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

Permit #: 2026-0015

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

This certificate under General Permit 2024G-1 is granted to National Grid, 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, Resource Management, and Low Intensity Use by the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan as described in the application received by the Agency on January 20, 2026, and as depicted on the attached reduced-scale Project Plans. The project site is in the Town of Franklin, Franklin 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 three sections of an existing transmission right-of-way located south of Fletcher Farm Road in the Town of Franklin, Franklin County, in an area classified Wild Forest, Resource Management, and Low Intensity Use on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The sites are adjacent to Tax Map Parcels 386.-1-24, 400.-1-2, and 399.-1-23.200.

The existing transmission corridor transects multiple wetland complexes. 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 pole-top insulator maintenance with access through wetlands.

The project is shown on a five-page set of plans titled "Project Narrative APA – GP2024G-1 National Grid Colby – Franklin," prepared by National Grid, and received by the Agency on January 20, 2026 (Project Plans). A reduced-scale copy 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. 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.
4. The permittee shall notify the Agency in writing within five business days after the work authorized by this certificate including any required restoration of temporary wetland impacts 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. If work cannot be performed under frozen conditions, timber mats shall be used for access in wetlands, to be removed within three days of project completion and areas beneath timber mats restored to pre-construction condition. No temporary access structures shall be located within a wetland for more than 30 days.

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. 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.
11. Temporary construction access, detour and work pad facilities (including necessary fills) shall be located so as to avoid or minimize disturbance of the wetland, and appropriate temporary drainage measures must be taken to maintain pre-construction water flows and water table characteristics.
12. Water control structures shall be of the type and size, and shall be placed in such a manner, so as to not impair surface water flow into or out of the wetland.
13. Temporary construction access, detour, and work pad facilities (including necessary fills) shall be entirely removed following completion of construction activities, and the affected and adjacent area successfully restored to its pre-construction condition.

Dated: February 10, 2026

Ray Brook, New York

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

By: 
John M. Burth
Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the 10th day of February in the year 2026, 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.

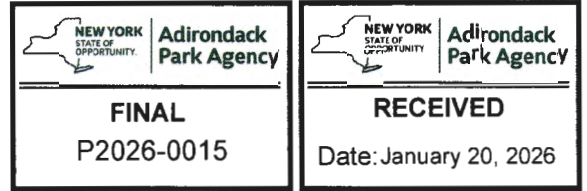
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Notary Public

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Project Narrative

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National Grid Colby – Franklin

