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APA General Permit/Order 2024G-1

Permit #: **2020-0037AR**

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 (NYSDEC), 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 September 25, 2026 and as depicted on the attached reduced-scale Project Plans. The project site is in the Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence 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 289.6±-acre parcel of land located north of NYS Route 3 in the Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County, in an area classified Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is identified as Tax Map Section 205.000, Block 1, Parcel 15.121.

The project site also contains emergent marsh and scrub shrub wetlands in the vicinity of the culvert replacement that have a value rating of 2. 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 replacement of two culverts with an arch culvert along a public snowmobile trail.

The project is shown on a seven-sheet set of Project Plans titled "Silver Lake CE – S89 Trail Culvert Replacement, prepared by NYSDEC and received by the Agency on May 17, 2023. A reduced-scale copy of the sheet titled "Culvert Removal Details" 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 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. 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.

14. 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 embedded below the existing wetland substrate.

15. Native soil material or wetland substrate shall be placed for culvert embedding and spread evenly throughout the bottom of the new culvert where appropriate.

16. 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.

Dated: October 7th, 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 7th day of October 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.

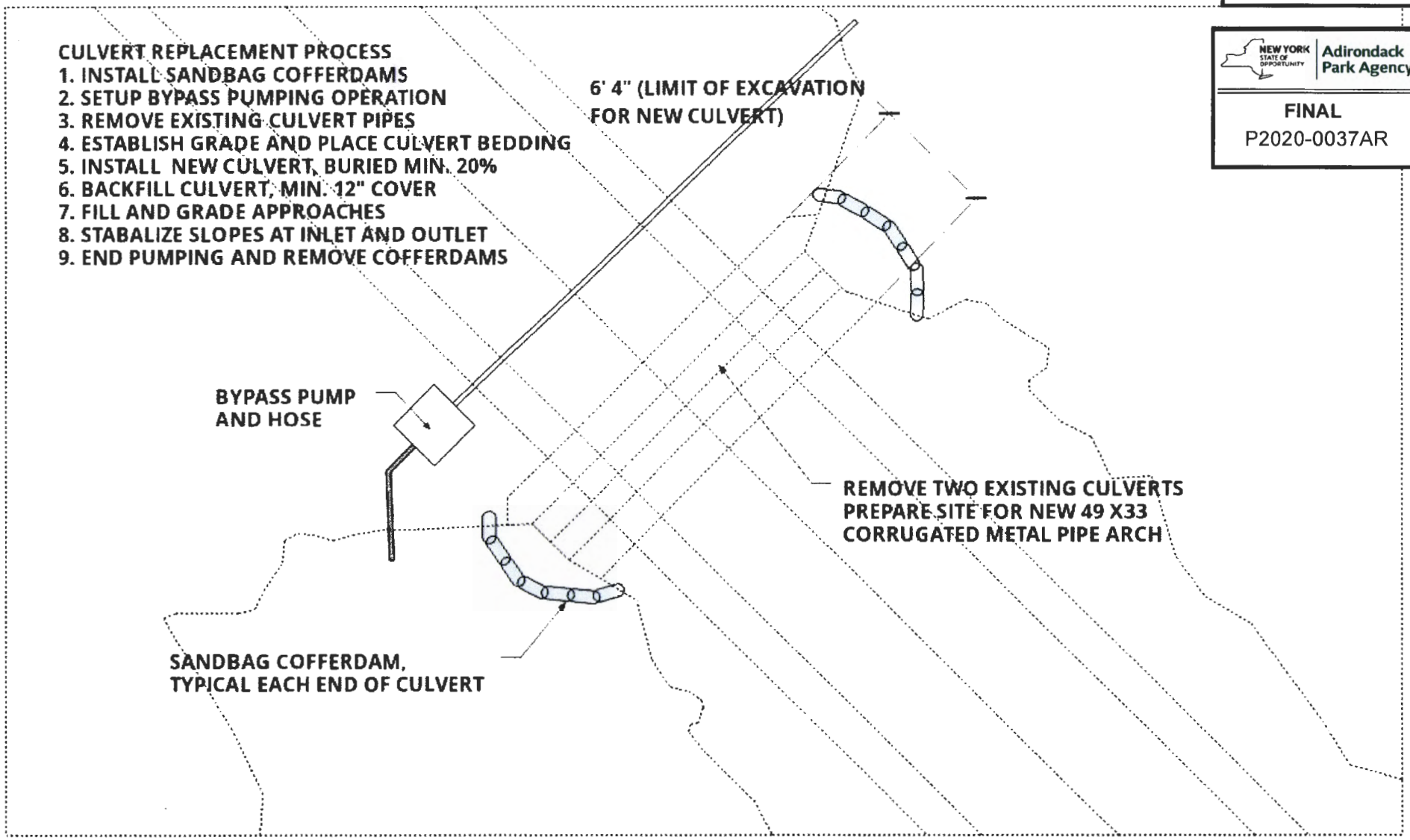
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