

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

DATE: May 23, 2022

FROM: Joshua Brown
Wetlands Program Analyst

AT (OFFICE): Department of
Transportation

SUBJECT Dredge & Fill Application
Tamworth, 41434

Bureau of
Environment

TO Karl Benedict, Public Works Permitting Officer
New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau
29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Forwarded herewith is the application package prepared by NHDOT Bureau of Bridge Design for the subject major impact project. The NHDOT is proposing a bridge rehabilitation and superstructure replacement project of Bridge No. 061/091 that carries NH Route 113A over the Swift River in Tamworth, NH. The proposed project involves the complete, in-kind replacement of the existing superstructure including the girders and deck, rehabilitation of the existing abutments including replacing the existing beam seats, backwalls, and wingwalls, the placement of grouted rip rap around the existing bridge piers for the purpose of scour protection, installation of new approach guardrail and terminal units, and the rehabilitation of an existing drainage outfall under the bridge along the southern bank of the Swift River including construction of a new headwall and slope stone/outlet pad to prevent erosion.

This project was reviewed at the Natural Resource Agency Coordination Meeting on March 16, 2022. A copy of the minutes has been included with this application package. A copy of this application and plans can be accessed on the Departments website via the following link: <http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/environment/units/program-management/wetland-applications.htm>.

NHDOT anticipates and request that this project be reviewed and permitted by the Army Corp of Engineers through the State Programmatic General Permit process. A copy of the application has been sent to the Army Corp of Engineers.

Mitigation was determined to not be required as the proposed work was determined to be self-mitigating.

The lead people to contact for this project are Jenifer Reczek Bureau of Bridge Design (271-3226 or jennifer.e.reczek@dot.nh.gov) or Andrew O'Sullivan, Wetlands Program Manager, Bureau of Environment (271-3226 or Andrew.O'Sullivan@dot.nh.gov).

A payment voucher has been processed for this application (Voucher #683030) in the amount of \$2,385.20.

If and when this application meets with the approval of the Bureau, please send the permit directly to Andrew O'Sullivan, Wetlands Program Manager, Bureau of Environment.

JRB;

cc:

BOE Original

Town of Tamworth (4 copies via certified mail)

David Trubey, NH Division of Historic Resources (Cultural Review Within)

John Magee, NH Fish & Game (via electronic notification)

Maria Tur, US Fish & Wildlife (via electronic notification)

Beth Alafat & Jeanie Brochi, US Environmental Protection Agency (via electronic notification)

Michael Hicks & Rick Kristoff, US Army Corp of Engineers (via electronic notification)

Kevin Nyhan, BOE (via electronic notification)



Tamworth 41434

**Bridge No. 061/091
Superstructure
Replacement**

NH Standard Dredge & Fill Application



Prepared By:



**Tamworth, New Hampshire
41434**

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NHDOT Tamworth, 41434
Bridge No. 061/091 Superstructure Replacement
NHDES Standard Dredge & Fill Permit Application
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NHDES Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application Form



**STANDARD DREDGE AND FILL
WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION**
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RSA/Rule: RSA 482-A/Env-Wt 100-900

APPLICANT'S NAME: NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **TOWN NAME:** TAMWORTH

Administrative Use Only	Administrative Use Only	Administrative Use Only	File No.:
			Check No.:
			Amount:
			Initials:

A person may request a waiver of the requirements in Rules Env-Wt 100-900 to accommodate situations where strict adherence to the requirements would not be in the best interest of the public or the environment but is still in compliance with RSA 482-A. A person may also request a waiver of the standards for existing dwellings over water pursuant to RSA 482-A:26, III(b). For more information, please consult the [Waiver Request Form](#).

SECTION 1 - REQUIRED PLANNING FOR ALL PROJECTS (Env-Wt 306.05; RSA 482-A:3, I(d)(2))	
Please use the Wetland Permit Planning Tool (WPPT) , the Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) DataCheck Tool , the Aquatic Restoration Mapper , or other sources to assist in identifying key features such as: priority resource areas (PRAs) , protected species or habitats , coastal areas, designated rivers, or designated prime wetlands.	
Has the required planning been completed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the property contain a PRA? If yes, provide the following information:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project qualify for an Impact Classification Adjustment (e.g. NH Fish and Game Department (NHF&G) and NHB agreement for a classification downgrade) or a Project-Type Exception (e.g. Maintenance or Statutory Permit-by-Notification (SPN) project)? See Env-Wt 407.02 and Env-Wt 407.04. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protected species or habitat? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If yes, species or habitat name(s): N/A ○ NHB Project ID #: 21-3208 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
• Bog?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
• Floodplain wetland contiguous to a tier 3 or higher watercourse?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
• Designated prime wetland or duly-established 100-foot buffer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
• Sand dune, tidal wetland, tidal water, or undeveloped tidal buffer zone?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the property within a Designated River corridor? If yes, provide the following information:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of Local River Management Advisory Committee (LAC): N/A • A copy of the application was sent to the LAC on Month: -- Day: -- Year: ---- 	

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For dredging projects, is the subject property contaminated? • If yes, list contaminant: N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there potential to impact impaired waters, class A waters, or outstanding resource waters?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For stream crossing projects, provide watershed size (see WPPT or Stream Stats): N/A	
SECTION 2 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Env-Wt 311.04(i))	
Provide a brief description of the project and the purpose of the project, outlining the scope of work to be performed and whether impacts are temporary or permanent. DO NOT reply "See attached"; please use the space provided below.	
<p>The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is proposing a bridge rehabilitation and superstructure replacement project of Bridge No. 061/091 that carries NH Route 113A over the Swift River in Tamworth, NH. The existing bridge was built in 1956 and consists of a concrete deck supported by steel beams founded on concrete piers and abutments. The existing deck is in serious condition and the steel beams and abutments/piers are both in satisfactory condition. Due to the condition of the deck, the bridge was added to the NH State Bridge Red List in 2015. The existing structure has also been identified as a scour critical bridge, meaning that the estimated scour depths extend below the bottom of the existing pier footings.</p> <p>The proposed project involves the complete, in-kind replacement of the existing superstructure including the girders and deck, rehabilitation of the existing abutments including replacing the existing beam seats, backwalls, and wingwalls, the placement of grouted rip rap around the existing bridge piers for the purpose of scour protection, installation of new approach guardrail and terminal units, and the rehabilitation of an existing drainage outfall under the bridge along the southern bank of the Swift River including construction of a new headwall and slope stone/outlet pad to prevent erosion.</p> <p>The proposed project will result in 493 SF / 46 LF of permanent channel impacts and 607 SF / 79 LF of permanent bank impacts. Permanent impacts are associated with the installation of the partially grouted riprap and stone outlet pad for the purpose of scour protection. The proposed project will also require 3,181 SF / 82 LF of temporary channel impacts and 1,682 SF / 185 LF of temporary bank impacts associated with construction access and water diversion.</p>	
SECTION 3 - PROJECT LOCATION	
Separate wetland permit applications must be submitted for each municipality within which wetland impacts occur.	
ADDRESS: NH Route 113A (Bridge No. 061/091)	
TOWN/CITY: Tamworth	
TAX MAP/BLOCK/LOT/UNIT: N/A (Right-of-Way)	
US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TOPO MAP WATERBODY NAME: Swift River <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(Optional) LATITUDE/LONGITUDE in decimal degrees (to five decimal places): 43.89220° North -71.29812° West	

SECTION 4 - APPLICANT (DESIRED PERMIT HOLDER) INFORMATION (Env-Wt 311.04(a))		
If the applicant is a trust or a company, then complete with the trust or company information.		
NAME: NH Department of Transportation, Attn: Jennifer Reczek, PE		
MAILING ADDRESS: 7 Hazen Drive		
TOWN/CITY: Concord	STATE: NH	ZIP CODE: 03302
EMAIL ADDRESS: jennifer.e.reczek@dot.nh.gov		
FAX: [REDACTED]	PHONE: (603) 271-3226	
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here: <i>JER</i> , I hereby authorize NHDES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically.		
SECTION 5 - AUTHORIZED AGENT INFORMATION (Env-Wt 311.04(c))		
<input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: Hoffmann, Stephen		
COMPANY NAME: McFarland-Johnson, Inc.		
MAILING ADDRESS: 53 Regional Drive		
TOWN/CITY: Concord	STATE: NH	ZIP CODE: 03301
EMAIL ADDRESS: shoffmann@mjinc.com		
FAX: [REDACTED]	PHONE: (802) 862-9381	
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here SH, I hereby authorize NHDES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically.		
SECTION 6 - PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT) (Env-Wt 311.04(b))		
If the owner is a trust or a company, then complete with the trust or company information.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as applicant		
NAME: [REDACTED]		
MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]		
TOWN/CITY: [REDACTED]	STATE: [REDACTED]	ZIP CODE: [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]		
FAX: [REDACTED]	PHONE: [REDACTED]	
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here [REDACTED], I hereby authorize NHDES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically.		

SECTION 7 - RESOURCE-SPECIFIC CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN Env-Wt 400, Env-Wt 500, Env-Wt 600, Env-Wt 700, OR Env-Wt 900 HAVE BEEN MET (Env-Wt 313.01(a)(3))

Describe how the resource-specific criteria have been met for each chapter listed above (please attach information about stream crossings, coastal resources, prime wetlands, or non-tidal wetlands and surface waters):

Env-Wt 400: A wetlands and surface waters delineation was completed in May 2020. Jurisdictional resource areas including the ordinary highwater and top of bank of the Swift River were delineated and classified using the USFWS (Cowardin, et al.) Wetland Classification System (federal method). There are no priority resource areas (PRAs) located in the vicinity of the project. According to the NHB DataCheck Results Letter, there are no documented occurrences of protected species or habitats anticipated to be impacted by the proposed project. The proposed project will result in 493 SF / 46 LF of permanent impacts to the channel of the Swift River, and 607 SF / 79 LF of permanent impacts to the banks of the Swift River. Based on the proposed impacts and types of resources present (Tier 3 stream crossing), the proposed project is anticipated to be classified as a major impact project.

Env-Wt 500: The proposed project is covered under Env-Wt 527 Public Highways. The proposed project has been designed in accordance with the criteria specified in Env-Wt 527.04 and is consistent with RSA 482-A:1, 483-B, 485-A, and 212-A. The purpose of the proposed project is to maintain a structurally sound crossing and improve public safety for motorists travelling along NH Route 113A. The proposed project is not anticipated to impact any floodplains, regulatory floodways, or the flood storage function of wetlands (no palustrine wetland impacts). Impacts have been avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable.

Env-Wt 600: N/A

Env-Wt 700: N/A

Env-Wt 900: Rehabilitation of a Tier 3 crossing

SECTION 8 - AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION

Impacts within wetland jurisdiction must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable (Env-Wt 313.03(a)).* Any project with unavoidable jurisdictional impacts must then be minimized as described in the [Wetlands Best Management Practice Techniques For Avoidance and Minimization](#) and the [Wetlands Permitting: Avoidance, Minimization and Mitigation Fact Sheet](#). For minor or major projects, a functional assessment of all wetlands on the project site is required (Env-Wt 311.03(b)(10)).*

Please refer to the application checklist to ensure you have attached all documents related to avoidance and minimization, as well as functional assessment (where applicable). Use the [Avoidance and Minimization Checklist](#), the [Avoidance and Minimization Narrative](#), or your own avoidance and minimization narrative.

**See Env-Wt 311.03(b)(6) and Env-Wt 311.03(b)(10) for shoreline structure exemptions.*

SECTION 9 - MITIGATION REQUIREMENT (Env-Wt 311.02)

If unavoidable jurisdictional impacts require mitigation, a mitigation [pre-application meeting](#) must occur at least 30 days but not more than 90 days prior to submitting this Standard Dredge and Fill Permit Application.

Mitigation Pre-Application Meeting Date: Month: **03** Day: **16** Year: **2022**

N/A - Mitigation is not required

SECTION 10 - THE PROJECT MEETS COMPENSATORY MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS (Env-Wt 313.01(a)(1)c)

Confirm that you have submitted a compensatory mitigation proposal that meets the requirements of Env-Wt 800 for all permanent unavoidable impacts that will remain after avoidance and minimization techniques have been exercised to the maximum extent practicable: I confirm submittal.

N/A – Compensatory mitigation is not required

SECTION 11 - IMPACT AREA (Env-Wt 311.04(g))

For each jurisdictional area that will be/has been impacted, provide square feet (SF) and, if applicable, linear feet (LF) of impact, and note whether the impact is after-the-fact (ATF; i.e., work was started or completed without a permit).

For intermittent and ephemeral streams, the linear footage of impact is measured along the thread of the channel. *Please note, installation of a stream crossing in an ephemeral stream may be undertaken without a permit per Rule Env-Wt 309.02(d), however other dredge or fill impacts should be included below.*

For perennial streams/ivers, the linear footage of impact is calculated by summing the lengths of disturbances to the channel and banks.

Permanent impacts are impacts that will remain after the project is complete (e.g., changes in grade or surface materials).

Temporary impacts are impacts not intended to remain (and will be restored to pre-construction conditions) after the project is completed.

JURISDICTIONAL AREA		PERMANENT			TEMPORARY		
		SF	LF	ATF	SF	LF	ATF
Wetlands	Forested Wetland			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Scrub-shrub Wetland			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Emergent Wetland			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wet Meadow			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vernal Pool			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Designated Prime Wetland			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Duly-established 100-foot Prime Wetland Buffer			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Surface Water	Intermittent / Ephemeral Stream			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Perennial Stream or River	493	46	<input type="checkbox"/>	3,181	82	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lake / Pond			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Docking - Lake / Pond			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Docking - River			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Banks	Bank - Intermittent Stream			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bank - Perennial Stream / River	607	79	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,682	185	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bank / Shoreline - Lake / Pond			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Tidal	Tidal Waters			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tidal Marsh			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sand Dune			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Undeveloped Tidal Buffer Zone (TBZ)			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Previously-developed TBZ			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Docking - Tidal Water			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL		1,100	125		4,863	267	

SECTION 12 - APPLICATION FEE (RSA 482-A:3, I)

MINIMUM IMPACT FEE: Flat fee of \$400.

NON-ENFORCEMENT RELATED, PUBLICLY-FUNDED AND SUPERVISED RESTORATION PROJECTS, REGARDLESS OF IMPACT CLASSIFICATION: Flat fee of \$400 (refer to RSA 482-A:3, 1(c) for restrictions).

MINOR OR MAJOR IMPACT FEE: Calculate using the table below:

Permanent and temporary (non-docking):	5,963 SF	× \$0.40 =	\$ 2385.20
Seasonal docking structure:	0 SF	× \$2.00 =	\$ 0
Permanent docking structure:	0 SF	× \$4.00 =	\$ 0
Projects proposing shoreline structures (including docks) add \$400 =			\$ 0
Total =			\$ 2385.20

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The application fee for minor or major impact is the above calculated total or \$400, whichever is greater = \$ 2385.20



SECTION 13 - PROJECT CLASSIFICATION (Env-Wt 306.05)



Indicate the project classification.



Minimum Impact Project Minor Project Major Project

SECTION 14 - REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS (Env-Wt 311.11)



Initial each box below to certify:

Initials: 

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 To the best of the signer's knowledge and belief, all required notifications have been provided.

