of gravel will also be stored on-site.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation issued a Mining Permit on October 22, 2025.

The project as authorized herein was originally approved by Agency Permit 2001-127. Agency Permit 2001-127 expired on August 1, 2006.

The project is shown on a 44-page set of documents entitled "Mining Permit Renewal/Modification, County Route 26 Sand Pit, Town of Duane, Frankin County New York," prepared by Blue Mountain Engineering, PLLC last revised June 9, 2025, and received by the Agency on July 1, 2025 (Mining Plans).

A reduced-scale copy of the Mining & Reclamation Plan for the project, shown on page 42 and updated in May 2025 is attached as a part of this permit for easy reference.

## **AGENCY JURISDICTION**

Pursuant to Section 809(2)(a) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, a permit is required from the Adirondack Park Agency prior to the continuation of any sand and gravel extraction on Rural Use lands in the Adirondack Park.

Pursuant to Section 809(2)(a) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, a permit is required from the Adirondack Park Agency prior to any subdivision of Rural Use lands that results in the creation of a non-shoreline lot less than 7.35 acres in size 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 Franklin County Clerk's Office.
- 2. 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 sand and gravel extraction continues on the site. Copies of this permit and Mining Plans 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. All deeds conveying all or a portion of the lands subject to this permit shall contain references to this permit as follows: "The lands conveyed are subject to Adirondack Park Agency Permit 2025-0145, issued October 28, 2025, the conditions of which are binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the grantors and all subsequent grantees."

# **Project Operations**

- 5. This permit authorizes the continued operation of the sand and gravel extraction in the location shown and as depicted on the Mining Plans. Any change to the location, dimensions, or other aspect of the sand and gravel extraction shall require prior written Agency authorization.
- 6. All excavation, screening and trucking activities shall only occur on weekdays (holidays excluded) between the hours of 8am to 4pm. Any change to the hours of operations shall require prior written Agency authorization.
- 7. Operation of the sand and gravel extraction shall not exceed 20 days per year without prior written Agency authorization.
- 8. There shall be no blasting, crushing or washing of the mined material on the project site without prior written Agency authorization.

#### **Permit Term**

9. This permit shall expire upon the expiration date of any Mined Land Reclamation Permit issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), unless the Mined Land Reclamation Permit has been re-issued or a new permit issued by the DEC and written authorization for continued operation has been obtained from the Agency prior to that date.

## Tree Cutting/Vegetation Removal

Outside of the limits of clearing shown on the Mining & Reclamation Plan, 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 dead or diseased vegetation, rotten or damaged trees, or any other vegetation that presents a safety or health hazard.

#### Reclamation

11. Reclamation shall occur according to the Mining Plans. The plan shall be an ongoing process whereby areas no longer needed for extraction purposes shall be promptly and successfully reclaimed according to the Mining Plans.

# **Stormwater Management/Erosion Control**

12. The project shall be undertaken in compliance with the Mining Plans.

### **Outdoor Lighting**

13. Any new free-standing or building-mounted outdoor lights on the project site shall employ full cut-off fixtures that are fully shielded to direct light downward and not into the sky, or toward County Route 26 or adjoining property.

### Signage

14. Any new signs on the project site shall comply with the Agency's "Standards for Signs Associated with Projects" [9 NYCRR Part 570, Appendix Q-3].

#### Wetlands

15. The undertaking of any activity involving wetlands 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 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 Rural Use land use area;
- c. will be consistent with the overall intensity guidelines for the Rural Use land use area;
- d. will comply with the shoreline restrictions of § 806 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act: and
- 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.

PERMIT issued this 28 day of October, 2025.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

John M. Burt

Deputy Director of Regulatory Programs

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the 25 day of October 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 PETITH tary Public, State of New York Reg. No. 01PE6279890 Qualified in Essex County mission Expires April 15, 20

