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Date Issued: February 5, 2025

In the Matter of the Application of

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Permittee

for a permit pursuant 9 NYCRR Part 578

To the County Clerk: Please index this permit in the grantor index under the following name(s):

1. New York State Department of Transportation

SUMMARY AND AUTHORIZATION

This permit authorizes the replacement of a culvert in an area classified Wild Forest on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map in the Town of Piercefield, St. Lawrence County.

This authorization shall expire unless recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office within 60 days of issuance of a signed and notarized permit. The signed and notarized permit shall be recorded in the names of all persons listed above and in the names of all owners of record of any portion of the project site on the recordation date.

The project shall not be undertaken or continued unless the project authorized herein is in existence within five years of the date the permit is recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office. The Agency will consider the project in existence when the authorized activities have been completed.

The project shall be undertaken in compliance with all conditions stated herein. Failure to comply with this permit is a violation and may subject the permittee, successors, and assigns to civil penalties and other legal proceedings.

This permit 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 permit 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.

PROJECT SITE

The project site is within the transportation right-of-way for NYS Route 30 crossing Cold Brook in the Town of Piercefield, St. Lawrence County, in an area classified Wild Forest on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is near highway reference marker 30-75081003.

The project site contains emergent marsh, shrub swamp, and is associated with Cold Brook on both sides of NYS Route 30 with a value rating of "1". Additional wetlands not described herein or depicted on the Project Plans may be located on or adjacent to the project site.

The project site is improved by an existing corrugated metal culvert which currently carries NYS Route 30 over Cold Brook.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project as conditionally approved herein involves the replacement of a 6-foot-diameter by 106-foot-long corrugated metal culvert with a 18-foot-wide by 8-foot-high pre-cast concrete box culvert over Cold Brook. This project involves 794± square feet of permanent wetland impacts from the placement of stone fill and 1,028± square feet of temporary wetland impacts resulting from temporary access and water control structures. All areas of disturbances will be stabilized and restored following project completion.

The project is shown on a three-page set of plans titled "Site C, Culvert C720068 NYS Route 30 Over Cold Brook Town of Piercefield, St. Lawrence County," prepared by New York State Department of Transportation, and dated November 8, 2024 (Project Plans).

A reduced-scale copy of the Project Plans for the project is attached as a part of this permit for reference.

AGENCY JURISDICTION

Pursuant to Agency regulations at 9 NYCRR Part 578, a permit is required from the Adirondack Park Agency prior to excavation of or deposit of fill in a wetland in the Adirondack Park

CONDITIONS

THE PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. The project shall not be undertaken until this permit has been recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office.
- This permit is binding on the permittee, all present and future owners or lessees of the project site, and all persons undertaking all or a portion of the project, for as long as the culvert replacement activities continue on the site. Copies of this permit and Project Plans shall be furnished by the permittee to all subsequent owners or lessees of the project site prior to sale or lease, and by the permittee and/or any subsequent owner or lessee to all persons undertaking any development activities authorized herein.

- 3. In addition to complying with all terms and conditions of this permit, all future activities on the project site shall be undertaken in compliance with the requirements of New York State's Adirondack Park Agency Act, Freshwater Wetlands Act, Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act, and the Adirondack Park Agency's implementing regulations [9 NYCRR §§ 570-588].
- 4. This permit authorizes a culvert replacement involving wetlands in the location shown and as depicted on the Project Plans. Any change to the location, dimensions, or other aspect of the limits of work shown on the Project Plans shall require prior written Agency authorization.
- 5. The undertaking of any activities involving wetlands not authorized herein shall require a new or amended permit.
- 6. The cofferdam pump-around and dewatering shall be implemented as depicted and described in the Project Plans. Any changes to the location, dimensions, or other aspects of the cofferdam operation shown on the Project Plans shall require prior written Agency authorization.
- 7. All site restoration activities depicted and described in the Project Plans shall be implemented within three days of project completion.
- 8. 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.
- 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.
- Outside of the limits of work shown on the Project Plans no vegetation may be cut, culled, trimmed, pruned or otherwise removed or disturbed on the project site without prior written Agency authorization, except for the removal of dead or diseased vegetation, rotten or damaged trees, or any other vegetation that presents a safety or health hazard.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Agency has considered all statutory and regulatory criteria for project approval set forth in the Freshwater Wetlands Act and 9 NYCRR Part 578. The Agency hereby finds that the project authorized as conditioned herein:

- will secure the natural benefits of wetlands associated with the project, consistent with the general welfare and beneficial economic, social, and agricultural development of the state; and
- b. compels a departure from the guidelines in 9 NYCRR §578.10 because of the public safety and environmental benefits to be derived from the activity.

PERMIT issued this 5th day of 4ebruary, 2025.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

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Environmental Program Specialist 3 (EPS3)

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the 5th day of Hornary in the year 2025, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Ariel Lynch, 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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