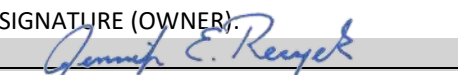
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 The information submitted on or with the application is true, complete, and not misleading to the best of the signer's knowledge and belief.


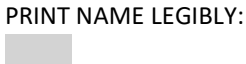

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 The signer understands that:

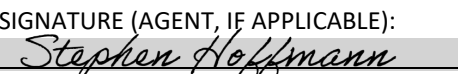
- The submission of false, incomplete, or misleading information constitutes grounds for NHDES to:
 1. Deny the application.
 2. Revoke any approval that is granted based on the information.
 3. If the signer is a certified wetland scientist, licensed surveyor, or professional engineer licensed to practice in New Hampshire, refer the matter to the joint board of licensure and certification established by RSA 310-A:1.
- The signer is subject to the penalties specified in New Hampshire law for falsification in official matters, currently RSA 641.
- The signature shall constitute authorization for the municipal conservation commission and the Department to inspect the site of the proposed project, except for minimum impact forestry SPN projects and minimum impact trail projects, where the signature shall authorize only the Department to inspect the site pursuant to RSA 482-A:6, II.

Initials: 

 SH
 If the applicant is not the owner of the property, each property owner signature shall constitute certification by the signer that he or she is aware of the application being filed and does not object to the filing.

SECTION 15 - REQUIRED SIGNATURES (Env-Wt 311.04(d); Env-Wt 311.11)

SIGNATURE (OWNER): 	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: Jennifer Reczek	DATE: 5/16/2022
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SIGNATURE (APPLICANT, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER): 	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: 	DATE: 
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SIGNATURE (AGENT, IF APPLICABLE): 	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: Stephen Hoffmann	DATE: 4/29/2022
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SECTION 16 - TOWN / CITY CLERK SIGNATURE (Env-Wt 311.04(f))

As required by RSA 482-A:3, I(a)(1), I hereby certify that the applicant has filed four application forms, four detailed plans, and four USGS location maps with the town/city indicated below.

TOWN/CITY CLERK SIGNATURE: Exempt per RSA 482-A:3, I(a)(1)-State Agency	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: N/A
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TOWN/CITY: Tamworth	DATE: <input type="text"/>
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DIRECTIONS FOR TOWN/CITY CLERK:

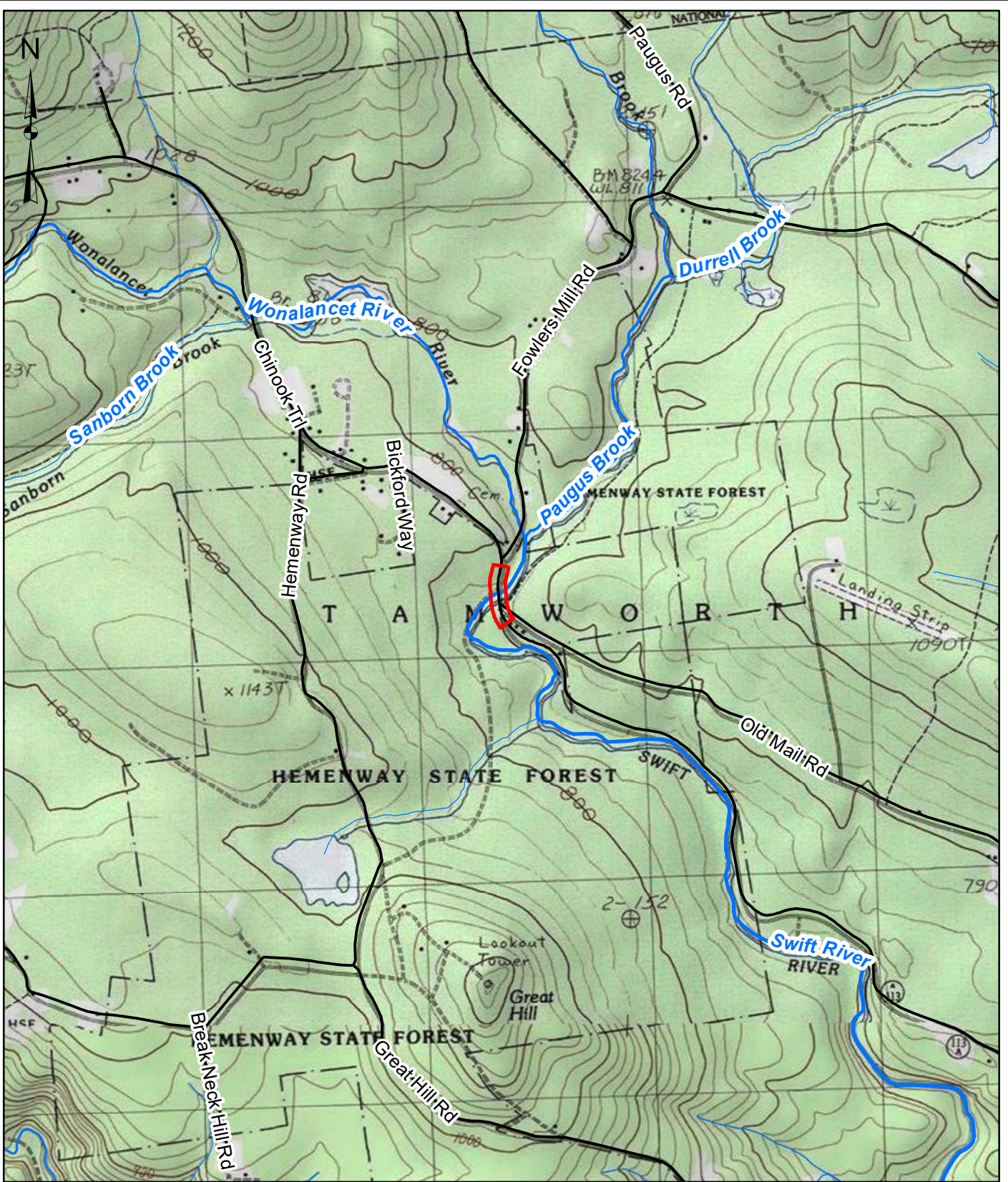
Per RSA 482-A:3, I(a)(1)


1. IMMEDIATELY sign the original application form and four copies in the signature space provided above.
2. Return the signed original application form and attachments to the applicant so that the applicant may submit the application form and attachments to NHDES by mail or hand delivery.
3. IMMEDIATELY distribute a copy of the application with one complete set of attachments to each of the following bodies: the municipal Conservation Commission, the local governing body (Board of Selectmen or Town/City Council), and the Planning Board.
4. Retain one copy of the application form and one complete set of attachments and make them reasonably accessible for public review.

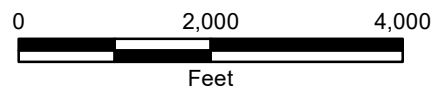
DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICANT:

Submit the original permit application form bearing the signature of the Town/City Clerk, additional materials, and the application fee to NHDES by mail or hand delivery at the address at the bottom of this page. Make check or money order payable to "Treasurer – State of NH".

Figure 1 - USGS Location Map



 Tamworth 41434 Project Area



NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TAMWORTH 41434 - TAMWORTH, NH

USGS LOCATION MAP

SCALE: 1 inch = 2,000 feet	DATE: FEBRUARY 2022	FIGURE: 1
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Attachment A: Minor and Major Projects



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RSA/ Rule: RSA 482-A/ Env-Wt 311.10; Env-Wt 313.01(a)(1); Env-Wt 313.03

APPLICANT'S NAME: NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **TOWN NAME:** TAMWORTH

Attachment A is required for *all minor and major projects*, and must be completed *in addition* to the [Avoidance and Minimization Narrative](#) or [Checklist](#) that is required by Env-Wt 307.11.

For projects involving construction or modification of non-tidal shoreline structures over areas of surface waters having an absence of wetland vegetation, only Sections I.X through I.XV are required to be completed.

PART I: AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION

In accordance with Env-Wt 313.03(a), the Department shall not approve any alteration of any jurisdictional area unless the applicant demonstrates that the potential impacts to jurisdictional areas have been avoided to the maximum extent practicable and that any unavoidable impacts have been minimized, as described in the [Wetlands Best Management Practice Techniques For Avoidance and Minimization](#).

SECTION I.I - ALTERNATIVES (Env-Wt 313.03(b)(1))

Describe how there is no practicable alternative that would have a less adverse impact on the area and environments under the Department's jurisdiction.

A VARIETY OF BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED, INCLUDING DECK REPLACEMENT, SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT, AND FULL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT. THE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT ALTERNATIVE WAS SELECTED IN PART BECAUSE IT MINIMIZES THE IMPACTS TO THE CHANNEL AND BANKS OF THE SWIFT RIVER BY AVOIDING THE COMPLETE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING PIERS AND ABUTMENTS. THE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION ALTERNATIVE ALSO REDUCED COSTS, TRAFFIC IMPACTS, ELIMINATED RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH DECK REPLACEMENT AND REUSING EXISTING STEEL BEAMS, WHILE STILL MEETING THE OVERALL PURPOSE AND NEED OF THE PROJECT. MULTIPLE SCOUR PROTECTION ALTERNATIVES WERE ALSO CONSIDERED INCLUDING A-JACKS INSTALLED AT EXISTING GRADE, EMBEDDED A-JACKS, AND EMBEDDED PARTIALLY GROUTED RIPRAP (PGR). THE FOOTPRINTS OF THE PROPOSED IMPACT AREAS FOR BOTH SCOUR PROTECTION ALTERNATIVES WERE SIMILAR, HOWEVER, THE PGR MATERIAL WAS DETERMINED TO BE MORE SUITABLE FOR THE EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS DUE TO THE LARGER SIZE OF THE CHANNEL SUBSTRATE AND WATER VELOCITIES. THE PGR IS A STRONGER AND MORE DURABLE MATERIAL THAT IS LESS PRONE TO BEING DAMAGED BY LARGE COBBLES AND BOULDERS POTENTIALLY MOBILIZED DURING HIGHER FLOWS. THE PGR WILL ALSO PROVIDE A SLIGHTLY MORE NATURAL APPEARANCE OVER THE ANGULAR, CONCRETE A-JACKS ARMOR UNITS. THE PROPOSED PGR WILL BE EMBEDDED IN ORDER TO MATCH THE EXISTING GRADE OF THE CHANNEL AND BANKS. THE EXISTING DRAINAGE OUTFALL REPAIRS WILL RESULT IN BANK IMPACTS, HOWEVER THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS WILL HELP REDUCE THE EROSION THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING CAUSED BY THE DETERIORATED DRAINAGE OUTLET.

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SECTION I.II - MARSHES (Env-Wt 313.03(b)(2))

Describe how the project avoids and minimizes impacts to tidal marshes and non-tidal marshes where documented to provide sources of nutrients for finfish, crustacean, shellfish, and wildlife of significant value.

N/A - The proposed project does not involve any impacts to tidal or non-tidal marshes.

SECTION I.III - HYDROLOGIC CONNECTION (Env-Wt 313.03(b)(3))

Describe how the project maintains hydrologic connections between adjacent wetland or stream systems.

The proposed project will maintain all existing hydrologic connections. There are no fringe wetland systems or tributaries located adjacent to the Swift River within the project area. The proposed project is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2023 (late-June to mid-August) during low flow conditions. Flow in the Swift River will be maintained and at least a portion of the channel will remain open throughout the duration of construction. It is anticipated that the contractor will install a temporary cofferdam (likely large sandbags or similar) surrounding the in-water work areas around the existing piers. Approximately 17'-6" or 33 percent of the channel will remain open with the temporary water diversion structures installed.

SECTION I.IV - JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS (Env-Wt 313.03(b)(4))

Describe how the project avoids and minimizes impacts to wetlands and other areas of jurisdiction under RSA 482-A, especially those in which there are exemplary natural communities, vernal pools, protected species and habitat, documented fisheries, and habitat and reproduction areas for species of concern, or any combination thereof.

The proposed project has minimized and avoided impacts to wetlands and other areas of jurisdiction under RSA 482-A to the maximum extent practicable. There are no palustrine wetlands located in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project, and therefore, wetland impacts are not anticipated or proposed. Impacts to the channel and banks of the Swift River have been minimized to the maximum extent practicable. The proposed project will result in 493 SF / 46 LF of permanent channel impacts for the installation of proposed scour protection, as well as 607 SF / 79 LF of permanent bank impacts for the installation of the proposed scour protection and stone outlet pad for the existing drainage outfall. The NHB DataCheck Results Letter did not identify any exemplary natural communities or protected species and/or habitats in the vicinity of the proposed project. A wetlands and surface waters delineation was completed in May 2020, and no vernal pools were identified in the vicinity of the proposed project.

The Swift River is not identified as Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Atlantic salmon according to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Final Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Amendment 2 Volume 2: EFH and HAPC Designation Alternatives and Environmental Impacts (October 2017). Multiple dams located downstream from the project area act as barriers to fish and other aquatic organism passage including Atlantic salmon.

According to the NHDES Wetlands Permit Planning Tool (WPPT) and the 2020 NH Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) mapping, the Swift River is identified as a Cold Water Fishery, a stream containing a Species of Conservation Concern, and an Eastern Brook Trout stream. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) for soil erosion and sediment control will be implemented throughout the duration of construction to minimize and avoid potential water quality impacts. No in-water work or dredging will occur between October 1 and March 31. The proposed project is anticipated to be completed between June - August 2023 and will be completed during low flow conditions.

SECTION I.V - PUBLIC COMMERCE, NAVIGATION, OR RECREATION (Env-Wt 313.03(b)(5))

Describe how the project avoids and minimizes impacts that eliminate, depreciate or obstruct public commerce, navigation, or recreation.

The proposed project is not anticipated to have a substantial impact on public commerce, navigation, or recreation. The proposed project is needed in order to address the deteriorating bridge structure and provide continued safe passage for the public and motorists travelling along NH Route 113A. The proposed project will require an approximately one to two month closure of NH Route 113A in order to complete the proposed repairs and replacement of the existing bridge. A signed 22-mile detour route will be provided as well as a nine-mile local road detour. The proposed roadway closure/detours will be short term and temporary in nature, and is not anticipated to result in major traffic, public commerce or navigation disruptions.

Hemenway State Forest is located on both sides of NH Route 113A within the project area. There is an existing unnamed trail and unimproved dirt pull-off/parking area in the southeast bridge quadrant. There is also a multi-use/snowmachine trail, Great Hill Pond Loop, that crosses NH Route 113A approximately 100 feet north of the existing bridge. Access to both trails will be disrupted during construction in order to protect public safety and keep unauthorized persons out of the active construction zone. Coordination with the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources has been completed regarding the proposed project and implications on the State Forest lands and recreational resources in the vicinity. Impacts on recreation are short term and temporary in nature.

SECTION I.VI - FLOODPLAIN WETLANDS (Env-Wt 313.03(b)(6))

Describe how the project avoids and minimizes impacts to floodplain wetlands that provide flood storage.

