

	Adirondack Park Agency	APA General Permit/Order 2024G-1	Permit #: 2026-0103
PO Box 99 · 1133 NYS Route 86 Ray Brook, NY 12977 Tel: (518) 891-4050 www.apa.ny.gov		Certificate for Certain Minor Regulated Activities in APA Jurisdictional Freshwater Wetlands	

This certificate under General Permit 2024G-1 is granted to Trout Unlimited, INC., 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 by the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan as described in the application received by the Agency on May 7, 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 an existing culvert crossing carrying a tributary to the North Branch Saranac River under Goldsmith Road in the Town of Franklin, Franklin County, in an area classified Wild Forest on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is identified as Tax Map Section 309, Block 2, Parcel 4.

The project site is located within the Chazy Highlands Wild Forest and the North Branch Saranac River Study area. The project site contains wetlands associated with a tributary to the North Branch Saranac River.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AS PROPOSED

The project as conditionally approved herein involves replacement of two existing 2-foot by 1.5-foot by 40-foot culverts with a 20-foot by 1.6-foot by 26-foot ADM bridge and installation of grade control structures over a tributary to the North Branch Saranac River.

The project is shown on a 27-page set of plan sheets titled "Trout Unlimited Goldsmith Rd (30356) Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Project" prepared by Trout Unlimited and received by the Agency on May 27, 2026 (Project Plans).

A reduced-scale copy of Page 16 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. 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 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.
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.

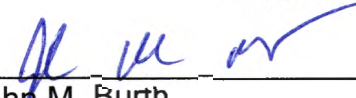
7. No mechanized equipment shall be driven in wetlands unless expressly authorized herein. Every effort shall be made to work from upland areas and to minimize disturbances to areas adjacent to wetlands. Only tracked equipment shall be used in wetlands. Vehicular access in wetlands shall be under frozen 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. Wetland disturbance including grading and grubbing of stumps and roots shall be limited to the area depicted and described on the Project Plans.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.

Dated: June 10th, 2026

Ray Brook, New York

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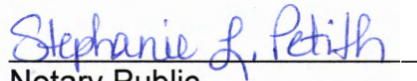
By:


John M. Burth

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STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the 10th day of June 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

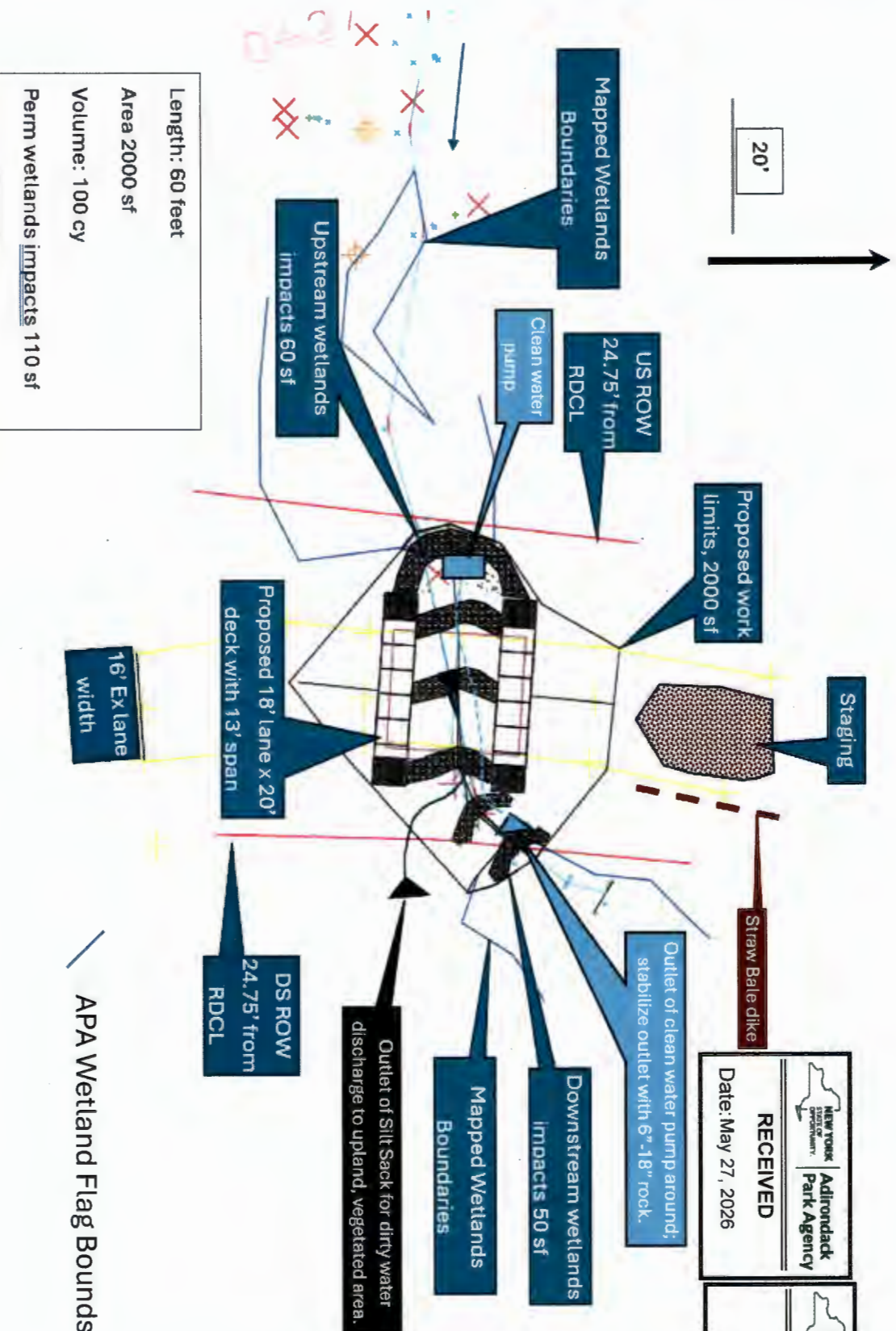
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Goldsmith Road (30356) Aquatic Organism Passage Project

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**No temporary wetland impacts are proposed*

Length: 60 feet
Area 2000 sf
Volume: 100 cy
Perm wetlands impacts 110 sf

APA Wetland Flag Bounds

Current Conditions - Site Plan View w/ APA Wetland Flags

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