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

Permit #: 2025-0174

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

This certificate under General Permit 2024G-1 is granted to Northway Forests LLC, 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 Resource Management by the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan as described in the application received by the Agency on July 25, 2025 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 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 a portion of a 2,312.8±-acre parcel of land located on Cedar River Road in the Town of Indian Lake, Hamilton County, in an area classified Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is identified as a portion of Tax Map Section 55.0000, Block 1, Parcel 1.100.

The project site contains shoreline on the Cedar River and is located within the designated Cedar River Recreational River area. The project site also contains wetlands associated with an unnamed stream. 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 the replacement of an existing 30-inch diameter culvert with a new 60-inch diameter culvert.

The project is shown on the following maps and plans (Project Plans):

- A two-sheet document titled "Northway Forests LLC – Lower Road Culvert Replacement Narrative," undated and unsigned, received by the Agency on May 13, 2026 (Project Narrative); and
- A one-sheet plan titled "Site Plan Map," prepared by Bill Van Corp, District Forester Landvest, dated September 10, 2025, and received by the Agency on May 13, 2026 (Site Plan).

The Project Narrative and Site Plan 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 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.
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. Clean water bypass shall be discharged back to freshwater wetlands in a manner that limits or prevents erosion, sedimentation, and particle suspension.
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 pipe and box culverts shall be replaced at their existing location unless structure relocation or realignment is specifically authorized herein. Replacement culverts 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. All culverts with closed bottoms (including round culvert pipes) must be appropriately embedded. Round culverts must be installed with at least 20% of the culverts vertical height is embedded below the existing wetland substrate.
14. Native soil material or wetland substrate shall be placed for culvert embedding and spread evenly throughout the bottom of the new culvert where appropriate.
15. New or replacement culverts shall be installed so as to preserve the pre-construction water levels unless specifically authorized herein and shall not inhibit the natural movement of fish or other aquatic species.

16. Any fills required for temporary construction access, detour and work pad facilities shall be of clean, heavy stone fill or other non-erodible material placed on geo-textile fabric up to the mean high water elevation.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. Water control structures shall be constructed of non-erodible materials, and located in such a manner so as to prevent its dispersion or movement by normal or high water flows.
20. 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, including replacement planting of native trees and shrubs.

Dated: May 27th, 2026

Ray Brook, New York

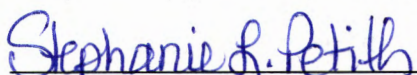
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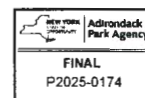
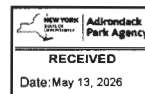

John M. Burth
Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the 27th day of May 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.


Notary Public

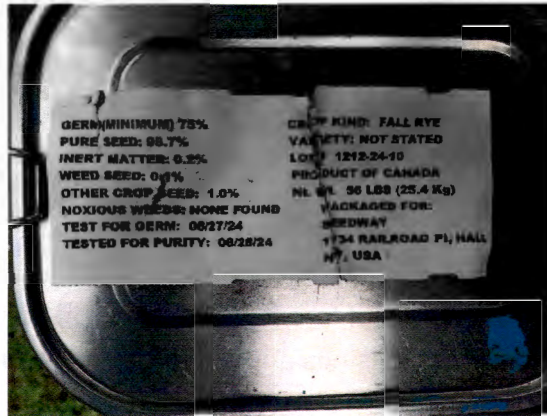
STEPHANIE PETITH
Notary Public, State of New York
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Qualified in Essex County
Commission Expires April 15, 2029



Northway Forests LLC - Lower Road Culvert Replacement Narrative

- P2025-0174 Response to 2nd NIPA show in blue text

- a) This project is part of upgrades being made to a main haul road on a 14,000 acre section of the Northway Forest's property. The old culvert is in place but undersized and failing, the new culvert will be sized to handle high flows.
- b) The haul road is critical for accessing a large area of forest with log trucks, building new access options would not avoid wetland crossings and could cause undue environmental impact and excessive costs. This is a legacy logging road that has been used for at least 100 years.
- c) While the culvert is located inside the wild and scenic river corridor, it is not inside any mapped wetlands on the National Wetlands Inventory data, so this seems like an ideal place to cross this section of NYS DEC classified C(t) stream channel.
 - a. A wetland was identified by APA Staff during field visit. The wetlands was flagged and added to the project site plan map.
- d) The permanently excavated area will not change from the current culvert's footprint. A temporary channel 8 feet wide x 40 feet long will be excavated to remove the old pipe and install the new larger culvert.
 - a. *Temporary impacts to wetland: 100 square feet as mapped on the revised site plan map.*
 - b. *No permanent wetland impact*
- e) Silt fence and or bark wattles will be used during the entire duration of the project. Sand bag or FIBC bulk bag dams and water pump(s) will be used to bypass the site so work in the stream can be done 'in the dry'.
- f) No invasive species have been identified on the site currently. The excavation contractor will be required to clean their machinery before coming onto the property to commence work. The site will be monitored by Landvest foresters during and after the installation.
- g) An annual rye grass seed (winter rye) will be spread on all exposed soil as soon as excavation is complete and mulched with straw to improve germination rates. A label off the seed bag is included below. The rye will temporarily stabilize the soil until native vegetation has enough time to establish itself on the exposed soils. No trees or shrubs will be planted on the site.