N/A - The proposed project does not involve any impacts to floodplain wetlands that provide flood storage. There are no Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mapped floodplains or regulatory floodways located in the vicinity of the proposed project. There are also no floodplain wetlands located adjacent to the Swift River or any proposed impacts to palustrine wetlands. The installation of the proposed scour protection is not anticipated to result in more than a negligible increase in the Base Flood Elevation of the Swift River.

SECTION I.VII - RIVERINE FORESTED WETLAND SYSTEMS AND SCRUB-SHRUB – MARSH COMPLEXES (Env-Wt 313.03(b)(7))

Describe how the project avoids and minimizes impacts to natural riverine forested wetland systems and scrub-shrub – marsh complexes of high ecological integrity.

N/A - There are no natural riverine forested wetland systems or scrub-shrub marsh complexes located within the proposed project impacts. Impacts to these resource area types are not proposed.

SECTION I.VIII - DRINKING WATER SUPPLY AND GROUNDWATER AQUIFER LEVELS (Env-Wt 313.03(b)(8))

Describe how the project avoids and minimizes impacts to wetlands that would be detrimental to adjacent drinking water supply and groundwater aquifer levels.

N/A - There are no palustrine wetland impacts. Therefore, the proposed project is not anticipated to impact any wetlands that would result in a detrimental impact to adjacent drinking water supply and/or groundwater aquifer levels. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) for soil erosion and sediment control will be implemented throughout the duration of construction to minimize and avoid potential water quality impacts.

SECTION I.IX - STREAM CHANNELS (Env-Wt 313.03(b)(9))

Describe how the project avoids and minimizes adverse impacts to stream channels and the ability of such channels to handle runoff of waters.

Impacts to the channel of the Swift River have been avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable. The decision to replace only the superstructure eliminated the need for additional impacts associated with replacement of the existing bridge piers. However, it was determined that additional scour protection is required around the bridge piers to protect the existing infrastructure and the safety of the public travelling along NH Route 113A. The footprint of the scour protection has been minimized to reduce impacts to the channel and banks of the Swift River.

SECTION I.X - SHORELINE STRUCTURES - CONSTRUCTION SURFACE AREA (Env-Wt 313.03(c)(1))

Describe how the project has been designed to use the minimum construction surface area over surface waters necessary to meet the stated purpose of the structures.

N/A - The proposed project does not involve the construction of shoreline structures over surface waters.

SECTION I.XI - SHORELINE STRUCTURES - LEAST INTRUSIVE UPON PUBLIC TRUST (Env-Wt 313.03(c)(2))

Describe how the type of construction proposed is the least intrusive upon the public trust that will ensure safe docking on the frontage.

N/A - The proposed project does not involve the construction of shoreline structures involving docking.

SECTION I.XII - SHORELINE STRUCTURES – ABUTTING PROPERTIES (Env-Wt 313.03(c)(3))

Describe how the structures have been designed to avoid and minimize impacts on ability of abutting owners to use and enjoy their properties.

N/A - The proposed project does not involve the construction of shoreline structures.

SECTION I.XIII - SHORELINE STRUCTURES – COMMERCE AND RECREATION (Env-Wt 313.03(c)(4))

Describe how the structures have been designed to avoid and minimize impacts to the public's right to navigation, passage, and use of the resource for commerce and recreation.

N/A - The proposed project does not involve the construction of shoreline structures.

SECTION I.XIV - SHORELINE STRUCTURES – WATER QUALITY, AQUATIC VEGETATION, WILDLIFE AND FINFISH HABITAT (Env-Wt 313.03(c)(5))

Describe how the structures have been designed, located, and configured to avoid impacts to water quality, aquatic vegetation, and wildlife and finfish habitat.

N/A - The proposed project does not involve the construction of shoreline structures.

SECTION I.XV - SHORELINE STRUCTURES – VEGETATION REMOVAL, ACCESS POINTS, AND SHORELINE STABILITY (Env-Wt 313.03(c)(6))

Describe how the structures have been designed to avoid and minimize the removal of vegetation, the number of access points through wetlands or over the bank, and activities that may have an adverse effect on shoreline stability.

N/A - The proposed project does not involve the construction of shoreline structures.

PART II: FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT	
REQUIREMENTS	Ensure that project meets the requirements of Env-Wt 311.10 regarding functional assessment (Env-Wt 311.04(j); Env-Wt 311.10).
FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT METHOD USED: US Army Corps of Engineers Highway Methodology	
NAME OF CERTIFIED WETLAND SCIENTIST (FOR NON-TIDAL PROJECTS) OR QUALIFIED COASTAL PROFESSIONAL (FOR TIDAL PROJECTS) WHO COMPLETED THE ASSESSMENT: STEPHEN HOFFMANN, CWS #306	
DATE OF ASSESSMENT: MAY 2020	
Check this box to confirm that the application includes a NARRATIVE ON FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
For minor or major projects requiring a standard permit without mitigation, the applicant shall submit a wetland evaluation report that includes completed checklists and information demonstrating the RELATIVE FUNCTIONS AND VALUES OF EACH WETLAND EVALUATED. Check this box to confirm that the application includes this information, if applicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Note: The Wetlands Functional Assessment worksheet can be used to compile the information needed to meet functional assessment requirements.	

Supplemental Narrative

NHDES MAJOR IMPACT WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION
NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TAMWORTH, 41434
BRIDGE NO. 061/091 SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT
TAMWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

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1.0 Introduction

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is proposing to replace the existing superstructure of Bridge No. 061/091 carrying NH Route 113A over the Swift River in Tamworth, New Hampshire. The proposed project also includes the installation of scour protection around the two existing bridge piers, as well as the rehabilitation of an existing drainage outfall on the southern bank of the Swift River, located between the existing bridge abutment and pier.

The existing deck is in serious condition (condition rated 3 out of 9) and the superstructure and substructure are in satisfactory condition (6 out of 9). The existing bridge piers have been identified as “scour critical” meaning that the estimated scour depths extend below the bottom of the existing pier footings. The existing bridge was added to the NHDOT Red List of Bridges in 2015.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the proposed project is to address the serious condition of the existing bridge deck and scour concerns at the two bridge piers, to maintain safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians along NH Route 113A over the Swift River.

1.2 Need

The need for this project is evidenced by the following:

- Holes extending through the deck have recently been discovered and have been temporarily covered with steel plates by the Bureau of Bridge Maintenance.
- The existing deck is in serious condition and the bridge is currently included on the NHDOT Red List of Bridges.
- The existing piers have been designated as “Scour Critical” based on a Plan of Action Report completed in 2009.

1.3 Alternatives

Three bridge alternatives were evaluated including deck replacement, superstructure replacement, and full bridge replacement. In addition to the bridge replacement work, two scour countermeasures were also considered including A-Jacks and grouted riprap.

1.3.1 Deck Replacement

This alternative included deck replacement, painting structural steel, rehabilitating concrete wingwalls, constructing scour countermeasure at the piers and replacing abutment backwalls and deck joints. Challenges with this alternative included reusing the existing structural steel beams and the inherent uncertainties associated with this practice as well as risks to the accelerated bridge construction schedule. Impacts are still required for the proposed scour countermeasures as well as the drainage outfall repairs.

1.3.2 Superstructure Replacement

This alternative includes superstructure replacement, replacing bearings, constructing scour countermeasure at the piers, and replacing abutment backwalls, wingwalls, and deck joints. The superstructure replacement is preferred over deck replacement due to the risks associated with the existing steel framing with an accelerated construction schedule. The superstructure replacement also provides a greater service life than deck replacement. Impacts to the channel and banks of the Swift River are identical for the deck and superstructure replacement alternatives. The superstructure replacement was determined to be the selected alternative.

1.3.3 Full Bridge Replacement

This alternative replaces the existing bridge in its entirety with a single span bridge. Existing piers would be removed and would therefore not require scour countermeasure. While this alternative would eliminate the need for the scour countermeasures, impacts to the channel and banks of the Swift River would still be required for construction access and removal of the existing bridge piers. This alternative was not considered further due to impacts to the project schedule and increased costs associated with complete replacement. This alternative is also not warranted due to the satisfactory condition of the existing substructure, the adequate hydraulic capacity of the bridge, and lack of obstructions to aquatic organism passage.

1.3.4 Scour Countermeasure Alternatives

Multiple scour countermeasures were considered, including A-Jacks concrete armor units installed at existing grade, embedded A-Jacks, and embedded partially grouted riprap (PGR). PGR was selected as the preferred scour protection method due to the existing site conditions, channel velocities, and the size of the substrate. The PGR is more durable and less prone to damage than the A-Jacks from large cobbles and boulders potentially mobilized during higher flows and increased channel velocities. The embedded material will approximately match the grade of the existing streambed and will not result in a constriction of the channel at the bridge location. For these reasons the embedded PGR was selected as the preferred scour countermeasure.

2.0 Existing Conditions

2.1 Roadway & Bridge

Bridge No. 061/091 is a 3-span steel beam bridge with a reinforced concrete deck that was originally constructed in 1956. The bridge has two 48' end spans and a 56' center span, totaling 152-feet, and a curb-to-curb width of 24'-6" and an out-to-out of 27'-6". The existing roadway is classified as a Tier 4 highway and consists of two 11'-0" travel lanes and roughly 1'-0" shoulders for a total roadway width of about 24'-0". NH Route 113A has an Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) of 448 vehicles with 10% trucks based on 2017 traffic counts.

2.2 *Jurisdictional Resources*

A wetlands and surface waters delineation was completed by McFarland-Johnson, Inc. on May 6, 2020. Two palustrine forested wetlands were delineated north of Bridge No. 061/091 on both the east and west sides of NH Route 113A. A palustrine emergent roadside ditch wetland associated with an intermittent stream was also delineated north of the existing bridge. No vernal pools were identified in the vicinity of the proposed project during the May 2020 delineation.

The Swift River is the most prominent surface water in the vicinity of the project. The ordinary high water and top of bank of the Swift River were delineated. At the location of Bridge No. 061/091, the Swift River is a fourth order, perennial stream, with a watershed area of approximately 25.3 square miles. The stream crossing is classified as a Tier 3 stream crossing based on the watershed size pursuant to the NHDES Stream Crossing Rules (Env-Wt 900). The Swift River has a Cowardin Classification of R3UB1H.

According to the NHDES Wetlands Permit Planning Tool (WPPT) there are no Priority Resource Areas (PRAs) mapped in the vicinity of the proposed project.

According to the WPPT and the 2020 NH Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) mapping, the Swift River is identified as a Cold Water Fishery, a stream containing a Species of Conservation Concern, and an Eastern Brook Trout stream.

2.3 *Rare Species / Fish and Wildlife*

2.3.1 NH Natural Heritage Bureau

The proposed project was submitted to and reviewed by the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) via the online NHB DataCheck Tool on October 13, 2021. The NHB DataCheck Results Letter (NHB21-3208) dated October 19, 2021, indicated that although there was a NHB record (e.g. rare wildlife, plant, and/or natural community) present in the vicinity of the proposed action, NHB does not anticipate any impacts from the proposed action.

2.3.2 US Fish and Wildlife Service

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) planning tool was accessed on February 4, 2022, and an Official Species List was generated for the proposed project area (see attached USFWS Official Species List). According USFWS Official Species List, the proposed project is located within the range of the federally threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), as well as the monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*), a candidate species currently undergoing review for potential listing. The project was evaluated using the IPaC-Assisted Determination Key for the FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Biological Opinion for Transportation Projects in the Range of the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat. Based on the proposed action it was determined that the project may affect and is likely to adversely affect the NLEB due to potential tree clearing and proposed bridge work during the active season for NLEB. The USFWS confirmed that the project is consistent with the Programmatic Biological Opinion and is therefore not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the northern long-eared bat.

2.3.3 NH Wildlife Action Plan

The NHF&G developed the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan (WAP), which includes ranked habitat tiers that identify the highest quality habitats across the state. The NHF&G created the WAP habitat tiers based on NHF&G biological data, landscape data, and human influence/disturbance information. Habitats are separated into three ranking tiers including, 1) Highest Ranked Habitat in the State, 2) Highest Ranked Habitat in the Biological Region, and 3) Supporting Landscapes.

According to the 2020 WAP mapping, the proposed project is located within an area identified as Highest Ranked Habitat in the State (see Figure 4 – NH WAP Habitat Tiers Map). The WAP habitat mapping is a coarse filter, landscape level mapping tool, and while Highest Ranked Habitat in the State is identified within the project limits along the Swift River and the adjacent forested areas, the proposed project is located in a previously disturbed area associated with the existing bridge and NH Route 113A roadway corridor. Impacts on wildlife from the proposed action will be temporary and short-term in nature (the project is anticipated to require 1-2 months to complete). The proposed action is not anticipated to result in any changes to terrestrial wildlife or aquatic organism passage or connectivity at the bridge location.

2.4 Floodplains and Floodways

There are no Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mapped regulatory floodway or 100-year floodplains associated with the Swift River in the vicinity of the proposed action.

2.5 Cultural and Historic Resources

The proposed action was reviewed by the NHDOT Cultural Resources Staff on February 11, 2020, under the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, Appendix B Certification – Activities with Minimal Potential to Cause Effects, and a No Historic Properties Affected determination was reached.

3.0 Proposed Project

The following sections describe the proposed work, resource area impacts, avoidance and minimization measures, and additional components of the project.

3.1 Bridge Repairs and Replacement

The proposed project includes the replacement of the existing superstructure of Bridge No. 061/091. In addition to the superstructure replacement, the project also includes the removal and replacement of the abutment beam seats, backwalls, wingwalls, minor modifications to the pier caps, installation of new bridge bearings, and installation of new bridge rail and approach rail. The proposed bridge rehabilitation and repair work is located outside of jurisdictional resource areas and is not anticipated to result in any impacts to wetlands, surface waters, or banks.

3.2 Scour Countermeasures

In order to protect the existing bridge infrastructure, the proposed project includes the installation of PGR around the existing bridge piers. The proposed PGR will be installed at a depth of approximately 2'-0"

thick and will extend approximately 6'-0" from the face of the bridge piers on the channel sides and approximately 7'-6" from the face of the piers on the bank sides. The PGR will be embedded approximately two feet in order to match the approximate grade of the existing streambed.

Access to the northern bridge pier is limited by right-of-way (ROW) constraints and steep grades along the northern side of the Swift River making it a challenge to access this area with equipment and machinery required to install the scour protection. Based on the existing ROW and grades, it is anticipated that the contractor will utilize the southeast bridge quadrant to access the bridge piers for the installation of the PGR. In order to access the northern bridge pier, wooden construction mats will be placed across the channel during low flow conditions in order to move machinery and materials across the channel to access the northern pier and install the PGR. The use of construction mats was discussed with NHDES at prior NHDOT Resource Agency Coordination Meetings and NHDES staff concurred with this approach.

Temporary water diversion structures will be installed around the proposed in-water work areas within the channel of the Swift River. All in-water work will be completed during low flow conditions and outside the October 1 – March 31 work window for documented cold water fishery [Env-Wt 307.10(g)(1)]. The temporary water diversion structure will likely consist of large sandbag cofferdams but will ultimately be determined by the means and methods of the selected contractor. Flow in the Swift River will be maintained throughout the duration of construction. Approximately 17'-6" of the middle of the channel or approximately 33 percent of the total width of the channel at the bridge location will remain open with the water diversion structures installed. This will allow for flow and fish/aquatic organism passage to be maintained throughout the duration of the project.