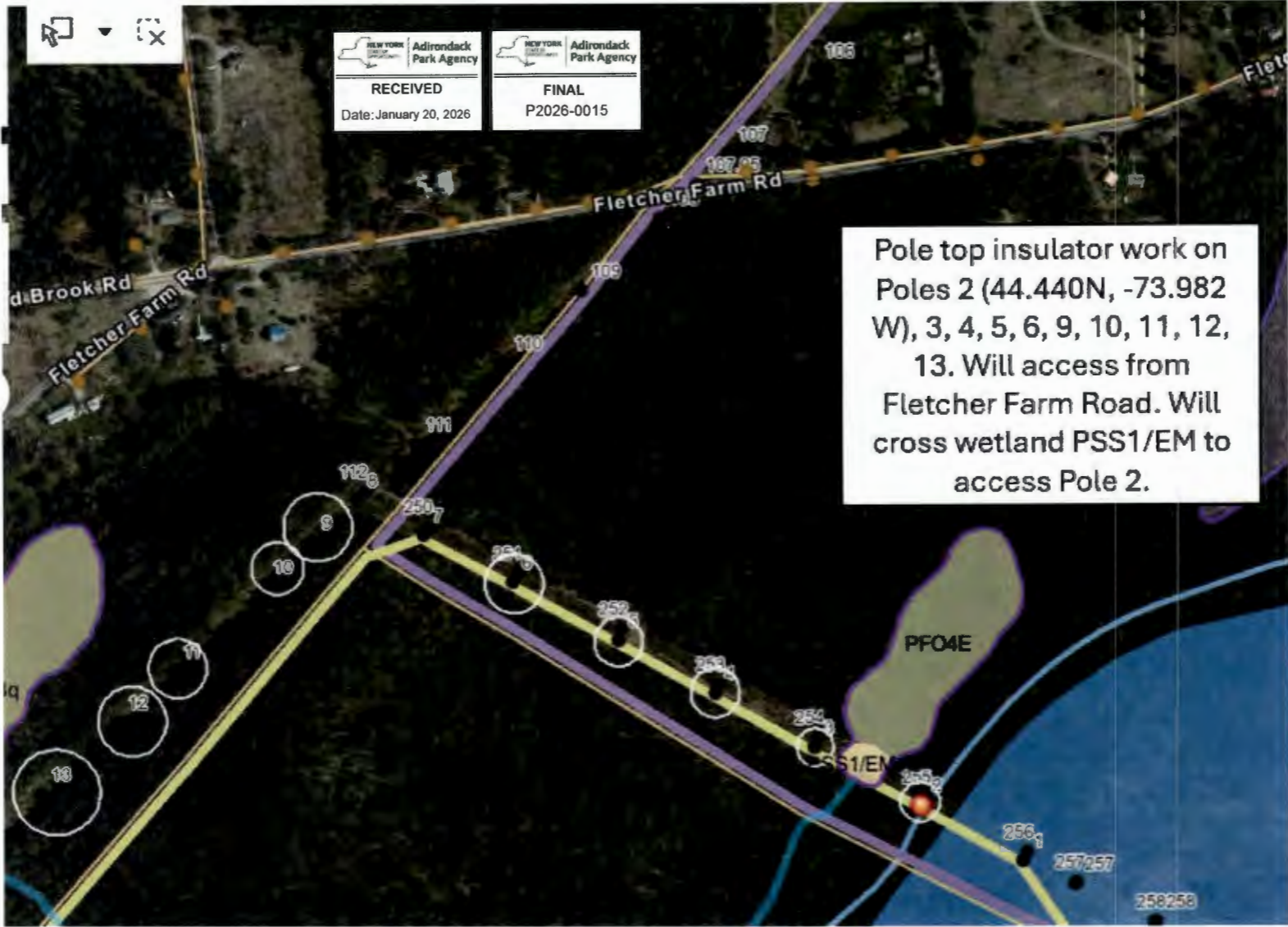


The purpose of this project is to perform routine pole-top maintenance on several utility poles. These poles are in areas with limited access and therefore will be involving existing wetlands. Impacts to wetlands have been minimized to the greatest extent possibly by working with project managers to identify access routes that avoid wetlands when possible. There are no planned excavations for this project currently. Matting will be used when needed to minimize impacts to wetlands. Equipment will be cleaned and inspected to prevent the spread of invasive species. In the event of restoration being necessary, we will use Adirondack Seed Mix to restore vegetation, details attached to this PDF. This work is planned for Spring of 2026.

