NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
General Permit Number GP-1-13-001

PERMIT
Under the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL)

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Tidal Wetland Bulkhead Replacement with Dredging

Permittee and Facility Information

Permit Issued To:
Applicant Listed on Request for Authorization

Facility:
Facility Listed on Request for Authorization

Applicable DEC Region(s): 1

General Permit Authorized Activity: This General Permit applies only in areas on the south shore of Long Island, west of the Robert Moses Causeway to the Queens County border.

Areas excluded from this General Permit include: areas of vegetated tidal wetlands; any ocean shore; the ocean front of Long Beach Island; and all of the Jones Beach State Park and Robert Moses State Park Barrier Islands, including:

- Oak Beach
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- Captree State Park
- Gilgo State Park
- Gilgo Beach State Park
- Gilgo Beach
- West Gilgo Beach
- Tobay Beach Town Park
- Jones Beach State Park
- Cedar and Over Look Town Parks
- Robert Moses State Park

An individual permit is required for projects in these excluded areas.

This General Permit is for:
A. The removal and replacement of a functional and lawfully existing bulkhead (including returns and parallel capping boardwalks) in the same location as the existing bulkhead.
   - The replacement bulkhead may be up to 18 inches higher in elevation than the existing bulkhead.
   - If a bulkhead is non-functional, an individual permit must be obtained.

B. Maintenance dredging associated with replacement of the functional bulkhead, with the placement of the resulting dredged material behind the replacement bulkhead or elsewhere on the project site. Dredging is limited to:
   - 10 feet seaward of the bulkhead on bulkheaded canals, or 5 feet seaward of the bulkhead on bayfronts, and
   - a depth of -4 feet at Mean Low Water.
   - Dredging in areas of bayfront is prohibited from January 15th through September 30th of each year to protect spawning shellfish and/or spawning finfish.
Any proposed alteration or change in the bulkhead location or configuration or dredge area at an individual site is not authorized by this General Permit; such work will require an individual permit.

This General Permit is valid strictly for the activities listed in this General Permit Authorized Activity. Any other structures that are shown on the project plan (e.g., docks, cantilivered decks, boat lifts and floats, etc.) that are not lawfully existing, will not be validated or "legalized" by this use of this permit. Structures that are not lawfully existing are subject to possible Department legal action.

### Permit Authorizations

**Tidal Wetlands - Under Article 25**
Effective Date: 3/12/14  Expiration Date: 3/11/19

**Excavation & Fill in Navigable Waters - Under Article 15, Title 5**
Effective Date: 3/12/14  Expiration Date: 3/11/19

**Water Quality Certification - Under Section 401 - Clean Water Act**
Effective Date: 3/12/14  Expiration Date: 3/11/19

### 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: STUART M FOX, Deputy Chief Permit Administrator

Address: NYSDEC HEADQUARTERS
625 BROADWAY
ALBANY, NY 12233

Authorized Signature:  

Date: 3/12/14

### Permit Components

**NATURAL RESOURCE PERMIT CONDITIONS**

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION SPECIFIC CONDITION**

**GENERAL CONDITIONS, APPLY TO ALL AUTHORIZED PERMITS**

**NOTIFICATION OF OTHER PERMITTEE OBLIGATIONS**
1. Request for Authorization  Prior to the use of this General Permit for a project, the applicant must submit a Request for Authorization Form and the following information to the Regional Permit Administrator:
   a. Project location map
   b. Project plans
   b. Survey depicting the bulkhead
   c. Recent color photographs of the site
   d. Permission to Inspect Property Supplement.

Upon review of the project, the NYSDEC Regional Permit Administrator will determine if the project can be issued under this General Permit. Written confirmation of authorization must be received prior to any work.

NYSDEC retains the right to exclude a proposed activity from authorization under this General Permit, and to require the permittee to obtain an individual permit. Exclusions may be due to situations where the NYSDEC has identified a particular resource concern that may be impacted by the proposed activity, such as endangered species habitat, sensitive submerged aquatic vegetation or vegetated tidal wetlands. NYSDEC may limit or exclude dredging from the proposed project. Applicants may pursue the limited or excluded dredging in a standard permit process.

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 or applicant's agent.

3. Bulkhead Replacement  A functional bulkhead (including returns and parallel capping boardwalks) may be replaced. Bulkhead height shall be no more than 18 inches higher than the height of the existing bulkhead.

4. Bulkhead Materials  Material used in construction of bulkheads shall be limited to treated wood, naturally rot-resistant untreated wood, vinyl, plastic, fiberglass or steel.

5. Wood Preservatives  
a. Pressure treated wood used for construction of in-water structures must have undergone a treatment process approved (stamped or otherwise marked as certified) by the American Wood Preservative Association.

b. Wood treated with Pentachlorophenol (PCP) must not be used in wetlands or surface waters.

c. The use of creosote treated wood is prohibited both in the water and upland areas.

d. Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) pressure treated wood must be clean and free of CCA surface deposits. Wood with surface deposits must be washed for at least 5 minutes under running water prior to use. The washing must occur greater than 100 feet landward of any regulated wetland.
and/or water body. (Note "E." below for handling wash water.)

e. Any wood debris such as sawdust or wash water must not enter any water body, including wetlands or protected buffer areas.