3.3 Drainage Outfall

There is an existing drainage outfall located under the bridge near the top of bank on the southern side of the river. The proposed project will replace the existing deteriorated pipe and construct a new headwall and install a stone outlet pad. The proposed improvements will repair and eliminate the erosion and scour that is currently occurring along the southern bank of the Swift River caused by the deteriorated drainage outlet.

3.4 Wetland and Surface Water Impacts

3.4.1 Wetlands

The existing wetlands that were delineated north of the project are not anticipated to be impacted by the proposed project. The proposed project does not involve palustrine wetland impacts.

3.4.2 Vernal Pools

No vernal pools were identified within the Study Area or were observed in the vicinity of the proposed project.

3.4.3 Surface Waters

The proposed project is anticipated to result in 493 SF / 46 LF of permanent channel impacts associated with the installation of the PGR around the existing bridge piers for scour protection. The installation of the PGR will also result in 532 SF / 70 LF of permanent bank impacts. An additional 75 SF / 9 LF of

permanent bank impacts are associated with the installation of the stone outlet pad for the existing drainage outlet. Permanent impacts total 1,100 SF / 125 LF.

In addition to the proposed permanent impacts, temporary impacts are required for construction access and the installation of perimeter controls including the temporary water diversion structures. The proposed project will result in 3,181 SF / 82 LF of temporary channel impacts, and 1,682 SF / 185 LF of temporary bank impacts. Temporary impacts and disturbed areas will be restored following the completion of construction.

3.5 Avoidance and Minimization Measures

Avoidance and minimization measures were limited by the location of the existing infrastructure as well as the need for scour protection and repairs to the existing drainage outlet. Multiple bridge replacement/rehabilitation alternatives were considered as well as multiple scour countermeasures. The selected alternatives minimized the impacts to the maximum extent practicable. The footprint of the proposed PGR was reduced to the smallest area that would provide the necessary scour protection based on the hydraulics at the site. Flow within the channel of the Swift River will be maintained throughout the duration of the project, minimizing impacts to fish and other aquatic organisms. Temporary water diversion structures and soil erosion and sediment controls will also help reduce water quality impacts from the proposed project.

3.6 Water Quality

Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented throughout the duration of construction to avoid and minimize any potential water quality impacts. In-water work including the installation of the PGR as well as placement of construction mats for crossing the channel will be completed during low flow conditions. Excavation around the existing piers and the installation of the PGR will be completed behind temporary cofferdams to minimize turbidity releases or other negative water quality impacts.

Consistent with prior NHDOT projects involving the use of PGR, a Special Provision for the PGR will be included in the Prosecution of Work. The special provision will specify the construction requirements including specific procedures for water quality monitoring and grout washing. Water quality, including pH, will be monitored throughout the duration of the grouting process to minimize quality impacts as outlined in the Special Provision.

Construction mats and the machinery used to install them will be required to be clean and free of any dirt or other debris prior to placement within the channel. The mats and any heavy machinery used to install them shall be inspected for and cleaned of all vegetative matter by a method and in a location that prevents the spread of the vegetative matter to jurisdictional areas. Construction mats will be properly installed and not dragged into position. The contractor will likely construct a temporary bridge-like crossing structure out of the crane mats in order to access the northern bridge pier with equipment and machinery required to install the PGR and complete the project. The proposed use of crane mats is assumed to have less of an impact on the stream and water quality compared to the construction of a

temporary causeway or other more substantial crossing structure. Construction mats will be removed immediately following the completion of the work.

3.7 *Right-of Way*

The NHDOT is evaluating the potential need for a temporary construction easement in the NW bridge quadrant. This area would aid in the constructability of the project and allow for an additional access point to the northern bridge pier. The lands outside the ROW located in the NW bridge quadrant are part of Hemenway State Forest and are owned and operated by the State of New Hampshire's Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR). This area is currently cleared and appears to be maintained as part of the existing NH Route 113A corridor and therefore, tree clearing is not anticipated. Following the completion of the bridge rehabilitation/replacement, disturbed areas will be restored using a slope seed mix and red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) shrubs will be planted along the banks in order to help stabilize the slopes and revegetate the stream banks.

Preliminary coordination with DNCR has occurred and they are aware of the proposed project and impacts. The NHDOT will continue to coordinate with DNCR regarding impacts outside the ROW, and will secure all necessary authorization and approvals for impacts outside the ROW prior to the start of construction.

4.0 Mitigation

Based on discussion and comments received from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) staff at the October 20, 2021 and March 16, 2022 NHDOT Natural Resource Agency Coordination Meetings, the proposed project is considered maintenance and repairs to protect existing infrastructure and, therefore, mitigation is not required for the proposed impacts. However, a planting plan was developed in order to help restore the project area and revegetate the banks. A total of 50 red-osier dogwood shrubs are proposed to be planted along the stream banks to help stabilize and revegetate these areas following construction.

NHDES Avoidance and Minimization Checklist



AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION CHECKLIST

Water Division/Land Resources Management Wetlands Bureau



[Check the Status of your Application](#)

RSA/Rule: RSA 482-A/ Env-Wt 311.07(c)

This checklist can be used in lieu of the written narrative required by Env-Wt 311.07(a) to demonstrate compliance with requirements for Avoidance and Minimization (A/M), pursuant to RSA 482-A:1 and Env-Wt 311.07(c).

For the construction or modification of non-tidal shoreline structures over areas of surface waters without wetland vegetation, complete only Sections 1, 2, and 4 (or the applicable sections in [Attachment A: Minor and Major Projects \(NHDES-W-06-013\)](#)).

The following definitions and abbreviations apply to this worksheet:

- “A/M BMPs” stands for [Wetlands Best Management Practice Techniques for Avoidance and Minimization](#) dated 2019, published by the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (Env-Wt 102.18).
- “Practicable” means available and capable of being done after taking into consideration cost, existing technology, and logistics in light of overall project purposes (Env-Wt 103.62).

SECTION 1 - CONTACT/LOCATION INFORMATION		
APPLICANT LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: NH Department of Transportation, Attn: Jennifer Reczek		
PROJECT STREET ADDRESS: Bridge No. 061/091 / NH Route 113A	PROJECT TOWN: Tamworth	
TAX MAP/LOT NUMBER: ROW		
SECTION 2 - PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT		
Env-Wt 311.07(b)(1)	Indicate whether the primary purpose of the project is to construct a water-access structure or requires access through wetlands to reach a buildable lot or the buildable portion thereof.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p>If you answered “no” to this question, describe the purpose of the “non-access” project type you have proposed:</p> <p>The purpose of the proposed project is to replace the deteriorating bridge superstructure and install scour protection around the existing piers in order to maintain a structurally sound and safe crossing structure. The proposed project also involves replacing an existing drainage outlet along the southern bank of the Swift River to address the deteriorating outfall that is currently contributing to bank erosion.</p>		

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SECTION 3 - A/M PROJECT DESIGN TECHNIQUES		
Check the appropriate boxes below in order to demonstrate that these items have been considered in the planning of the project. Use N/A (not applicable) for each technique that is not applicable to your project.		
Env-Wt 311.07(b)(2)	For any project that proposes new permanent impacts of more than one acre or that proposes new permanent impacts to a Priority Resource Area (PRA), or both, whether any other properties reasonably available to the applicant, whether already owned or controlled by the applicant or not, could be used to achieve the project's purpose without altering the functions and values of any jurisdictional area, in particular wetlands, streams, and PRAs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 311.07(b)(3)	Whether alternative designs or techniques, such as different layouts, construction sequencing, or alternative technologies could be used to avoid impacts to jurisdictional areas or their functions and values.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 311.07(b)(4) Env-Wt 311.10(c)(1) Env-Wt 311.10(c)(2)	The results of the functional assessment required by Env-Wt 311.03(b)(10) were used to select the location and design for the proposed project that has the least impact to wetland functions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 311.07(b)(4) Env-Wt 311.10(c)(3)	Where impacts to wetland functions are unavoidable, the proposed impacts are limited to the wetlands with the least valuable functions on the site while avoiding and minimizing impacts to the wetlands with the highest and most valuable functions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 313.01(c)(1) Env-Wt 313.01(c)(2) Env-Wt 313.03(b)(1)	No practicable alternative would reduce adverse impact on the area and environments under the department's jurisdiction and the project will not cause random or unnecessary destruction of wetlands.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 313.01(c)(3)	The project would not cause or contribute to the significant degradation of waters of the state or the loss of any PRAs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 313.03(b)(3) Env-Wt 904.07(c)(8)	The project maintains hydrologic connectivity between adjacent wetlands or stream systems.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 311.10 A/M BMPs	Buildings and/or access are positioned away from high function wetlands or surface waters to avoid impact.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 311.10 A/M BMPs	The project clusters structures to avoid wetland impacts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 311.10 A/M BMPs	The placement of roads and utility corridors avoids wetlands and their associated streams.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
A/M BMPs	The width of access roads or driveways is reduced to avoid and minimize impacts. Pullouts are incorporated in the design as needed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
A/M BMPs	The project proposes bridges or spans instead of roads/driveways/trails with culverts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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A/M BMPs	The project is designed to minimize the number and size of crossings, and crossings cross wetlands and/or streams at the narrowest point.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 500 Env-Wt 600 Env-Wt 900	Wetland and stream crossings include features that accommodate aquatic organism and wildlife passage.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 900	Stream crossings are sized to address hydraulic capacity and geomorphic compatibility.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
A/M BMPs	Disturbed areas are used for crossings wherever practicable, including existing roadways, paths, or trails upgraded with new culverts or bridges.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
SECTION 4 - NON-TIDAL SHORELINE STRUCTURES		
Env-Wt 313.03(c)(1)	The non-tidal shoreline structure has been designed to use the minimum construction surface area over surfaces waters necessary to meet the stated purpose of the structure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 313.03(c)(2)	The type of construction proposed for the non-tidal shoreline structure is the least intrusive upon the public trust that will ensure safe navigation and docking on the frontage.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 313.03(c)(3)	The non-tidal shoreline structure has been designed to avoid and minimize impacts on the ability of abutting owners to use and enjoy their properties.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 313.03(c)(4)	The non-tidal shoreline structure has been designed to avoid and minimize impacts to the public's right to navigation, passage, and use of the resource for commerce and recreation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 313.03(c)(5)	The non-tidal shoreline structure has been designed, located, and configured to avoid impacts to water quality, aquatic vegetation, and wildlife and finfish habitat.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Env-Wt 313.03(c)(6)	The non-tidal shoreline structure has been designed to avoid and minimize the removal of vegetation, the number of access points through wetlands or over the bank, and activities that may have an adverse effect on shoreline stability.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

NHDES Avoidance and Minimization Written Narrative



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RSA/ Rule: RSA 482-A/ Env-Wt 311.04(j); Env-Wt 311.07; Env-Wt 313.01(a)(1)b; Env-Wt 313.01(c)

APPLICANT'S NAME: NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **TOWN NAME:** TAMWORTH

An applicant for a standard permit shall submit with the permit application a written narrative that explains how all impacts to functions and values of all jurisdictional areas have been avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable. This attachment can be used to guide the narrative (attach additional pages if needed). Alternatively, the applicant may attach a completed [Avoidance and Minimization Checklist \(NHDES-W-06-050\)](#) to the permit application.

SECTION 1 - WATER ACCESS STRUCTURES (Env-Wt 311.07(b)(1))

Is the primary purpose of the proposed project to construct a water access structure?

NO

SECTION 2 - BUILDABLE LOT (Env-Wt 311.07(b)(1))

Does the proposed project require access through wetlands to reach a buildable lot or portion thereof?

NO

SECTION 3 - AVAILABLE PROPERTY (Env-Wt 311.07(b)(2))*

For any project that proposes permanent impacts of more than one acre, or that proposes permanent impacts to a PRA, or both, are any other properties reasonably available to the applicant, whether already owned or controlled by the applicant or not, that could be used to achieve the project's purpose without altering the functions and values of any jurisdictional area, in particular wetlands, streams, and PRAs?

**Except as provided in any project-specific criteria and except for NH Department of Transportation projects that qualify for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act.*

NOT APPLICABLE

SECTION 4 - ALTERNATIVES (Env-Wt 311.07(b)(3))

Could alternative designs or techniques, such as different layouts, different construction sequencing, or alternative technologies be used to avoid impacts to jurisdictional areas or their functions and values as described in the [Wetlands Best Management Practice Techniques For Avoidance and Minimization?](#)

The superstructure replacement alternative was selected because the existing piers and abutments are in satisfactory condition. Compared to full bridge replacement, the selected alternative reduced channel and bank impacts, overall construction costs, and traffic impacts. Complete superstructure replacement was also selected over deck replacement because it eliminated some of the risks and constructability concerns involved with reusing the existing steel beams.

Multiple scour protection alternatives were also considered including A-Jack concrete armor units installed on top of the existing grade, embedded A-Jacks, and embedded partially grouted riprap (PGR). The PGR was selected as the preferred scour countermeasure alternative due to the existing site conditions including the large cobble/boulder substrate and high water velocities particularly during flood flows. The embedded PGR material is stronger, more durable, and resistant to damage from large cobbles and boulders that could be mobilized during higher flows. The embedded PGR material provides a smaller footprint than dumped riprap, and is comparable to the footprint of the A-Jacks. The footprint of the PGR was minimized to the maximum extent practicable while still providing adequate scour protection for the existing bridge footings.

SECTION 5 - CONFORMANCE WITH Env-Wt 311.10(c) (Env-Wt 311.07(b)(4))**

How does the project conform to Env-Wt 311.10(c)?

***Except for projects solely limited to construction or modification of non-tidal shoreline structures only need to complete relevant sections of Attachment A.*

The location of the proposed impacts was constrained by the location of the existing infrastructure and bridge piers. The footprint of the permanent impacts associated with the scour protection was minimized to the maximum extent practicable, while still providing the necessary scour protection for the existing bridge pier footings. The proposed scour protection was designed to be embedded to match the existing grade in order to avoid constricting the channel at the bridge location.

NHDOT Natural Resource Agency Coordination Meeting Minutes

BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: NHDOT Monthly Natural Resource Agency Coordination Meeting

DATE OF CONFERENCE: October 20, 2021

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE: Virtual meeting held via Zoom

ATTENDED BY:

NHDOT

Andrew O’Sullivan
Matt Urban
Mark Hemmerlein
Rebecca Martin
Marc Lauren
Tobey Reynolds

ACOE

Mike Hicks

EPA

Jeanie Brochi

NHDES

Lori Sommer
Karl Benedict

NHB

Jessica Bouchard

NH Fish & Game

Carol Henderson

Federal Highway

Absent

The Nature Conservancy

Pete Steckler

Consultants/ Public

Participants

Gregory Goodrich
Jason Hilton
Hannah Beato
Peter Walker

Dave Cloutier

Sam White

Joshua Lund

John Stockton

Anna Giraldi

Jim Bouchard

Sam Cheney

Ron Kleiner

Kyle Fox

Chris Fournier

Trevor Ricker

Tucker Gordon

Bob Landry

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Tamworth, #41434 (X-A004(636))

Stephen Hoffmann introduced the Tamworth 41434 project involving the replacement of the superstructure of the NH Route 113A Bridge over the Swift River (Bridge No. 061/091) in Tamworth, New Hampshire. The existing bridge was constructed in 1956 and consists of a 3-span, concrete deck supported by steel beams founded on concrete piers and abutments. The existing span lengths are 48' between the abutment and piers and 56' between the two piers. The deck is in serious condition and has been included on the State Red List since 2015. The bridge has also been identified as a scour critical bridge, meaning that the estimated scour depths extend below the bottom of the existing pier footings.