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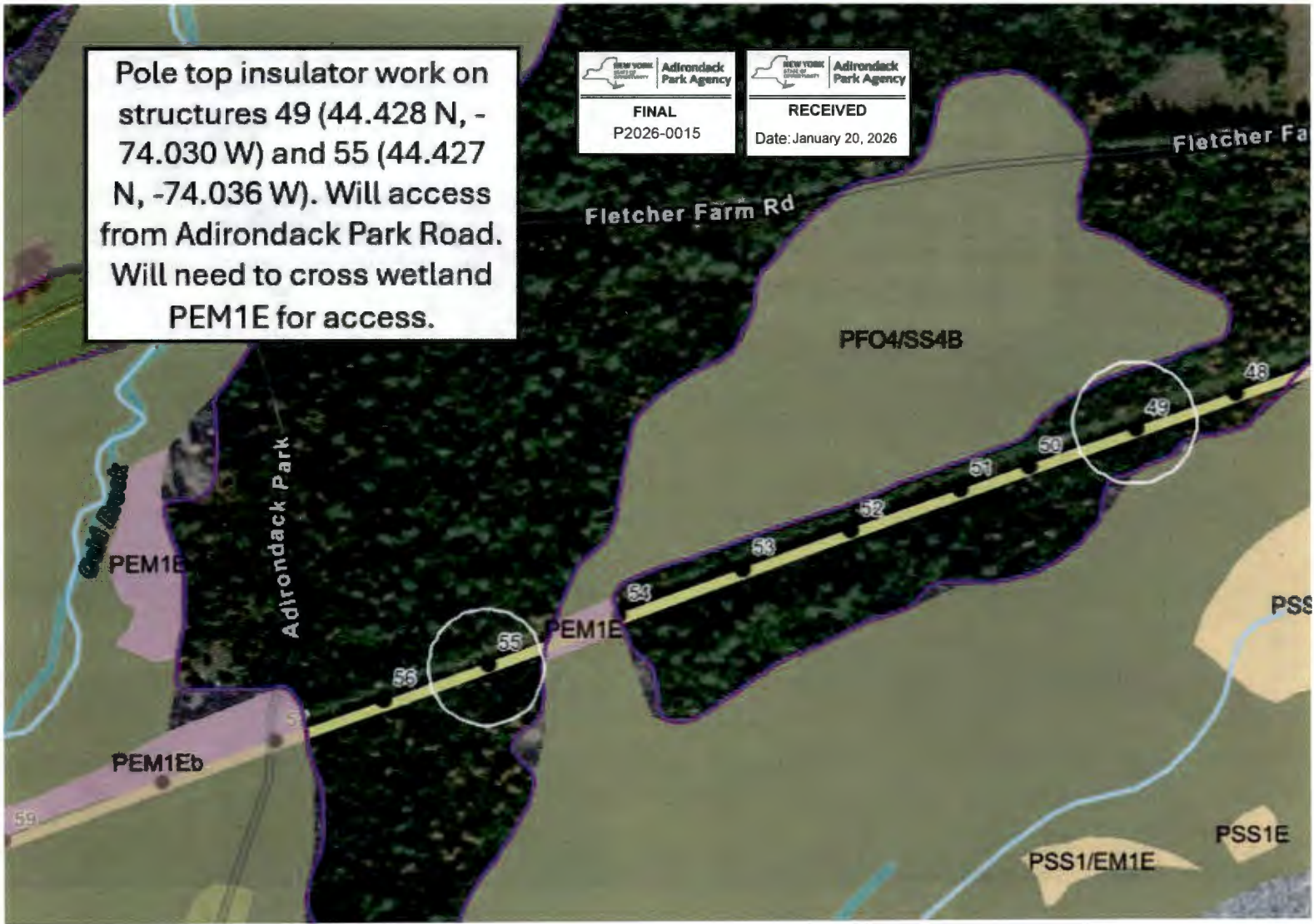
Pole top insulator work on Poles 2 (44.440N, -73.982 W), 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Will access from Fletcher Farm Road. Will cross wetland PSS1/EM to access Pole 2.