6. **Clean Fill Only** All fill shall consist of clean sand, gravel, or soil (not asphalt, slag, flyash, broken concrete or demolition debris).

7. **No Disturbance** There shall be no disturbance to protected buffer areas (areas previously designated as such and to remain in a natural and/or undisturbed state by the Department or another governmental agency or public entity) as a result of the permitted activity, except for disturbance necessary for bulkhead replacement and restoration.

8. **Excavation for Bulkhead/Structure** Prior to any construction or removal of bulkheads and other shoreline stabilization structures all backfill shall be excavated landward of the structure and retained so as not to enter the waterway, tidal wetland or protected buffer area.

9. **Complete Bulkhead Prior to Backfilling** The new bulkhead shall be completed prior to placement of any fill material behind such structures.

10. **Dredging** Dredging associated with bulkhead replacement shall only occur in the area 10 feet seaward of the bulkhead on bulkheaded canals, or 5 feet seaward of the bulkhead on bayfronts, and a depth of -4 feet at Mean Low Water.

11. **Bay-Front Dredging Prohibition Period** Dredging is specifically prohibited from January 15th through September 30th of each year to protect spawning shellfish and/or spawning finfish in areas of bayfront, or as specified on the Request for Authorization Part 2 - Project Authorization by NYSDEC.

12. **One-time Dredging Only** Dredging shall be undertaken only once in association with the bulkhead replacement.

13. **Restrict Spillage, Use Closed Bucket** During the dredging operation, the permittee and his contractor shall prevent spillage of sediment during excavation and haulage. Dredging shall be accomplished with a clam shell or other closed bucket equipment.

14. **No Hydraulic Dredging** Hydraulic dredging is not allowed.

15. **Dragline Prohibited** The use of a dragline for dredging is strictly prohibited.

16. **No Side-casting or Temporary Storage** Excavated sediment shall be placed directly into the approved disposal/dewatering site or conveyance vehicle. No side-casting (double dipping) or temporary storage of dredged material is authorized.

17. **Disposal of Materials** Any material dredged or excavated to facilitate placement of the bulkhead shall be retained on the project site above the reach of high water or behind the completed wall to prevent its entry into the water. Off-site, upland disposal of dredged material beyond NYSDEC Tidal Wetland jurisdiction is not authorized by this General Permit and requires an individual site-specific permit.
18. **Leave a Uniform Bottom Elevation**  All dredging shall be conducted so as to leave a uniform bottom elevation free of mounds or holes.

19. **Grade to Match That Adjacent to Bulkhead**  All fill must be graded to match the elevation of the land immediately adjacent to the bulkhead.

20. **No Runoff Over or Through Bulkhead or into Wetland**  There shall be no discharge of runoff or other effluent over or through any bulkhead or shoreline stabilization structure or into any tidal wetland or protected buffer area.

21. **Stabilize Disturbed Areas**  All areas of soil disturbance resulting from this project shall be stabilized immediately following project completion or within 30 days of commencement of work, whichever comes first. The disturbed areas must be stabilized with appropriate vegetation (grasses, etc.).

22. **Contain Exposed, Stockpiled Soils**  All disturbed areas where soil will be temporarily exposed or stockpiled for longer than 48 hours shall be contained by a continuous line of staked haybales / silt curtains (or other NYSDEC approved devices) placed on the seaward side between the fill and the wetland or protected buffer area. Tarps are authorized to supplement these approved methods.

23. **Seed, Mulch Disturbed Areas**  If seeding is impracticable due to the time of year, a temporary mulch shall be applied within 5 days and final seeding shall be performed at the earliest opportunity when weather conditions favor germination and growth; but not more than six months after project completion and no later than the permit expiration date.

24. **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.

25. **Equipment Storage**  The storage of construction equipment and materials shall be confined to within the project work site and upland areas landward of the bulkhead or barge.

26. **Docks, Floats**  Installation of additional docks or floats is not authorized by this permit.

27. **No Structures on Pilings**  No structures are to be constructed on pilings without further authorization of the Department.

28. **Remove, Replace Mooring Structures**  Mooring structures attached to or in proximity to the bulkhead or within the project area may be temporarily removed in order to facilitate bulkhead replacement. These structures may be replaced with the same material, in the same dimensions, in the same configuration and in the same location as they were prior to bulkhead replacement.

29. **No Interference With Navigation**  There shall be no unreasonable interference with navigation by the work herein authorized.
30. 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.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. 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.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

1. Water Quality Certification  The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation hereby certifies that the subject project will not contravene effluent limitations or other limitations or standards under Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217) provided that all of the conditions listed herein are met.

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
NYSDEC REGION 1 HEADQUARTERS
SUNY @ STONY BROOK
50 CIRCLE RD
STONY BROOK, NY 11790-3409

4. Submission of Renewal Application  The permittee must submit a renewal application at least 30 days before permit expiration for the following permit authorizations: Tidal Wetlands, Excavation & Fill in Navigable Waters, Water Quality Certification.

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.