Wetlands and surface waters were delineated in May 2020 including the ordinary high water and top of bank of the Swift River. At the location of the NH Route 113A bridge the Swift River is a perennial, fourth order stream, with a watershed size of 25.3 square miles. Based on the watershed size the stream crossing is classified as a Tier 3 crossing under the NHDES stream crossing rules. This segment of the Swift River is also subject to jurisdiction under the NHDES Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. There are no Priority Resource Areas mapped in the vicinity of the bridge, and there are no mapped FEMA 100-year floodplain or regulatory floodway associated with the Swift River. The NHB DataCheck Results Letter indicated that the proposed project is not anticipated to impact any state listed rare species or natural communities. The USFWS Official Species List indicated that the proposed project is within the range of the northern long-eared bat and small whorled pogonia. Hemenway State Forest is also located in close proximity to the bridge, but no property impacts are anticipated. Additional coordination with NH DNCR will occur.

In addition to the superstructure replacement the proposed project also includes scour countermeasures consisting of A-Jacks concrete armor units being placed around the two existing bridge piers. Each A-Jacks bundle is approximately 3' x 5' and each unit is 1.5' deep/high. The A-Jacks are currently proposed to be installed around both bridge piers on the existing grade. This method is more conducive to the accelerated bridge construction (ABC) schedule and requires less time and less disturbance within the Swift River. Sheet pile cofferdams are not feasible at this location due to the construction schedule and rocky substrate. There is a possibility for using other water diversion methods such as sandbags. The proposed project is anticipated to result in approximately 760 SF / 65 LF of permanent channel impacts and 760 SF / 76 LF of permanent bank impacts associated with the installation of the scour protection. Additional temporary impacts will be required for construction access, and additional permanent bank impacts will be required for the repair/replacement of an existing drainage outlet located on the southern bank. Access will likely be from the southern bank due to right-of-way constraints on the northern side. However, a temporary causeway or other means of access to the northern side may be required and will be evaluated further. Mr. Hoffmann asked for input/suggestions from the agencies on this issue.

Based on the current project schedule, permitting is anticipated to be completed in the Spring of 2022 with final contract plans and advertising in October 2022. Construction would likely begin in Spring 2023.

Discussion / Agency Comments:

Karl Benedict expressed concerns with the placement of the A-Jacks above grade in regard to a reduction in the channel width as well as the long-term permanent impacts associated with the placement of unnatural materials within the stream channel. He requested that the avoidance and minimization procedures be reviewed and to further consider installing the A-Jacks subgrade with natural streambed material overtop. Mr. Benedict also suggested possibly using temporary construction mats to cross the channel with equipment during low flows instead of constructing a causeway. Mr. Benedict also commented that a water diversion plan and bank restoration/planting plan would be required during permitting.

Mr. Hoffmann said that the project team would take a closer look at the possibility of embedding the scour protection to see if this request could be accommodated.

Lori Sommer asked for clarification on an earlier comment that Sam White had made regarding the pier foundations. Sam clarified that the existing piers were supported by spread footings founded on earth, and that no piles are present under the piers. This lack of redundancy furthers the need for implementation of a scour countermeasure such as A-Jacks. Ms. Sommer indicated that the placement of A-Jacks for scour protection is considered a repair or work to protect existing infrastructure and therefore mitigation would not be required for these impacts. Ms. Sommer also concurred with Mr. Benedict's suggestion of utilizing temporary construction mats.

Carol Henderson commented that it would be beneficial to minimize impacts from narrowing the channel.

Mike Hicks had no comment.

Jessica Bouchard had no comment.

Pete Steckler suggested possibly using a crane to lift equipment and materials across the channel to access the northern side of the river. Mr. Hoffmann explained that this was something that had been suggested but the project team was not sure whether this would be possible.

**BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENT
CONFERENCE REPORT**

SUBJECT: NHDOT Monthly Natural Resource Agency Coordination Meeting

DATE OF CONFERENCE: March 16, 2022

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE: Virtual meeting held via Zoom

ATTENDED BY:

NHDOT

Andrew O’Sullivan

Matt Urban

Jon Evans

Joshua Brown

Julie Avenant

Margaret Baldwin

Michael Mozer

Jennifer Reczek

Meli Dube

Jason Ayotte

Gerard Bedard

John Stockton

Anthony Weatherbee

Hannah Gibson

Jason Tremblay

ACOE

Mike Hicks

EPA

Jean Brochi

NHDES

Karl Benedict

Lori Sommer

Christian Williams

NHB

Jessica Bouchard

NH Fish & Game

John Magee

Federal Highway

Jamie Sikora

The Nature Conservancy

Pete Steckler

Consultants/ Public

Participants

David McNamara

Lee Carbonneau

Stephen Hoffman

Sam White

Evan Lowell

Christine Perron

Brian Gargan

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Tamworth, #41434 (X-A004(636)):**NOTES ON MEETING:**

Stephen Hoffmann reintroduced the Tamworth 41434 project involving the replacement of the superstructure of the NH Route 113A Bridge over the Swift River (Bridge No. 061/091) in Tamworth, New Hampshire. The project was previously discussed at the October 20, 2021, resource agency meeting. The proposed bridge rehabilitation project involves the replacement of the existing bridge superstructure, abutment beam seats, backwalls, and wingwalls, minor modifications to the pier caps, installation of new bridge bearings and minor modifications to the existing roadway approaches including the installation of new approach guardrail. The proposed project will also include the installation of partially grouted riprap (PGR) around the two existing bridge piers and the rehabilitation/replacement of an existing drainage outfall on the southern bank. The proposed project is anticipated to be completed utilizing Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) techniques and is anticipated to require an approximate one to two month road/bridge closure.

At the location of the NH Route 113A bridge, the Swift River is a perennial, fourth order stream, with a watershed size of 25.3 square miles. Based on the watershed size, the stream crossing is classified as a Tier 3 crossing under the NHDES stream crossing rules. This segment of the Swift River is also subject to jurisdiction under the NHDES Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. There are no Priority Resource Areas mapped in the vicinity of the bridge, and there are no mapped FEMA 100-year floodplain or regulatory floodway associated with the Swift River. At the location of the proposed project the Swift River is identified as a cold water fishery as well as an eastern brook trout water. Mr. Hoffmann clarified that no dredging or in-water work will occur between October 1 and March 31 in order to comply with Env-Wt 307.10 (g)(1).

The NHB DataCheck Results Letter indicated that the proposed project is not anticipated to impact any state listed rare species or natural communities. Consultation with the USFWS regarding northern long-eared bat has been completed under the FHWA programmatic biological opinion.

Hemenway State Forest is located adjacent to the project area on both the east and west sides of NH Route 113A. Preliminary coordination with DNCR has occurred and the primary concern was ensuring that the public and local residents received adequate notification of the proposed project and impacts on surrounding areas. At the time of the October 20, 2021, it was assumed that ROW impacts would not be required. However, impacts outside the ROW may be required on DNCR lands in the northwest bridge quadrant for a temporary construction easement. If impacts are required additional coordination with DNCR will occur.

The scour countermeasures originally proposed at the October 20, 2021 meeting consisted of A-Jacks concrete armor units installed at existing grade. Comments from the resource agencies at the previous meeting requested that the design team evaluate the possibility of embedding the A-Jacks to avoid constricting the channel. The design team reevaluated the proposed scour countermeasures and determined that PGR was a more appropriate material for the specific site conditions given the existing substrate and channel velocities. The footprint of the PGR is similar to that required for the A-Jacks, and the PGR addressed the durability concerns regarding

the use of A-Jacks for this site. The PGR will extend approximately six feet from the face of the existing piers on the channel side, and approximately 7’-6” on the bank side. The proposed PGR will also be embedded so that the final grade will roughly match the existing grade.

The proposed project is anticipated to result in the following permanent impacts:

	<u>Permanent (SF/LF)</u>	<u>Temporary (SF/LF)</u>
Channel	493 / 46	3,181 / 82
Right Bank (Northern)	245 / 35	658 / 95
Left Bank (Southern)	<u>362 / 44</u>	<u>1,024 / 90</u>
	1,100 / 125	4,863 / 267

Permanent impacts are associated with the installation of the PGR around the existing bridge piers as well as the replacement of the existing drainage outlet and installation of a stone outlet pad. Temporary impacts are associated with construction access and temporary water diversion structures associated with the PGR installation. Due to ROW limitations and existing grades, the contractor will likely access the project area via the SE bridge quadrant. As previously discussed at the October 20, 2021 meeting, it is anticipated that the contractor will cross the Swift River using timber crane mats to access the northern pier. Water diversion will likely consist of temporary sandbag cofferdams (or similar) installed around the proposed footprint of the PGR. In-water work will be completed during low flow conditions likely between late June 2023 – early August 2023. With the water diversion in place, approximately 17’-6” or 33% of the channel will remain open to maintain flow and aquatic organism passage.

Based on the current project schedule, permitting is anticipated to be completed in the Spring of 2022 with final contract plans and advertising in October 2022. Construction would likely begin in Spring 2023. The project will be permitted as a Standard Dredge and Fill Permit with a Major Impact Project classification. Based on prior discussions with NHDES, it is assumed that the project qualifies as maintenance or repairs to protect existing infrastructure and therefore, it is assumed that no mitigation will be required for the proposed impacts.

Discussion / Agency Comments:

Karl Benedict requested that the permit application provide details on the use of crane mats for crossing the channel to access the northern pier, including a description of the sequencing and erosion controls. Mr. Benedict concurred with the permitting approach, Major classification, Tier 3 stream crossing, and that the work is considered repairs/rehabilitation to an existing structure.

Lori Sommer confirmed that no mitigation would be required since the project involves the protection of existing infrastructure. Ms. Sommer added that if DNCR lands in the NW bridge quadrant are impacted during construction, DES would like to see a restoration plan detailing how this area would be restored.

John Magee asked for confirmation that the proposed PGR would be installed to match existing grades. Mr. Hoffmann confirmed that this material will be embedded, and final grades will approximately match the existing grades with minor deviations due to the larger substrate size.

Mike Hicks asked about USCG coordination and Section 106 consultation. Mr. Hoffmann explained that NHDOT was coordinating with the USCG and that Section 106 Consultation had been completed under DOT's Programmatic Agreement.

Jessica Bouchard confirmed that a NHB occurrence was located in the vicinity, but no impacts were anticipated from the proposed project.

Pete Steckler and Jeannie Brochi had no additional comments.

Jon Evans added that he wanted to discuss the proposed project with Darrell Elliot and the Bureau of Construction to talk about the constructability of the project. Mr. Evans also added that potential impacts to the State Forest lands would require additional coordination with FHWA regarding 4(f) as this was not discussed in the initial review. Mr. Hoffmann explained that the potential ROW impacts had recently been identified and have not been finalized at this time. However, additional coordination with DNCR and FHWA will occur if impacts are required. Jamie Sikora concurred with this approach, and Christine Perron asked if the entire state forest would be considered a Section 4(f) Resource. Mr. Sikora confirmed that the State Forest is multi-use public land that would not necessarily be protected under Section 4(f) and that only specific components of the State Forest such as trails and parking areas could potentially be considered a protected resource.

Submitted by:

Stephen Hoffmann
McFarland Johnson, Inc.

Wetlands Functional Assessment Worksheet



WETLANDS FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

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RSA/Rule: RSA 482-A / Env-Wt 311.03(b)(10); Env-Wt 311.10

APPLICANT LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

As required by Env-Wt 311.03(b)(10), an application for a standard permit for minor and major projects must include a functional assessment of all wetlands on the project site as specified in Env-Wt 311.10. This worksheet will help you compile data for the functional assessment needed to meet federal (US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE); if applicable) and NHDES requirements. Additional requirements are needed for projects in tidal area; please refer to the [Coastal Area Worksheet \(NHDES-W-06-079\)](#) for more information.

Both a desktop review and a field examination are needed to accurately determine surrounding land use, hydrology, hydroperiod, hydric soils, vegetation, structural complexity of wetland classes, hydrologic connections between wetlands or stream systems or wetland complex, position in the landscape, and physical characteristics of wetlands and associated surface waters. The results of the evaluation are to be used to select the location of the proposed project having the least impact to wetland functions and values (Env-Wt 311.10). This worksheet can be used in conjunction with the [Avoidance and Minimization Written Narrative \(NHDES-W-06-089\)](#) and the [Avoidance and Minimization Checklist \(NHDES-W-06-050\)](#) to address Env-Wt 313.03 (Avoidance and Minimization). If more than one wetland/ stream resource is identified, multiple worksheets can be attached to the application. All wetland, vernal pools, and stream identification (ID) numbers are to be displayed and located on the wetlands delineation of the subject property.