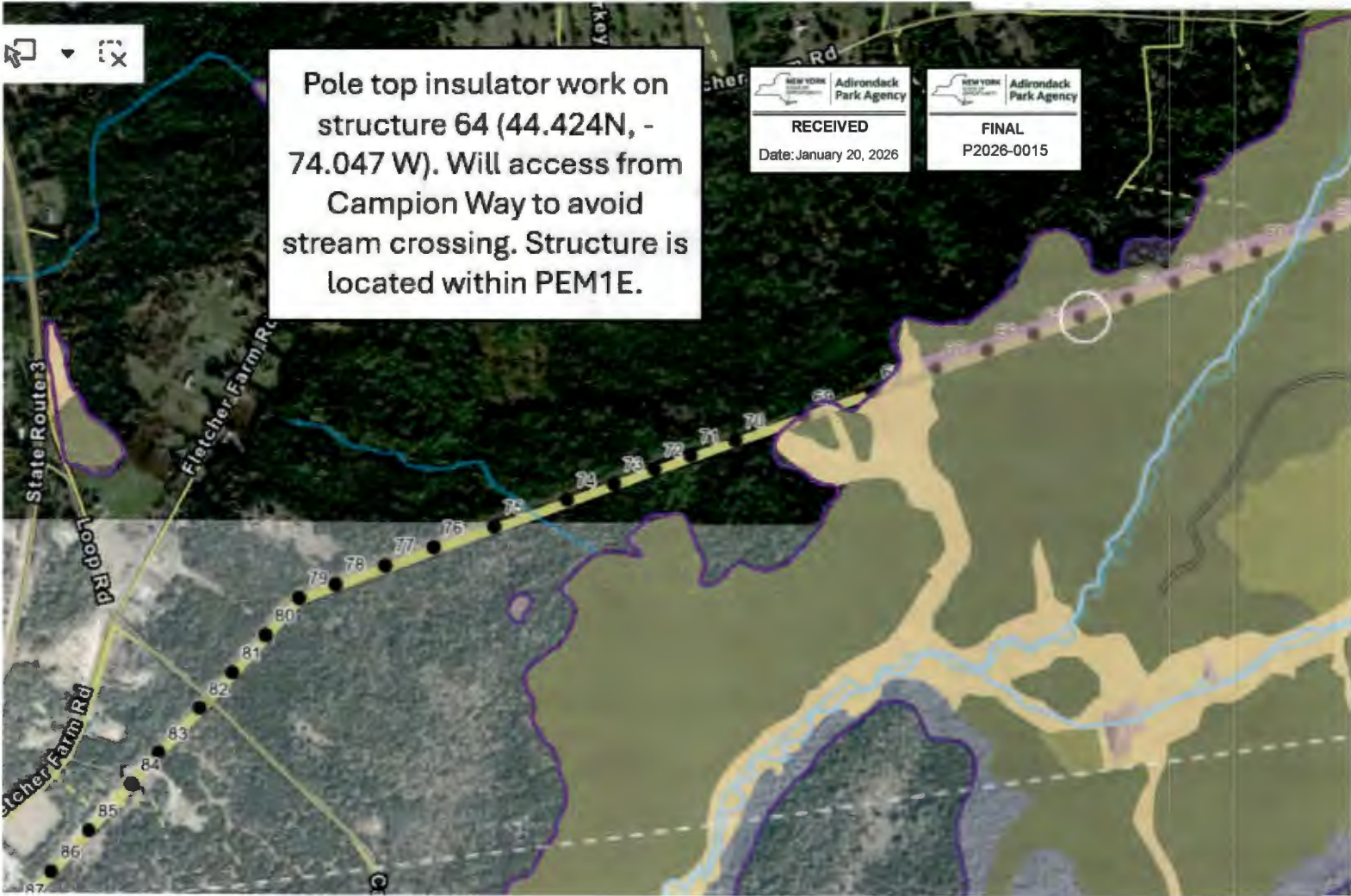


Pole top insulator work on structures 49 (44.428 N, -74.030 W) and 55 (44.427 N, -74.036 W). Will access from Adirondack Park Road. Will need to cross wetland PEM1E for access.

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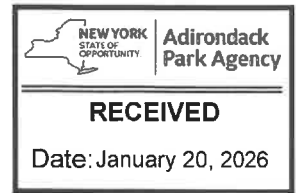
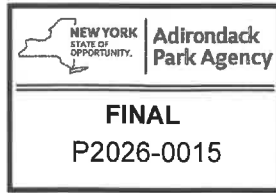




Pole top insulator work on structure 64 (44.424N, - 74.047 W). Will access from Campion Way to avoid stream crossing. Structure is located within PEM1E.

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Subject: Adirondack Seed Mixes

The Adirondack Park Agency has recently denied the use of certain grass seed mixes for stabilization on projects in the Park because the mixes contain grass species that are not native to the Park. In the past, we specified the Agway "Adirondack" mix, however that seed mix was recently turned down because it contains seed that is not native. We found a custom grass seed mix that does contain species that are native to the Park. The mentioned seed companies do not regularly sell this particular mix so it will have to be custom mixed. This seed mix is composed of:

- 25% Virginia Wild Rye (*Elymus virginicus* var. *virginicus*)
- 25% Canada Wild Rye (*Elymus canadensis*)
- 25% Autumn Bentgrass (*Agrostis perennans*)
- 25% Camper Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

seeded at a rate of 15 to 25 lbs per acre.

We can purchase the seed from LESCO in Malta, NY for \$9.76 per pound or from Ernst Conservation Seeds in Meadville PA for \$8.53 per pound. LESCO requires a purchase of 5 pounds minimum, and Ernst requires a minimum purchase of \$25.00. It can take 1 to 2 weeks to mix the seed and send it out. Shipping costs will also apply.

PRICES ARE FEROM JUNE OF 2009 AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Another variation with more species:

Upland forest restoration seed mix for use in the Adirondack Park

% by weight	Common Name	Scientific Name
20%	Autumn Bentgrass	<i>Agrostis perennans</i>
20%	Canada Wild Rye	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>
20%	Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
20%	Virginia Wild Rye	<i>Elymus virginicus</i>
10%	Wild Brome Grass	<i>Bromus latiglumis</i> (= <i>B. altissimus</i>)
5%	Wood Reedgrass	<i>Cinna arundinacea</i>
5%	Bottlebrush Grass	<i>Elymus hystrix</i>

Seeded at a rate of 15-20 lb per acre