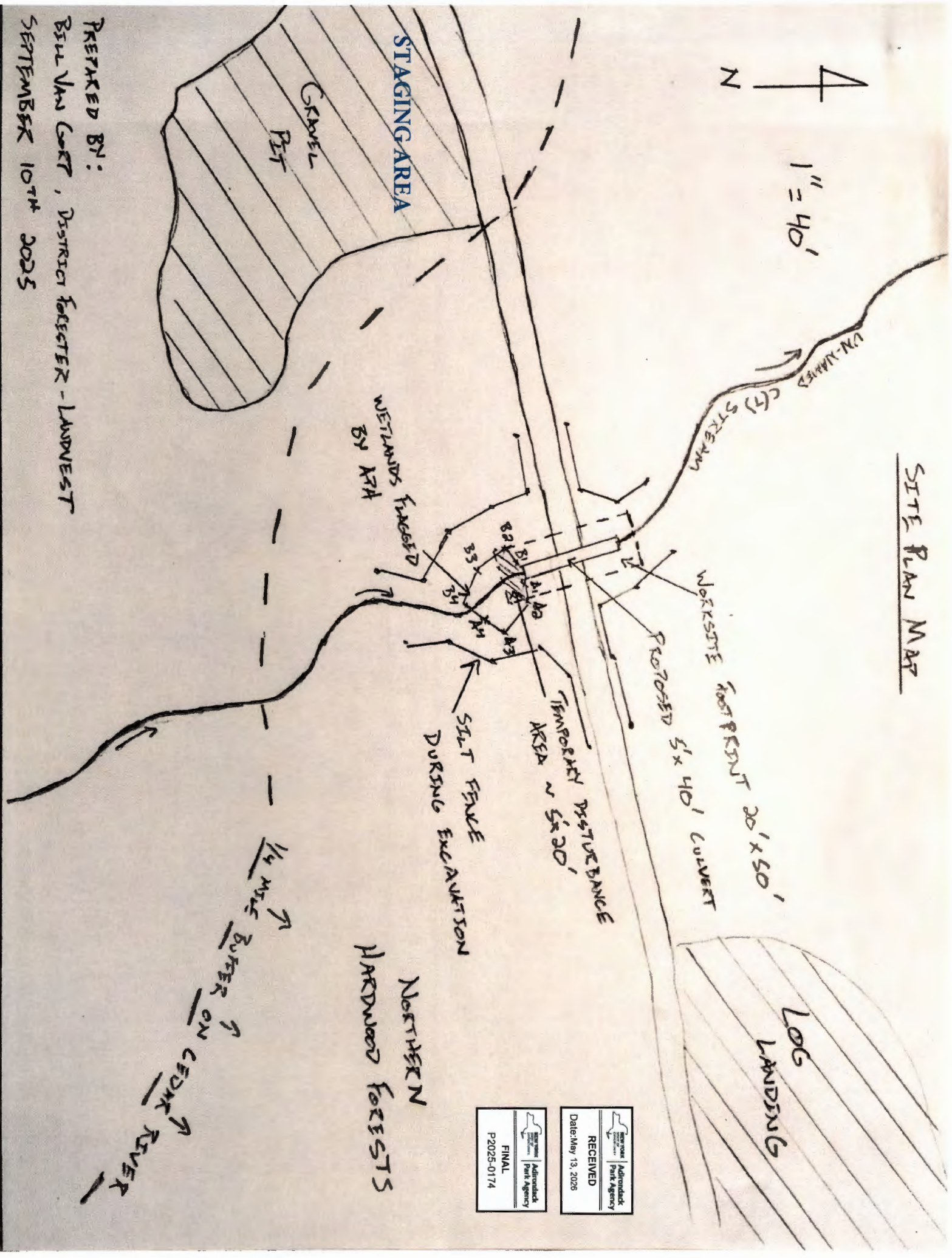
h) No replacement wetland will be constructed.

The work sequence is as follows:

1. Project materials will be staged (as shown on the revised site plan map) at the near by gravel pit prior to project. The project site will be accessed using existing roads outside of the identified wetland.
2. Sand bags and or FIBC bulk bags will be used to block stream flow and an adequately sized pump will bypass the excavation area so work can be done 'in the dry'.
3. The existing culvert pipe will be dug out and removed.
4. A new 60" diameter plastic round culvert will be placed so that the bottom is 12 inches below the streambed.
5. Shoulders will be stabilized and armored with existing large rocks and new stone fill that will act as erosion control and prevent scouring of the new culvert pipe during high flows.
6. Approximately 30 yards of gravel from the area or new stone fill from a local quarry will be used for stabilizing the shoulders and rebuilding the road grade.

SITE PLAN MAP

1" = 40'
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Bill Van Gort, District Forester - LANDWEST
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