SECTION 1 - LOCATION (USACE HIGHWAY METHODOLOGY)	
ADJACENT LAND USE: FORESTED / TRANSPORTATION	
CONTIGUOUS UNDEVELOPED BUFFER ZONE PRESENT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST ROADWAY OR OTHER DEVELOPMENT (in feet): 0'	
SECTION 2 - DELINEATION (USACE HIGHWAY METHODOLOGY; Env-Wt 311.10)	
CERTIFIED WETLAND SCIENTIST (if in a non-tidal area) or QUALIFIED COASTAL PROFESSIONAL (if in a tidal area) who prepared this assessment: Stephen Hoffmann (CWS No. 00306)	
DATE(S) OF SITE VISIT(S): 05/06/2020	DELINEATION PER ENV-WT 406 COMPLETED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
CONFIRM THAT THE EVALUATION IS BASED ON: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field examination.	
METHOD USED FOR FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT (check one and fill in blank if "other"): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USACE Highway Methodology. <input type="checkbox"/> Other scientifically supported method (enter name/ title):	

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SECTION 3 - WETLAND RESOURCE SUMMARY (USACE HIGHWAY METHODOLOGY; Env-Wt 311.10)	
WETLAND ID: Swift River	LOCATION: (LAT/ LONG) 43.89225/-71.29813
WETLAND AREA: N/A - Stream Channel	DOMINANT WETLAND SYSTEMS PRESENT: Perennial Stream
HOW MANY TRIBUTARIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE WETLAND? 3	COWARDIN CLASS: R3UB1H
IS THE WETLAND A SEPARATE HYDRAULIC SYSTEM? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No if not, where does the wetland lie in the drainage basin? MID	IS THE WETLAND PART OF: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A wildlife corridor or <input type="checkbox"/> A habitat island?
IS THE WETLAND IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IS THE WETLAND HUMAN-MADE? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
ARE ANY WETLANDS PART OF A STREAM OR OPEN-WATER SYSTEM? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	ARE VERNAL POOLS PRESENT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, complete the Vernal Pool Table)
PROPOSED WETLAND IMPACT TYPE: Fill (riprap)	ARE ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE WELLS DOWNSTREAM/ DOWNGRADIANT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	PROPOSED WETLAND IMPACT AREA: 1,100 SF
SECTION 4 - WETLANDS FUNCTIONS AND VALUES (USACE HIGHWAY METHODOLOGY; Env-Wt 311.10)	
<p>The following table can be used to compile data on wetlands functions and values. The reference numbers indicated in the "Functions/ Values" column refer to the following functions and values:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ecological Integrity (from RSA 482-A:2, XI) 2. Educational Potential (from USACE Highway Methodology: Educational/Scientific Value) 3. Fish & Aquatic Life Habitat (from USACE Highway Methodology: Fish & Shellfish Habitat) 4. Flood Storage (from USACE Highway Methodology: Floodflow Alteration) 5. Groundwater Recharge (from USACE Highway Methodology: Groundwater Recharge/Discharge) 6. Noteworthiness (from USACE Highway Methodology: Threatened or Endangered Species Habitat) 7. Nutrient Trapping/Retention & Transformation (from USACE Highway Methodology: Nutrient Removal) 8. Production Export (Nutrient) (from USACE Highway Methodology) 9. Scenic Quality (from USACE Highway Methodology: Visual Quality/Aesthetics) 10. Sediment Trapping (from USACE Highway Methodology: Sediment /Toxicant Retention) 11. Shoreline Anchoring (from USACE Highway Methodology: Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization) 12. Uniqueness/Heritage (from USACE Highway Methodology) 13. Wetland-based Recreation (from USACE Highway Methodology: Recreation) 14. Wetland-dependent Wildlife Habitat (from USACE Highway Methodology: Wildlife Habitat) <p>First, determine if a wetland is suitable for a particular function and value ("Suitability" column) and indicate the rationale behind your determination ("Rationale" column). Please use the rationale reference numbers listed in Appendix A of USACE <i>The Highway Methodology Workbook Supplement</i>. Second, indicate which functions and values are principal ("Principal Function/value?" column). As described in <i>The Highway Methodology Workbook Supplement</i>, "functions and values can be principal if they are an important physical component of a wetland ecosystem (function only) and/or are considered of special value to society, from a local, regional, and/or national perspective". "Important Notes" are to include characteristics the evaluator used to determine the principal function and value of the wetland.</p>	

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FUNCTIONS/ VALUES	SUITABILITY (Y/N)	RATIONALE (Reference #)	PRINCIPAL FUNCTION/VALUE? (Y/N)	IMPORTANT NOTES
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
5	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
8	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
10	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
11	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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14	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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SECTION 5 - VERNAL POOL SUMMARY (Env-Wt 311.10)

Delineations of vernal pools shall be based on the characteristics listed in the definition of “vernal pool” in Env-Wt 104.44. To assist in the delineation, individuals may use either of the following references:

- *Identifying and Documenting Vernal Pools in New Hampshire 3rd Ed.*, 2016, published by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department; or
- The USACE *Vernal Pool Assessment* draft guidance dated 9-10-2013 and form dated 9-6-2016, Appendix L of the USACE New England District *Compensatory Mitigation Guidance*.

All vernal pool ID numbers are to be displayed and located on the wetland delineation of the subject property.

“Important Notes” are to include documented reproductive and wildlife values, landscape context, and relationship to other vernal pools/wetlands.

Note: For projects seeking federal approval from the USACE, please attach a completed copy of The USACE “Vernal Pool Assessment” form dated 9-6-2016, Appendix L of the USACE New England District *Compensatory Mitigation Guidance*.

VERNAL POOL ID NUMBER	DATE(S) OBSERVED	PRIMARY INDICATORS PRESENT (LIST)	SECONDARY INDICATORS PRESENT (LIST)	LENGTH OF HYDROPERIOD	IMPORTANT NOTES
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

SECTION 6 - STREAM RESOURCES SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION OF STREAM: Swift River	STREAM TYPE (ROSGEN): B
HAVE FISHERIES BEEN DOCUMENTED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	DOES THE STREAM SYSTEM APPEAR STABLE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
OTHER KEY ON-SITE FUNCTIONS OF NOTE: Cold water fishery / eastern brook trout water	

The following table can be used to compile data on stream resources. “Important Notes” are to include characteristics the evaluator used to determine principal function and value of each stream. The functions and values reference number are defined in Section 4.

FUNCTIONS/ VALUES	SUITABILITY (Y/N)	RATIONALE	PRINCIPAL FUNCTION/VALUE? (Y/N)	IMPORTANT NOTES
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Disturbance in project area from existing bridge abutments/piers
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8, 9, 10, 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Parking areas in vicinity, easily accessible
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Documented eastern brook trout/cold water fishery
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Stream channel provides limited flood storage, no adjacent wetlands
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Groundwater discharge into stream channel
6	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	No threatened or endangered species habitat present
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	High gradient stream channel, high water velocity, coarse substrate
8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1, 6, 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Stream provides fish habitat, export of nutrients downstream
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2, 9, 10, 11, 12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Swift River provides some scenic visual/aesthetic value
10	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	10	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	High water velocities, limited sediment trapping potential
11	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	No wetlands adjacent to stream that provide shoreline anchoring function
12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 19, 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Swift River is a cold water fishery/eastern brook trout water, accessible
13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fishing, Hemenway State Forest, trails
14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Wildlife habitat adjacent to Swift River, forested areas

SECTION 7 - ATTACHMENTS (USACE HIGHWAY METHODOLOGY; Env-Wt 311.10)

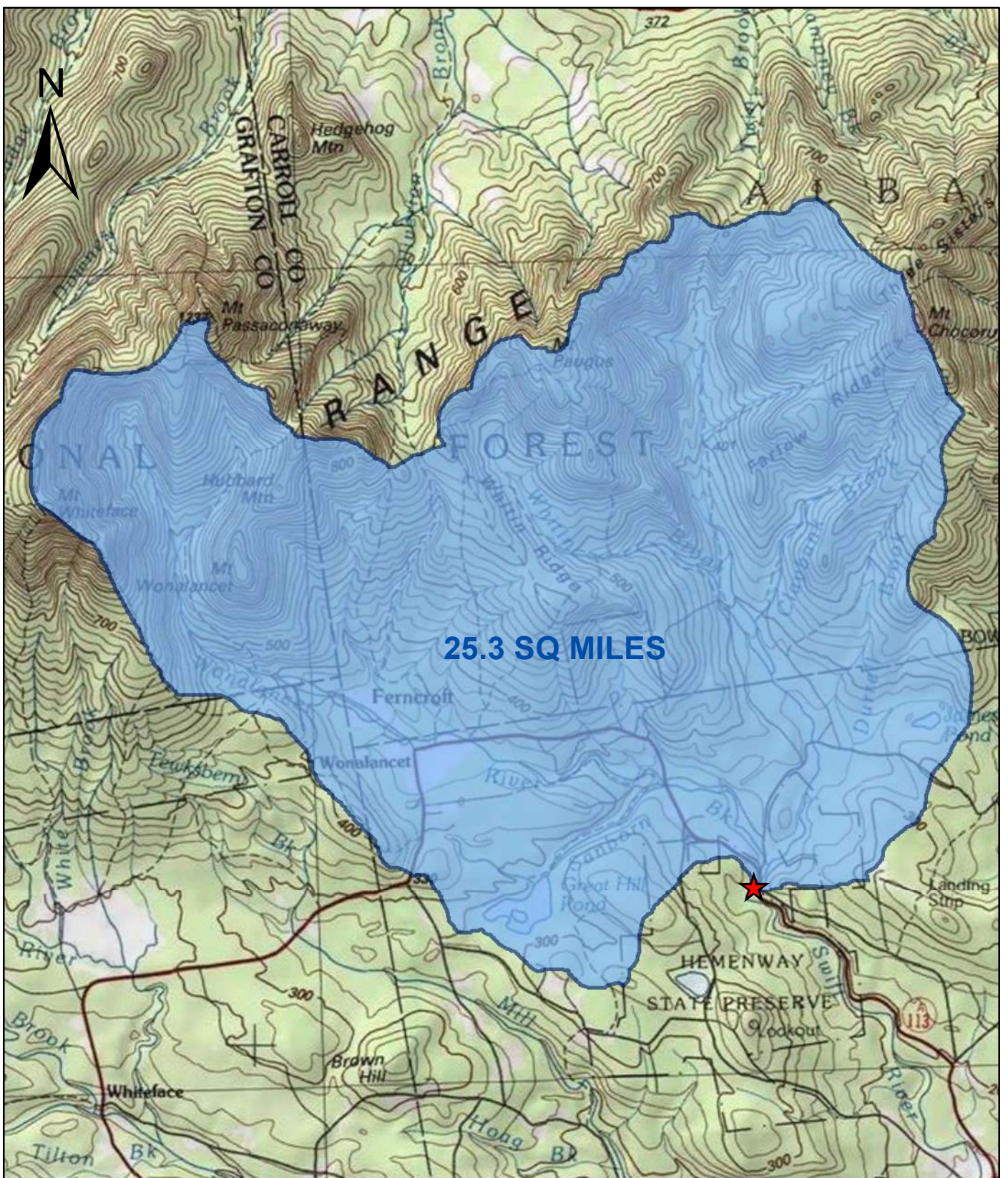
- Wildlife and vegetation diversity/abundance list.
- Photograph of wetland.
- Wetland delineation plans showing wetlands, vernal pools, and streams in relation to the impact area and surrounding landscape. Wetland IDs, vernal pool IDs, and stream IDs must be indicated on the plans.
- For projects in tidal areas only: additional information required by Env-Wt 603.03/603.04. Please refer to the [Coastal Area Worksheet \(NHDES-W-06-079\)](#) for more information.

irm@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-2147



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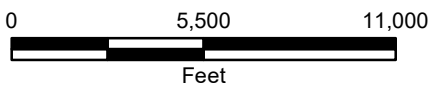
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Figure 2 - Watershed Map



25.3 SQ MILES

-  Bridge No. 061/091
-  Swift River Watershed (at Bridge No. 061/091)



NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TAMWORTH 41434 - TAMWORTH, NH

WATERSHED MAP

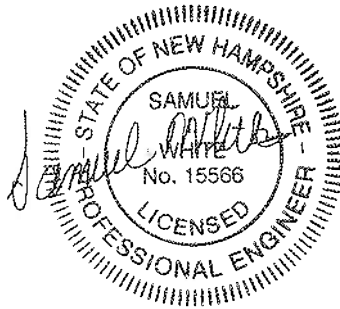
SCALE: 1 inch = 5,500 feet	DATE: MARCH 2022	FIGURE: 2
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Env-Wt 904.09 Repair, Rehabilitation, or Replacement of Tier 3 and Tier 4 Existing Legal Crossings

NHDES MAJOR IMPACT WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION
NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TAMWORTH, 41434
BRIDGE NO. 061/091 SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT
TAMWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NHDES STREAM CROSSING RULES



Env-Wt 904.09 Repair, Rehabilitation, or Replacement of Tier 3 and Tier 4 Existing Legal Crossings.

- (a) The repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of tier 3 stream crossings shall be limited to existing legal crossings where the tier classification is based only on the size of the contributing watershed.

The proposed project is considered rehabilitation of an existing legal crossing. Bridge No. 061/091 was originally constructed in 1956 and the existing deck is in serious condition. The proposed project involves replacing the existing superstructure as well as the installation of partially grouted riprap around the existing bridge piers for the purpose of scour protection. At the location of the existing bridge, the Swift River has a watershed size of approximately 25.3 square miles. Based on the size of the watershed the existing structure is a Tier 3 stream crossing.

- (b) Rehabilitation of a culvert or other closed-bottom stream crossing structure pursuant to this section may be accomplished by concrete repair, slip lining, cured-in place lining, or concrete invert lining, or any combination thereof, except that slip lining shall not occur more than once.**

Not applicable. The proposed project involves repairs/rehabilitation of an existing bridge span.

- (c) A project shall qualify under this section only if a professional engineer certifies, and provides supporting analyses to show, that:**

- (1) The existing crossing does not have a history of causing or contributing to flooding that damages the crossing or other human infrastructure or protected species habitat; and**

The existing crossing does not have a history of causing or contributing to flooding that damages the crossing or other human infrastructure or protected species habitat.

- (2) The proposed stream crossing will:**

- a. Meet the general criteria specified in Env-Wt 904.01;**

The proposed project meets the general criteria specified in Env-Wt 904.01.

- b. Maintain or enhance the hydraulic capacity of the stream crossing;**

The hydraulic capacity of the existing bridge will be maintained. The partially grouted riprap will be embedded so that the final grades of the stream channel match the existing channel grade. Embedding the partially grouted riprap will avoid constricting the channel at the crossing locations.

- c. Maintain or enhance the capacity of the crossing to accommodate aquatic organism passage;**

Aquatic organism passage will be maintained.

- d. Maintain or enhance the connectivity of the stream reaches upstream or downstream of the crossing; and**

Stream connectivity will be maintained.

- e. Not cause or contribute to the increase in the frequency of flooding or overtopping of the banks upstream or downstream of the crossing.**

The proposed project is not anticipated to cause or contribute to an increase in the frequency of flooding or overtopping of the banks upstream or downstream

from the crossing. The hydraulic opening of the existing bridge will be maintained.

(d) Repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of a tier 4 stream crossing shall comply with Env-Wt 904.07(d)

Not applicable. At the location of the project the Swift River is a Tier 3 stream crossing.

NH NHB DataCheck Results Letter

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau
NHB DataCheck Results Letter

To: Stephen Hoffmann
53 Regional Drive

Concord, NH 03301

From: NH Natural Heritage Bureau

Date: 10/19/2021 (valid until 10/19/2022)

Re: Review by NH Natural Heritage Bureau of request submitted 10/13/2021

Permits: NHDES - Shoreland Standard Permit, NHDES - Wetland Standard Dredge & Fill - Major, USACE - General Permit, USCEQ - Federal: NEPA Review, USEPA - Stormwater Pollution Prevention

NHB ID: NHB21-3208

Applicant: Stephen Hoffmann

Location: Tamworth
NH Route 113A

Project

Description: The proposed project involves the replacement of the superstructure of Bridge No. 061/091 carrying NH Route 113A over the Swift River in Tamworth. Impacts within the Swift River will be required to install scour countermeasures around the existing piers.

