



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

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**WETLANDS AND NON-SITE SPECIFIC PERMIT 2021-01500**

**NOTE CONDITIONS**

**PERMITTEE:** NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTAION  
7 HAZEN DRIVE  
CONCORD NH 03301

**PROJECT LOCATION** SOUTH BENNINGTON ROAD, BENNINGTON  
TAX MAP #7, LOT #ROW

**WATERBODY:** CONTOOCCOOK RIVER

**APPROVAL DATE:** JULY 07, 2021 **EXPIRATION DATE:** JULY 07, 2026

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Based upon review of permit application 2021-01500 in accordance with RSA 482-A and RSA 485-A:17, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) hereby issues this Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit. To validate this Permit, signatures of the Permittee and the Principal Contractor are required.

**PERMIT DESCRIPTION:**

Dredge and fill 2,099 square feet (SF) within the bed and banks of Russell Brook (tier 3, impacting 163 linear feet [LF]) and palustrine scrub-shrub wetland in order to replace NHDOT Bridge No. 099/080 (South Bennington Road), a 10 foot wide by 7 foot high by 30 foot long concrete box culvert, with a 22 foot wide by 8 foot high by 30 foot long concrete box culvert with embedded rip rap scour protection at the inlet and outlet and 17 inches of embedded stream simulation material within the culvert, over the scour protection, and between the wing walls. In addition, temporarily impact 1,541 SF within the bed and banks of Russell Brook (impacting 34 LF) for temporary construction access, water quality controls, and dewatering and diversion. Compensatory mitigation consists of a one-time payment of \$21,873.76 into the Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund, within the Contoocook River Watershed account.

**THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECT-SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:**

1. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.16, all work shall be done in accordance with the approved plans dated April 2021, by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., as received by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) on May 14, 2021.
2. In accordance with Env-Wt 311.06(i), the permittee shall coordinate with the Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee (CNBRLAC) in order to design a riverbank replanting plan with native stream bank vegetation, in addition to the proposed slope seed mix, and submit the plan to the NHDES Wetlands Bureau for review and approval prior to the initiation of construction.
3. The permit is contingent on submittal of a check in the amount of \$21,873.76 to the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund by the applicant as calculated per Env-Wt 803.07 and RSA 482-A:30.
4. In accordance with Env-Wt 807.01(b), the payment shall be received by NHDES within 120 days from the approval decision or NHDES will deny the application.
5. In accordance with Env-Wt 311.11(d), this permit is not valid until the applicant/owner obtains construction easements on abutting parcels or written permission from abutting property owners if the proposed transportation project is beyond the existing right-of-way. The permittee shall submit a copy of each recorded easement to the NHDES Wetlands Bureau prior to construction.

