NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

General Permit Number   GP-0-18-001

PERMIT

Under the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL)

GENERAL PERMIT GP-0-18-001
Freshwater Wetland Adjacent Area General Permit

Permittee and Facility Information

Permit Issued To: __________________________________________
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Facility: ________________________________________________
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Applicable DEC Region(s):     ALL

General Permit Authorized Activity:  The activities identified below that are located a minimum of 50 feet from the NYSDEC staff determined wetland boundary, in currently disturbed areas, that do not contain natural vegetation.

Currently disturbed areas include: landscaped lawn or garden areas at existing facilities; existing parking or paved areas and existing structures.

Authorized activities include:
• demolition and removal of existing accessory/appurtenant structures;
• construction of driveways or parking areas limited to 1,000 sq. ft.;
• additions to existing structures limited to 1,000 sq. ft. of basal area;
• installation of garages, decks, porches, sheds, pools, utility lines and other accessory/appurtenant structures limited to 1,000 sq. ft. of basal area;
• in-kind, in-place replacement of existing accessory/appurtenant structures, roads and associated utilities.

Authorized activities must include appropriate stormwater runoff controls.

This permit does not authorize the following activities:
• any wetland disturbance, including placement of fills, grading, cutting or clearing of natural vegetation, or landscaping;
• any disturbance within 50 feet of the wetland boundary;
• any activity that disturbs greater than 1/4 of an acre in total for the entire project, within and outside of the adjacent area;
• construction of new, expanded or replacement septic systems;
• storage of hazardous substances;
• demolition of an existing primary structure;
• any activity that directly impacts buildings or historic districts listed in the NYS and/or National Register of Historic Places.
Permit Authorizations

Freshwater Wetlands - Under Article 24  
Effective Date: 05/01/2018  Expiration Date: 04/30/2023

NYSDEC Approval

By acceptance of this permit, the permittee agrees that the permit is contingent upon strict compliance with the ECL, all applicable regulations, and all conditions included as part of this permit.

General Permit Authorized by
Permit Administrator: CHRISTOPHER M HOGAN, Deputy Chief Permit Administrator
Address:  NYSDEC Headquarters  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233

Authorized Signature: __________________________ Date: 04/30/2018

Permit Components

NATURAL RESOURCE PERMIT CONDITIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS, APPLY TO ALL AUTHORIZED PERMITS

NOTIFICATION OF OTHER PERMITTEE OBLIGATIONS

NATURAL RESOURCE PERMIT CONDITIONS - Apply to the Following Permits: FRESHWATER WETLANDS

1. Request for Authorization  Prior to the use of this General Permit for a project, the Applicant must submit a Request for Authorization with the required attachments to the Regional Permit Administrator at the appropriate NYSDEC Regional Office. The required attachments and NYSDEC regional office addresses are listed in the Instructions for the Request for Authorization.

Upon review of the project, NYSDEC will determine if the project can be authorized under this General Permit. To qualify for this General Permit, the project must first avoid and then minimize any potential avoidable impacts in accordance with regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 663, Freshwater Wetland Permit Requirements. No work can commence until the Permittee receives the signed Project Authorization from NYSDEC. NYSDEC may add specific additional requirements or plan notes to the Project Authorization.
NYSDEC retains the right to exclude a proposed activity from authorization under this General Permit, and to require the Applicant to obtain an individual permit.

2. Conformance With Plans All activities authorized by this permit must be in strict conformance with the approved plans submitted by the applicant or applicant's agent as part of the permit application. Such approved plans were prepared by the applicant.

3. Human or Archaeological Remains If any human remains or archaeological remains are encountered during excavation, the permittee must immediately cease, or cause to cease, all work in the area of the remains and notify the Regional Permit Administrator at the appropriate NYSDEC Regional Office. Work shall not resume until written permission to do so has been received from the Department.