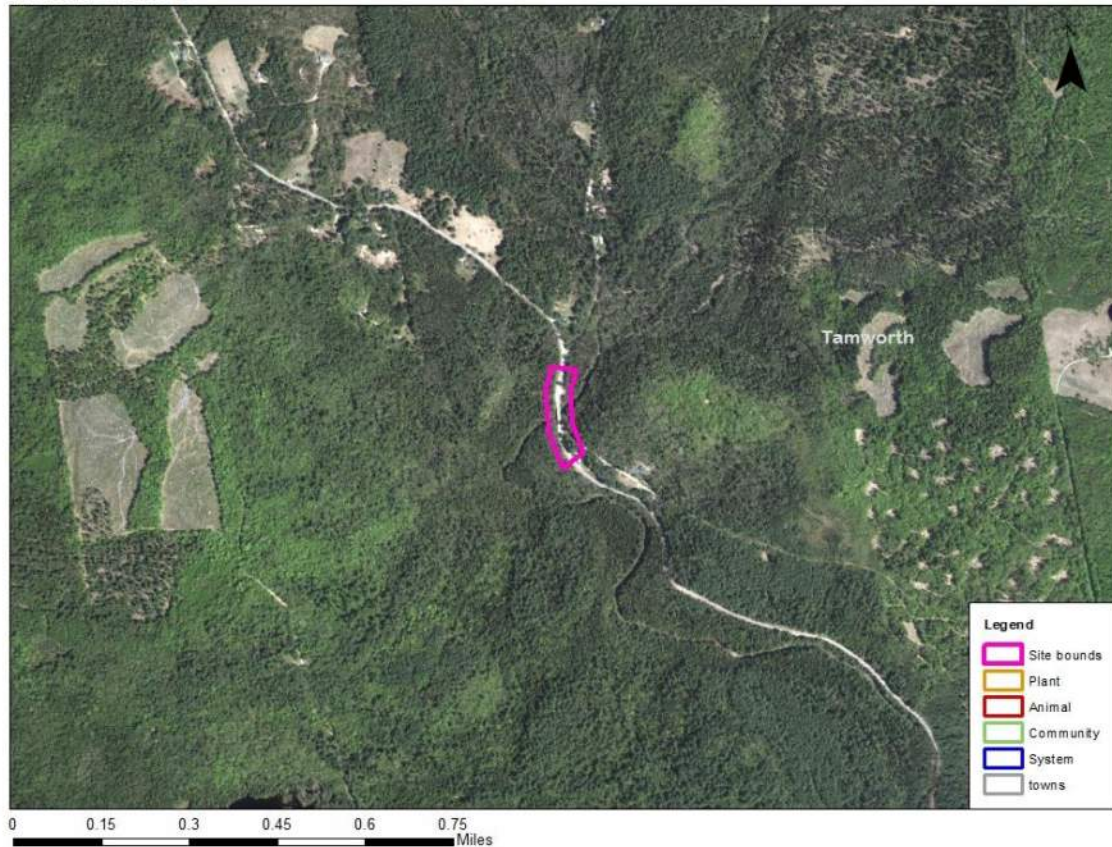
The NH Natural Heritage database has been checked by staff of the NH Natural Heritage Bureau and/or the NH Nongame and Endangered Species Program for records of rare species and exemplary natural communities near the area mapped below. The species considered include those listed as Threatened or Endangered by either the state of New Hampshire or the federal government.

It was determined that, although there was a NHB record (e.g., rare wildlife, plant, and/or natural community) present in the vicinity, we do not expect that it will be impacted by the proposed project. This determination was made based on the project information submitted via the NHB Datacheck Tool on 10/13/2021 8:38:28 AM, and cannot be used for any other project.

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau NHB DataCheck Results Letter

MAP OF PROJECT BOUNDARIES FOR: NHB21-3208

NHB21-3208



USFWS Official Species List



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
New England Ecological Services Field Office
70 Commercial Street, Suite 300
Concord, NH 03301-5094
Phone: (603) 223-2541 Fax: (603) 223-0104
<http://www.fws.gov/newengland>

In Reply Refer To:
Project Code: 2022-0003525
Project Name: Tamworth Bridge

February 04, 2022

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2))

(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF>

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan
(http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html)

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

New England Ecological Services Field Office

70 Commercial Street, Suite 300

Concord, NH 03301-5094

(603) 223-2541

Project Summary

Project Code: 2022-0003525

Event Code: None

Project Name: Tamworth Bridge

Project Type: Bridge - Maintenance

Project Description: The proposed project involves the replacement of the superstructure of Bridge No. 061/091 carrying NH Route 113A over the Swift River in Tamworth.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@43.89268564778304,-71.29806716763493,14z>



Counties: Carroll County, New Hampshire

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 2 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Mammals

NAME	STATUS
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045	Threatened

Insects

NAME	STATUS
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743	Candidate

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

USFWS Concurrence Letter



United States Department of the Interior



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February 15, 2022

Rebecca Martin
Bureau of Environment
NH Department of Transportation
7 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 483
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483

Re: NH DOT Project Tamworth 414314
Project Code: 2022-0003525

Dear Rebecca Martin:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is responding to your request, dated February 9, 2022, to verify that the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Project Tamworth 414314 (Project), the proposed replacement of a bridge superstructure in Tamworth, New Hampshire, may rely on the revised February 5, 2018, Programmatic Biological Opinion (BO) for federally funded or approved transportation projects that may affect the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) (NLEB). We received your request and the associated LAA Consistency Letter on February 9, 2022, via electronic transmission. This letter provides the Service's response as to whether the Federal Highway Administration may rely on the BO to comply with section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) for the Project's effects to the NLEB.

The NHDOT, as the non-Federal agency representative for the Federal Transportation Agency, has determined that the Project may affect, and is likely to adversely affect the NLEB. The Project consists of the replacement of a bridge superstructure carrying Route 113A over the Swift River. Approximately 0.5 acre of tree clearing will occur and may be implemented during the bat active season.

NHDOT also determined the Project may rely on the programmatic BO to comply with section 7(a)(2) of the ESA, because the Project meets the conditions outlined in the BO and all tree clearing related to the proposed work will occur farther than 0.25 mile from documented roosts and farther than 0.5 mile from any known hibernacula. The Service reviewed the LAA Consistency Letter and concurs with NHDOT's determination. This concurrence concludes your ESA section 7 responsibilities relative to this species for this Project, subject to the Reinitiation Notice below.

Conclusion

The Service has reviewed the effects of the proposed Project, which include the NHDOT's commitment to implement the impact avoidance, minimization, and compensation measures as indicated on the LAA Consistency Letter. We confirm that the proposed Project's effects are consistent with those analyzed in the BO. The Service has determined that the Project is consistent with the BO's conservation measures, and the scope of the program analyzed in the BO is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the NLEB. In coordination with your agency, the Federal Highway Administration, and the other sponsoring Federal Transportation Agencies, the Service will reevaluate this conclusion annually in light of any new pertinent information under the adaptive management provisions of the BO.

Incidental Take of the Northern Long-eared Bat

The Service anticipates that tree removal associated with the proposed Project will cause incidental take of the NLEB. However, the Project is consistent with the BO, and such projects will not cause take of NLEBs that is prohibited under the final 4(d) rule for this species (50 CFR §17.40(o)). Therefore, this taking does not require exemption from the Service.

Reporting Dead or Injured Bats

The NHDOT, the Federal Highway Administration, its State/local cooperators, and any contractors must take care when handling dead or injured NLEBs that are found at the project site, in order to preserve biological material in the best possible condition and to protect the handler from exposure to diseases, such as rabies. Project personnel are responsible for ensuring that any evidence about determining the cause of death or injury is not unnecessarily disturbed. Reporting the discovery of dead or injured listed species is required in all cases to enable the Service to determine whether the level of incidental take exempted by this BO is exceeded, and to ensure that the terms and conditions are appropriate and effective. Parties finding a dead, injured, or sick specimen of any endangered or threatened species must promptly notify the Service's New England Field Office.

Reinitiation Notice

This letter concludes consultation for the proposed Project, which qualifies for inclusion in the BO issued to the Federal Transportation Agencies. To maintain this inclusion, a reinitiation of this project-level consultation is required where the Federal Highway Administration's discretionary involvement or control over the Project has been retained (or is authorized by law) and if:

1. new information reveals that the Project may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not considered in the BO;
2. the Project is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to listed species or designated critical habitat not considered in the BO; or
3. a new species is listed or critical habitat designated that the Project may affect.

Rebecca Martin
February 15, 2022

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In instances where the amount or extent of incidental take is exceeded, any operations causing such take must cease, pending reinitiation.

We appreciate your continued efforts to ensure that this Project is fully consistent with all applicable provisions of the BO. If you have any questions regarding our response, or if you need additional information, please contact Susi von Oettingen of this office at 603-748-8357.

Sincerely yours,

Audrey Mayer
Supervisor
New England Field Office

cc: Reading file
Jonathan Evans/NHDOT, via email Jonathan.a.evans@dot.nh.gov
Rebecca Martin/NHDOT, via email
ES: SvonOettingen:jd:2-15-22:603-748-8357

Section 106 Cultural Resources Review Effect Finding

Section 106 Programmatic Agreement – Cultural Resources Review Effect Finding

Appendix B Certification – Activities with Minimal Potential to Cause Effects

Date Reviewed: 2/6/2020
(Desktop or Field Review Date)

Project Name: Tamworth

State Number: 41434 **FHWA Number:** X-A004(636)

Environmental Contact: Christine Perron **DOT**
Email Address: cperron@mjinc.com **Project** Joseph Adams
Manager:

Project Description: Rehabilitation of Bridge 061/091, which carries NH Route 113A over the Swift River in the Town of Tamworth, NH. The project also includes the placement of scour protection in the Swift River.

Please select the applicable activity/activities:

Highway and Roadway Improvements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Modernization and general highway maintenance that may require additional highway right-of-way or easement , including: Choose an item. Choose an item.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Installation of rumble strips or rumble stripes
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Installation or replacement of pole-mounted signs
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Guardrail replacement, provided any extension does not connect to a bridge older than 50 years old (unless it does already), and there is no change in access associated with the extension
Bridge and Culvert Improvements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Culvert replacement (excluding stone box culverts), when the culvert is less than 60" in diameter and excavation for replacement is limited to previously disturbed areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Bridge deck preservation and replacement, as long as no character defining features are impacted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Non-historic bridge and culvert maintenance, renovation, or total replacement, that may require minor additional right-of-way or easement , including: a. replacement or maintenance of non-historic bridges Choose an item.
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Historic bridge maintenance activities within the limits of existing right-of-way, including: Choose an item. Choose an item.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9. Stream and/or slope stabilization and restoration activities (including removal of debris or sediment obstructing the natural waterway, or any non-invasive action to restore natural conditions)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Construction of pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, sidewalk tip-downs, small passenger shelters, and alterations to facilities or vehicles in order to make them accessible for elderly and handicapped persons
<input type="checkbox"/>	11. Installation of bicycle racks
<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Recreational trail construction
<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Recreational trail maintenance when done on existing alignment
<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Construction of bicycle lanes and shared use paths and facilities within the existing right-of-way
Railroad Improvements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Modernization, maintenance, and safety improvements of railroad facilities within the existing railroad or highway right-of-way, provided no historic railroad features are impacted , including, but not limited to: Choose an item.

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	Choose an item.
<input type="checkbox"/>	16. In-kind replacement of modern railroad features (i.e. those features that are less than 50 years old)
<input type="checkbox"/>	17. Modernization/modification of railroad/roadway crossings provided that all work is undertaken within the limits of the roadway structure (edge of roadway fill to edge of roadway fill) and no associated character defining features are impacted
Other Improvements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Installation of Intelligent Transportation Systems
<input type="checkbox"/>	19. Acquisition or renewal of scenic, conservation, habitat, or other land preservation easements where no construction will occur
<input type="checkbox"/>	20. Rehabilitation or replacement of existing storm drains.
<input type="checkbox"/>	21. Maintenance of stormwater treatment features and related infrastructure

Please describe how this project is applicable under Appendix B of the Programmatic Agreement.

The bridge is a 1956 I-Beam/concrete deck (IB-C) bridge that qualifies for inclusion in the Program Comment for Common Post-1945 Concrete and Steel Bridges and is, therefore, considered non-historic. The project proposes to rehabilitate the bridge and place scour protection in the river around the piers. Construction access around the bridge will result in some earth disturbance. Additionally, the installation of approach slabs and backwall replacement will require excavation in the roadway footprint. All work is anticipated to occur within the existing right-of-way and no other structures over 50 years of age are located adjacent to the project area. NHDHR files were reviewed and there are no eligible properties or districts in the project area. *Emmit review further indicated there are no archaeological sites in the vicinity.*

Please submit this Certification Form along with the Transportation RPR, including photographs, USGS maps, design plans and as-built plans, if available, for review. Note: The RPR can be waived for in-house projects, please consult Cultural Resources Program Staff.

Coordination Efforts:

Has an RPR been submitted to NHDOT for this project?	No	NHDHR R&C # assigned?	n/a
Please identify public outreach effort contacts; method of outreach and date:	Initial contact letters have been sent to town officials to seek input on potential resource concerns associated with the project. No comments have been received to date. A Combined Public Officials/Public Informational Meeting will be scheduled in Tamworth in late winter/early spring 2020.		

Finding: (To be filled out by NHDOT Cultural Resources Staff)

<input type="checkbox"/>	No Potential to Cause Effects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Historic Properties Affected
This finding serves as the Section 106 Memorandum of Effect. No further coordination is necessary.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	This project does not comply with Appendix B. Review will continue under Stipulation VII of the Programmatic Agreement. Please contact NHDOT Cultural Resources Staff to determine next steps.		
NHDOT comments:			
<i>Sheela Charles</i>		<i>2/11/2020</i>	
NHDOT Cultural Resources Staff		Date	

Coordination of the Section 106 process should begin as early as possible in the planning phase of the project (undertaking) so as not to cause a delay.

Section 106 Programmatic Agreement – Cultural Resources Review Effect Finding

Appendix B Certification – Activities with Minimal Potential to Cause Effects

Project sponsors should not predetermine a Section 106 finding under the assumption a project is limited to the activities listed in Appendix B until this form is signed by the NHDOT Bureau of Environment Cultural Resources Program staff.

Every project shall be coordinated with, and reviewed by the NHDOT-BOE Cultural Resources Program in accordance with the *Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration, the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Office, the Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Regarding the Federal Aid Highway Program in New Hampshire*. In accordance with the Advisory Council's regulations, we will continue to consult, as appropriate, as this project proceeds.

If any portion of the project is not entirely limited to any one or a combination of the activities specified in Appendix B (with, or without the inclusion of any activities listed in Appendix A), please continue discussions with NHDOT Cultural Resources staff.

This No Potential to Cause Effect or No Historic Properties Affected project determination is your Section 106 finding, as defined in the Programmatic Agreement.

Should project plans change, please inform the NHDOT Cultural Resources staff in accordance with Stipulation VII of the Programmatic Agreement.

New Hampshire Recordation of Bridges that Apply to the Program Comment for Common Post-1945 Concrete & Steel Bridges

Project Name: Tamworth
State Number: 41434 **FHWA Number:** X-A004(636)
Form Completed by: Christine Perron **Date:** 02/06/2020
Email if not NHDOT staff: cperron@mjinc.com



Town	Tamworth	NHDOT Bridge No.	061/091
Year Built (rebuilt)	1956 (2006)	Owner	NHDOT
Road carrying	NH Route 113A	Over feature	Swift River
Bridge/culvert Type	IB-C	Number of Spans	3
Length	152'	Width	24'-4"
Abutment style	full-height concrete abutments on spread footings	Pier style	concrete hammer head piers founded on spread footings
Rail Type	2-bar aluminum bridge railing	Rail installation date:	2006

Designer/Engineer (if known)	Unknown	Bridge Plaques or Engravings?	No
Reviewed by:	<i>Shirley Charles</i> NHDOT Cultural Resources Staff	Date Reviewed:	<i>2/11/2020</i>

Approved **Not Approved** **Justification:**

RPR Number: _____ Reviewed under PA: _____

Please refer to the *NHDOT Guidance on Using the Program Comment for Common Post-1945 Concrete and Steel Bridges*, located on the NHDOT Bureau of Environment Website, for information on using this form:

<http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/environment/units/program-management/cultural.htm>

Information on specific bridges can be found on the NHDOT Bureau of Bridge Design **Bridge Summary** Spreadsheet:

<http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/bridgedesign/documents.htm>.