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6. In accordance with Env-Wt 527.05(a), in addition to complying with all applicable conditions in Env-Wt 307, the permit shall be contingent on review and approval by the department of final stream diversion and erosion control plans that detail the timing and method of stream flow diversion during construction and show temporary siltation, erosion, and turbidity control measures to be implemented.
7. In accordance with Env-Wt 314.03, (a) The permittee shall notify the department in writing at least one week prior to commencing any work under the permit.
8. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.07, all development activities associated with any project shall be conducted in compliance with applicable requirements of RSA 483-B and Env-Wq 1400 during and after construction.
9. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(a), no activity shall be conducted in such a way as to cause or contribute to any violation of surface water quality standards specified in RSA 485-A:8 or Env-Wq 1700; ambient groundwater quality standards established under RSA 485-C; limitations on activities in a sanitary protective area established under Env-Dw 302.10 or Env-Dw 305.10; or any provision of RSA 485-A, Env-Wq 1000, RSA 483-B, or Env-Wq 1400 that protects water quality.
10. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(b), all work, including management of soil stockpiles, shall be conducted so as to minimize erosion, minimize sediment transfer to surface waters or wetlands, and minimize turbidity in surface waters and wetlands using the techniques described in Env-Wq 1505.02, Env-Wq 1505.04, Env-Wq 1506, and Env-Wq 1508; the applicable BMP manual; or a combination thereof, if the BMP manual provides less protection to jurisdictional areas than the provisions of Env-Wq 1500.
11. In accordance with Env-Wt 527.05(b), the contractor responsible for completion of the work shall use techniques described in Env-Wq 1504.06, Env-Wq 1504.16, Env-Wq 1505.02, Env-Wq 1506, and Env-Wq 1508.
12. In accordance with Env-Wt 904.02(a)(1), in-stream work shall be done only during low flow or dry conditions, in non-tidal areas.
13. In accordance with Env-Wt 904.02(b), work on stream crossings that requires any work in areas that are subject to flowing water shall maintain normal flows and prevent water quality degradation during the work by using best management practices, such as temporary by-pass pipes, culverts, or cofferdams.
14. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(f)(1), a cofferdam or other turbidity control shall be used to enclose a dredging project conducted in or along the shoreline of a bog, marsh, lake, pond, stream, river, creek, or any other surface water, provided that a coffer dam shall not be installed during periods of high flow.
15. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.10(c), turbidity controls shall be installed prior to construction and maintained during construction such that no turbidity escapes the immediate dredge area; and remain in place until suspended particles have settled and water at the work site has returned to normal clarity.
16. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(f)(2), a coffer dam or other turbidity control shall be removed after work within the coffer dam or other turbidity control is completed, the contained water has returned to background clarity, and when removing the structure will not cause or contribute to a violation of Env-Wt 307.03(c)(6).
17. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(c)(3), water quality control measures shall be installed prior to start of work and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended specifications or, if none, the applicable requirements of Env-Wq 1506 or Env-Wq 1508.
18. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(c)(1), water quality control measures shall be selected and implemented based on the size and nature of the project and the physical characteristics of the site, including slope, soil type, vegetative cover, and proximity to jurisdictional areas.
19. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(c)(2), water quality control measures shall be comprised of wildlife-friendly erosion control materials if erosion control blankets are utilized; a protected species or habitat has been documented; the proposed work is in or adjacent to a priority resource area (PRA); if specifically requested by Natural Heritage Bureau of the NH DNCR (NHB) or NH Fish and Game Department (NHF&G); or any if combination of the above conditions apply.
20. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(c)(4), water quality control measures shall be capable of minimizing erosion; collecting sediment and suspended and floating materials; and filtering fine sediment.
21. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(c)(5), water quality control measures shall be maintained so as to ensure continued effectiveness in minimizing erosion and retaining sediment on-site during and after construction.

22. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(c)(6), water quality control measures shall remain in place until all disturbed surfaces are stabilized to a condition in which soils on the site will not experience accelerated or unnatural erosion by achieving and maintaining a minimum of 85% vegetative cover using an erosion control seed mix, whether applied in a blanket or otherwise, that is certified by its manufacturer as not containing any invasive species; or placing and maintaining a minimum of 3 inches of non-erosive material such as stone.
23. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(d), any sediment collected by water quality control measures shall be removed with sufficient frequency to prevent the discharge of sediment; and placed in an upland location in a manner that prevents its erosion into a surface water or wetland.
24. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(c)(7), temporary water quality control methods shall be removed upon completion of work when compliance with Env-Wt 307.03(c)(6) is achieved.
25. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.05(e), to prevent the use of soil or seed stock containing nuisance or invasive species, the contractor responsible for work shall follow Best Management Practices for the Control of Invasive and Noxious Plant Species (Invasive Plant BMPs).
26. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.12(c), any seed mix used shall not contain plant species that are exotic aquatic weeds.
27. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.11(a), fill shall be clean sand, gravel, rock, or other material that meets the project's specifications for its use; and does not contain any material that could contaminate surface or groundwater or otherwise adversely affect the ecosystem in which it is used.
28. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.11(c), slopes shall be immediately stabilized by a method specified in Env-Wq 1506 or Env-Wq 1508, as applicable, to prevent erosion into adjacent wetlands or surface waters.
29. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.11(b), limits of fill shall be clearly identified prior to commencement of work and controlled in accordance with Env-Wt 307.03 to ensure that fill does not spill over or erode into any area where filling is not authorized.
30. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.11(e), fill shall be not placed so as to direct flows onto adjacent or down-current property.
31. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.11(l), no fill shall take place in a priority resource area (PRA) unless specifically authorized by the department in an issued permit; or authorized under applicable project-specific provisions.
32. Restoration of all temporary impacts shall meet all of the conditions listed in Rule Env-Wt 307.12(a) through (i).
33. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.12(f), if any temporary impact area that is stabilized with seeding or plantings does not have at least 75% successful establishment of wetlands vegetation after 2 growing seasons, the area shall be replanted or reseeded, as applicable.
34. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.12(i), wetland areas where permanent impacts are not authorized shall be restored to their pre-impact conditions and elevation by replacing the removed soil and vegetation in their pre-construction location and elevation such that post-construction soil layering and vegetation schemes are as close as practicable to pre-construction conditions.
35. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.12(a), within 3 days of final grading or temporary suspension of work in an area that is in or adjacent to surface waters, all exposed soil areas shall be stabilized by seeding and mulching, if during the growing season; or mulching with tackifiers on slopes less than 3:1 or netting and pinning on slopes steeper than 3:1 if not within the growing season.
36. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(g)(1), the person in charge of construction equipment shall inspect such equipment for leaking fuel, oil, and hydraulic fluid each day prior to entering surface waters or wetlands or operating in an area where such fluids could reach groundwater, surface waters, or wetlands.
37. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(g)(2), the person in charge of construction equipment shall repair any leaks prior to using the equipment in an area where such fluids could reach groundwater, surface waters, or wetlands.
38. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(g)(3) and (4), the person in charge of construction equipment shall maintain oil spill kits and diesel fuel spill kits, as applicable to the type(s) and amount(s) of oil and diesel fuel used, on site so as to be readily accessible at all times during construction; and train each equipment operator in the use of the spill kits.
39. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(h), equipment shall be staged and refueled outside of jurisdictional areas (unless allowed) and in accordance with Env-Wt 307.15.

40. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(e), all exposed soils and other fills shall be permanently stabilized within 3 days following final grading.

**THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

1. Pursuant to RSA 482-A:12, a copy of this permit shall be posted in a secure manner in a prominent place at the site of the approved project.
2. In accordance with Env-Wt 313.01(a)(5), and as required by RSA 482-A:11, II, work shall not infringe on the property rights or unreasonably affect the value or enjoyment of property of abutting owners.
3. In accordance with Env-Wt 314.01, a standard permit shall be signed by the permittee, and the principal contractor who will build or install the project prior to start of construction, and will not be valid until signed.
4. In accordance with Env-Wt 314.03(a), the permittee shall notify the department in writing at least one week prior to commencing any work under this permit.
5. In accordance with Env-Wt 314.08(a), the permittee shall file a completed notice of completion of work and certificate of compliance with the department within 10 working days of completing the work authorized by this permit.
6. In accordance with Env-Wt 314.06, transfer of this permit to a new owner shall require notification to, and approval of, the NHDES.
7. The permit holder shall ensure that work is done in a way that protects water quality per Env-Wt 307.03; protects fisheries and breeding areas per Env-Wt 307.04; protects against invasive species per Env-Wt 307.05; meets dredging activity conditions in Env-Wt 307.10; and meets filling activity conditions in Env-Wt 307.11.
8. This project has been screened for potential impact to known occurrences of protected species and exemplary natural communities in the immediate area. Since many areas have never been surveyed, or only cursory surveys have been performed, unidentified sensitive species or communities may be present. This permit does not absolve the permittee from due diligence in regard to state, local or federal laws regarding such communities or species. This permit does not authorize in any way the take of threatened or endangered species, as defined by RSA 212-A:2, or of any protected species or exemplary natural communities, as defined in RSA 217-A:3.
9. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.06(a) through (c), no activity shall jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species, a species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered, or a designated or proposed critical habitat under the Federal Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. §1531 et seq.; State Endangered Species Conservation Act, RSA 212-A; or New Hampshire Native Plant Protection Act, RSA 217-A.
10. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.02, and in accordance with federal requirements, all work in areas under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) shall comply with all conditions of the applicable state general permit.

APPROVED:



Mary Ann A. Tilton  
Assistant Bureau Administrator, Wetlands Bureau  
Land Resources Management, Water Division

**THE SIGNATURES BELOW ARE REQUIRED TO VALIDATE THIS PERMIT (Env-Wt 314.01).**

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PERMITTEE SIGNATURE (required)

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PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE (required)