4. Install, Maintain Erosion Controls Necessary erosion control measures, i.e., straw bales, silt fencing, etc., are to be placed on the downslope edge of any disturbed area. This sediment barrier is to be put in place before any disturbance of the ground occurs and is to be maintained in good and functional condition until thick vegetative cover is established.

5. Contain Stockpile and Disturbed Areas All disturbed areas where soil will be temporarily exposed or stockpiled for longer than one week shall be contained by a continuous line of staked hay bales/silt curtain (or other department-approved method) placed between the fill and wetland or protected buffer area. Tarps are authorized to supplement these approved methods for stockpiles. Temporary mulching shall be used for all other areas of exposed soils.

6. Maintain Erosion Controls These erosion control devices shall be maintained until all disturbed land is fully vegetated to prevent any silt or sediment from entering the freshwater wetland or its adjacent area. Silt fencing, hay bales and any accumulated silt or sediment shall be completely removed for disposal at an appropriate upland site.

7. Clean Fill Only All fill material utilized for this project shall consist of uncontaminated earthen materials only. Acceptable fill materials include gravel, rock, overburden, topsoil and similar natural mineral resources.

8. Invasive Species (Non-native Vegetation) To prevent the unintentional introduction or spread of invasive species, the permittee must ensure that all construction equipment be cleaned of mud, seeds, vegetation and other debris before entering any approved construction areas within the state regulated freshwater wetland or its 100 foot adjacent area.

9. No Construction Debris in Wetland or Adjacent Area Any debris or excess material from construction of this project shall be completely removed from the adjacent area (upland) and removed to an approved upland area for disposal. No debris is permitted in wetlands and/or protected buffer areas.

10. Concrete Leachate During construction, no wet or fresh concrete or leachate shall be allowed to escape into any wetlands or or within 50 feet of the wetland boundary or waters of New York State, nor shall washings from ready-mixed concrete trucks, mixers, or other devices be allowed to enter any wetland or waterbody. Only watertight or waterproof forms shall be used. Wet concrete shall not be poured to displace water within the forms.

11. Pool Discharges There shall be no discharge from pools within 100 feet of the wetland.
12. Failure to Meet Permit Conditions Failure of the permittee to meet all the conditions of this permit is a violation of this permit and grounds for an order to immediately cease the permitted activity at the project site.

13. Precautions Against Contamination of Waters All necessary precautions shall be taken to preclude contamination of any wetland or waterway by suspended solids, sediments, fuels, solvents, lubricants, epoxy coatings, paints, concrete, leachate or any other environmentally deleterious materials associated with the project.

14. State Not Liable for Damage The State of New York shall in no case be liable for any damage or injury to the structure or work herein authorized which may be caused by or result from future operations undertaken by the State for the conservation or improvement of navigation, or for other purposes, and no claim or right to compensation shall accrue from any such damage.

15. State May Require Site Restoration If upon the expiration or revocation of this permit, the project hereby authorized has not been completed, the applicant shall, without expense to the State, and to such extent and in such time and manner as the Department of Environmental Conservation may lawfully require, remove all or any portion of the uncompleted structure or fill and restore the site to its former condition. No claim shall be made against the State of New York on account of any such removal or alteration.

16. State May Order Removal or Alteration of Work If future operations by the State of New York require an alteration in the position of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Department of Environmental Conservation it shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of said waters or flood flows or endanger the health, safety or welfare of the people of the State, or cause loss or destruction of the natural resources of the State, the owner may be ordered by the Department to remove or alter the structural work, obstructions, or hazards caused thereby without expense to the State, and if, upon the expiration or revocation of this permit, the structure, fill, excavation, or other modification of the watercourse hereby authorized shall not be completed, the owners, shall, without expense to the State, and to such extent and in such time and manner as the Department of Environmental Conservation may require, remove all or any portion of the uncompleted structure or fill and restore to its former condition the navigable and flood capacity of the watercourse. No claim shall be made against the State of New York on account of any such removal or alteration.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS - Apply to ALL Authorized Permits:**

1. Facility Inspection by The Department The permitted site or facility, including relevant records, is subject to inspection at reasonable hours and intervals by an authorized representative of the Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) to determine whether the permittee is complying with this permit and the ECL. Such representative may order the work suspended pursuant to ECL 71- 0301 and SAPA 401(3).

The permittee shall provide a person to accompany the Department's representative during an inspection to the permit area when requested by the Department.
A copy of this permit, including all referenced maps, drawings and special conditions, must be available for inspection by the Department at all times at the project site or facility. Failure to produce a copy of the permit upon request by a Department representative is a violation of this permit.

2. Relationship of this Permit to Other Department Orders and Determinations Unless expressly provided for by the Department, issuance of this permit does not modify, supersede or rescind any order or determination previously issued by the Department or any of the terms, conditions or requirements contained in such order or determination.

3. Applications For Permit Renewals, Modifications or Transfers The permittee must submit a separate written application to the Department for permit renewal, modification or transfer of this permit. Such application must include any forms or supplemental information the Department requires. Any renewal, modification or transfer granted by the Department must be in writing. Submission of applications for permit renewal, modification or transfer are to be submitted to:

   Regional Permit Administrator
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4. Submission of Renewal Application The permittee must submit a renewal application at least 30 days before permit expiration for the following permit authorizations: Freshwater Wetlands.

5. Permit Modifications, Suspensions and Revocations by the Department The Department reserves the right to exercise all available authority to modify, suspend or revoke this permit. The grounds for modification, suspension or revocation include:

   a. materially false or inaccurate statements in the permit application or supporting papers;

   b. failure by the permittee to comply with any terms or conditions of the permit;

   c. exceeding the scope of the project as described in the permit application;

   d. newly discovered material information or a material change in environmental conditions, relevant technology or applicable law or regulations since the issuance of the existing permit;

   e. noncompliance with previously issued permit conditions, orders of the commissioner, any provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law or regulations of the Department related to the permitted activity.

6. Permit Transfer Permits are transferrable unless specifically prohibited by statute, regulation or another permit condition. Applications for permit transfer should be submitted prior to actual transfer of ownership.
NOTIFICATION OF OTHER PERMITTEE OBLIGATIONS

Item A: Permittee Accepts Legal Responsibility and Agrees to Indemnification
The permittee, excepting state or federal agencies, expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, its representatives, employees, and agents ("DEC") for all claims, suits, actions, and damages, to the extent attributable to the permittee's acts or omissions in connection with the permittee’s undertaking of activities in connection with, or operation and maintenance of, the facility or facilities authorized by the permit whether in compliance or not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit. This indemnification does not extend to any claims, suits, actions, or damages to the extent attributable to DEC's own negligent or intentional acts or omissions, or to any claims, suits, or actions naming the DEC and arising under Article 78 of the New York Civil Practice Laws and Rules or any citizen suit or civil rights provision under federal or state laws.

Item B: Permittee's Contractors to Comply with Permit
The permittee is responsible for informing its independent contractors, employees, agents and assigns of their responsibility to comply with this permit, including all special conditions while acting as the permittee's agent with respect to the permitted activities, and such persons shall be subject to the same sanctions for violations of the Environmental Conservation Law as those prescribed for the permittee.

Item C: Permittee Responsible for Obtaining Other Required Permits
The permittee is responsible for obtaining any other permits, approvals, lands, easements and rights-of-way that may be required to carry out the activities that are authorized by this permit.

Item D: No Right to Trespass or Interfere with Riparian Rights
This permit does not convey to the permittee any right to trespass upon the lands or interfere with the riparian rights of others in order to perform the permitted work nor does it authorize the impairment of any rights, title, or interest in real or personal property held or vested in a person not a party to the permit.

Item E: SEQR Unlisted Action, No Lead Agency, No Significant Impact
Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), the project associated with this permit is classified as an Unlisted Action and the Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that it will not have a significant effect on the environment. Other involved agencies may reach an independent determination of environmental significance for this project.