(Additional photographs may be attached here if needed).

**Tamworth, NH Route 113A Over the Swift River
Bridge Maintenance and Preservation
DOT Project # 41434 Bridge # 061/091**



Photo 1: View south over bridge, NH Route 113A. 8/22/19



Photo 2: View north over bridge, NH Route 113A. 8/22/19

**Tamworth, NH Route 113A Over the Swift River
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DOT Project # 41434 Bridge # 061/091**



Photo 3: Eastern elevation of Bridge #061/091, NH Route 113A. 8/22/19

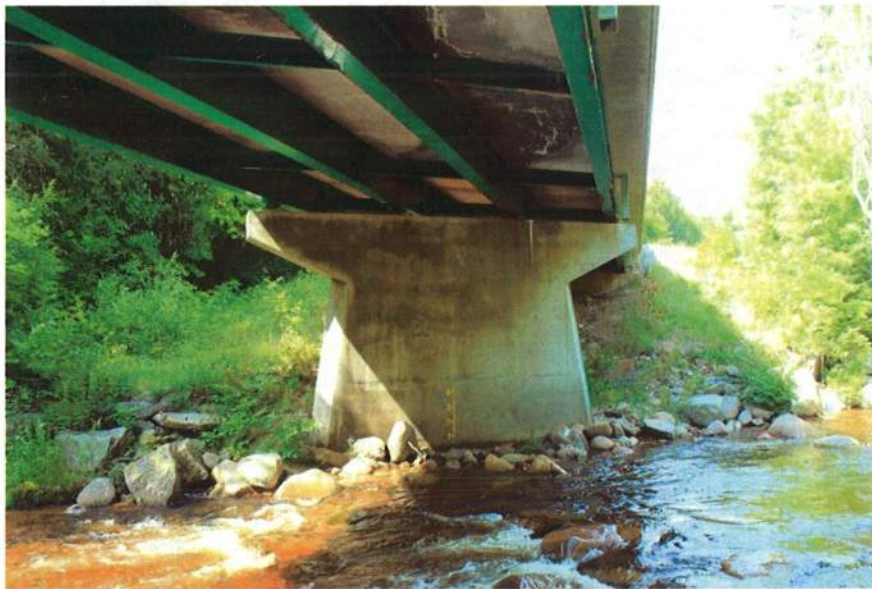


Photo 4: Underside of Bridge #061/091. 8/22/19

**Tamworth, NH Route 113A Over the Swift River
Bridge Maintenance and Preservation
DOT Project # 41434 Bridge # 061/091**



Photo 5: Western elevation of Bridge #061/091. 4/25/19

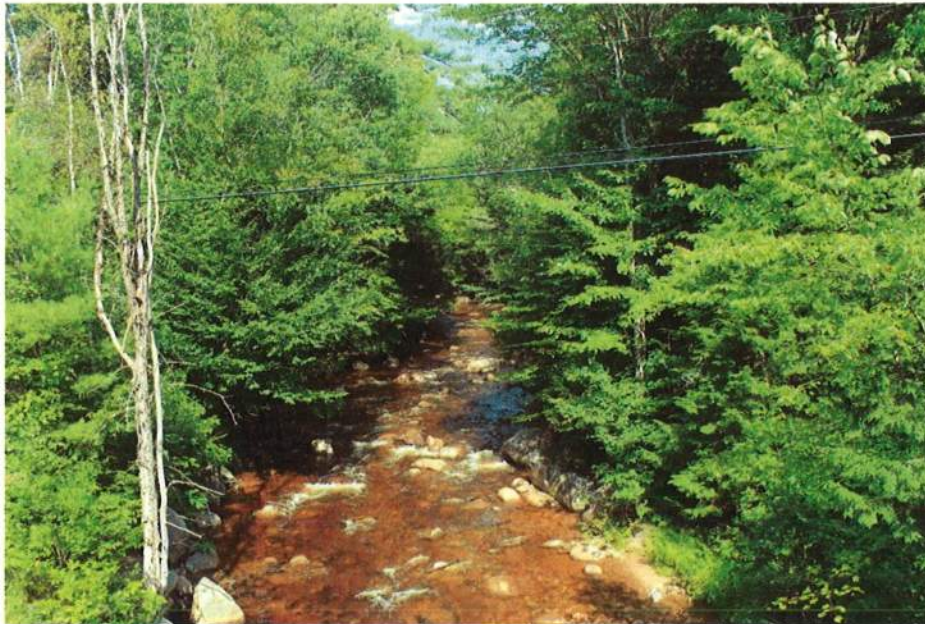
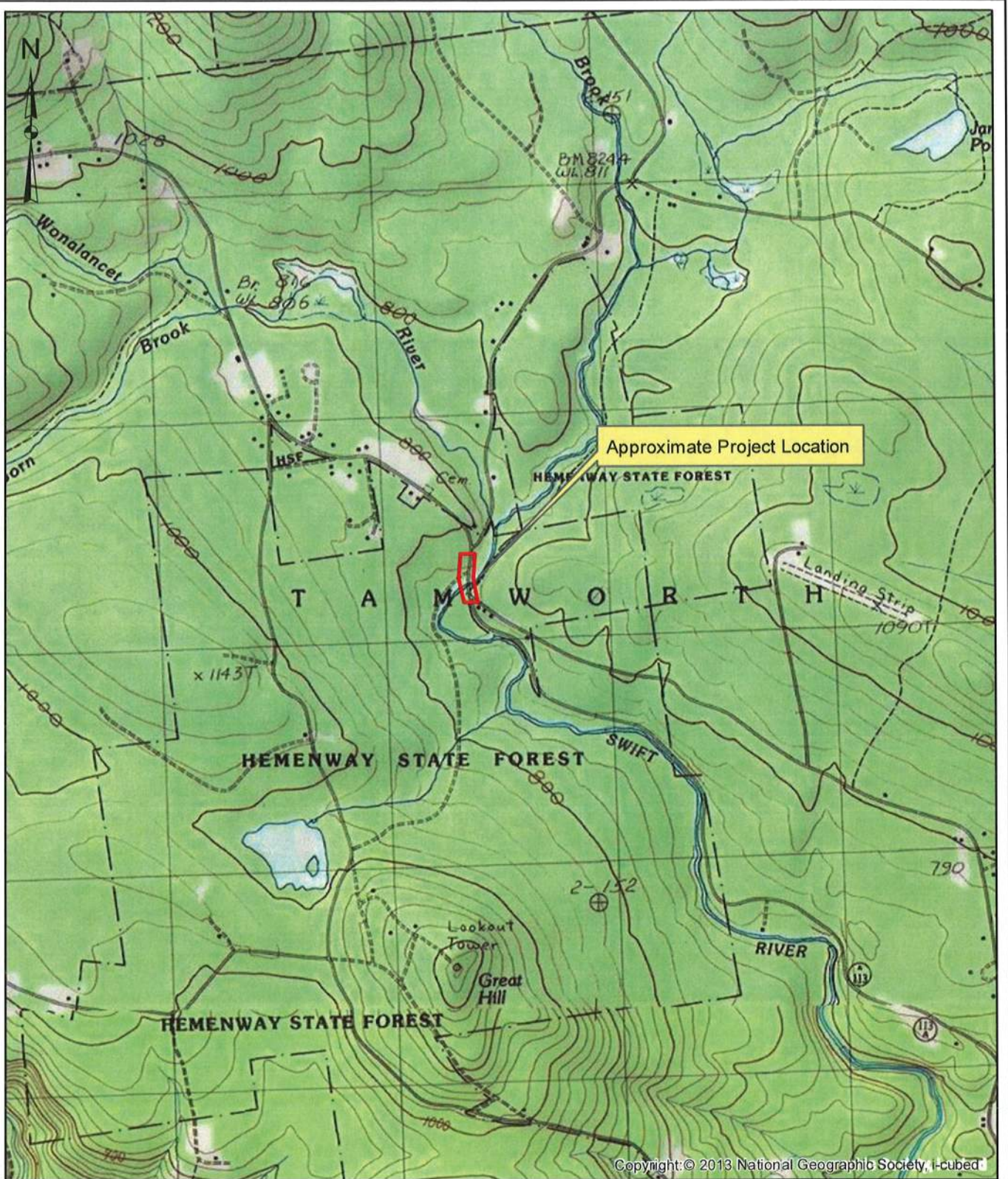
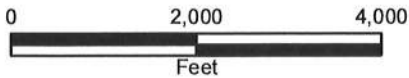


Photo 6: Looking upstream from Bridge #061/091. 8/22/19



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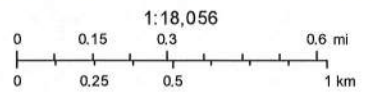


Tamworth 41434 EMMIT Search



January 29, 2020

-  National Register Districts
-  Counties
-  Towns



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

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Appendix B – Corps Secondary Impacts Checklist



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**®
New England District

**New Hampshire General Permits (GPs)
Appendix B - Corps Secondary Impacts Checklist
(for inland wetland/waterway fill projects in New Hampshire)**

1. Attach any explanations to this checklist. Lack of information could delay a Corps permit determination.
2. All references to “work” include all work associated with the project construction and operation. Work includes filling, clearing, flooding, draining, excavation, dozing, stumping, etc.
3. See GC 5, regarding single and complete projects.
4. Contact the Corps at (978) 318-8832 with any questions.

1. Impaired Waters	Yes	No
1.1 Will any work occur within 1 mile upstream in the watershed of an impaired water? See http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/section401/impaired_waters.htm to determine if there is an impaired water in the vicinity of your work area.*	X	
2. Wetlands	Yes	No
2.1 Are there are streams, brooks, rivers, ponds, or lakes within 200 feet of any proposed work?	X	
2.2 Are there proposed impacts to SAS, special wetlands. Applicants may obtain information from the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) DataCheck Tool for information about resources located on the property at https://www2.des.state.nh.us/nhb_datacheck/ . The book Natural Community Systems of New Hampshire also contains specific information about the natural communities found in NH.		X
2.3 If wetland crossings are proposed, are they adequately designed to maintain hydrology, sediment transport & wildlife passage?	N/A	
2.4 Would the project remove part or all of a riparian buffer? (Riparian buffers are lands adjacent to streams where vegetation is strongly influenced by the presence of water. They are often thin lines of vegetation containing native grasses, flowers, shrubs and/or trees that line the stream banks. They are also called vegetated buffer zones.)		X
2.5 The overall project site is more than 40 acres?		X
2.6 What is the area of the previously filled wetlands?	UNKNOWN	
2.7 What is the area of the proposed fill in wetlands?	493 SF	
2.8 What is the % of previously and proposed fill in wetlands to the overall project site?	UNKNOWN	
3. Wildlife	Yes	No
3.1 Has the NHB & USFWS determined that there are known occurrences of rare species, exemplary natural communities, Federal and State threatened and endangered species and habitat, in the vicinity of the proposed project? (All projects require an NHB ID number & a USFWS IPAC determination.) NHB DataCheck Tool: https://www2.des.state.nh.us/nhb_datacheck/ USFWS IPAC website: https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/location/index	X	

3.2 Would work occur in any area identified as either “Highest Ranked Habitat in N.H.” or “Highest Ranked Habitat in Ecological Region”? (These areas are colored magenta and green, respectively, on NH Fish and Game’s map, “2010 Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat by Ecological Condition.”) Map information can be found at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF: www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Wildlife_Plan/highest_ranking_habitat.htm. • Data Mapper: www.granit.unh.edu. • GIS: www.granit.unh.edu/data/downloadfreedata/category/databycategory.html. 	X	
3.3 Would the project impact more than 20 acres of an undeveloped land block (upland, wetland/waterway) on the entire project site and/or on an adjoining property(s)?		X
3.4 Does the project propose more than a 10-lot residential subdivision, or a commercial or industrial development?		X
3.5 Are stream crossings designed in accordance with the GC 21?	N/A	
4. Flooding/Floodplain Values	Yes	No
4.1 Is the proposed project within the 100-year floodplain of an adjacent river or stream?		X
4.2 If 4.1 is yes, will compensatory flood storage be provided if the project results in a loss of flood storage?	N/A	
5. Historic/Archaeological Resources		
For a minimum, minor or major impact project - a copy of the Request for Project Review (RPR) Form (www.nh.gov/nhdhr/review) with your DES file number shall be sent to the NH Division of Historical Resources as required on Page 11 GC 8(d) of the GP document**	X	

*Although this checklist utilizes state information, its submittal to the Corps is a Federal requirement.

** If your project is not within Federal jurisdiction, coordination with NH DHR is not required under Federal law.

Appendix B – Supplemental Information

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - TAMWORTH, 41434
BRIDGE NO. 061/091 SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT
NHDES MAJOR IMPACT WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION
TAMWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 2022

New Hampshire General Permits (GPs)

Appendix B - Corps Secondary Impacts Checklist

Supplemental Narrative

1. Impaired Waters

1.1 Will any work occur within 1 mile upstream in the watershed of an impaired water?

The proposed project involves impacts within the channel of the Swift River associated with the installation of scour protection around the existing bridge piers. The proposed project also involves temporary and permanent bank impacts associated with the reconstruction of an existing drainage outfall, as well as for construction access. According to the NHDES 2020 Draft 303(d) List (most recent available), the Swift River (Assessment Unit ID: # NHRIV600020603-12) is impaired by pH for Aquatic Life Integrity. The proposed project involves in-kind replacement of the existing bridge superstructure and is not anticipated to result in an increase in impervious surface area or result in an impact to surface water quality. The proposed work in the channel and along the banks of the Swift River will be completed using appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize and avoid detrimental impacts to water quality within the Swift River.

2. Wetlands

2.1 Are there are streams, brooks, rivers, ponds, or lakes within 200 feet of any proposed work?

Yes, Bridge 061/091 carries NH Route 113A over the Swift River. The Swift River is located within the project area and will be impacted as part of the proposed work. There are also palustrine forested wetlands and an intermittent stream located approximately 200-250 feet north of Bridge 061/091. However, these resource areas are not anticipated to be impacted by the proposed project.

2.7 What is the area of the proposed fill in wetlands?

The proposed project will result in 493 square feet of permanent impacts located within the channel of the Swift River associated with the installation of the proposed scour protection around the existing bridge piers. The proposed project will require an additional 3,181 square feet of temporary impacts associated with construction access and temporary water diversion.

3. Wildlife

3.1 Has the NHB & USFWS determined that there are known occurrences of rare species, exemplary natural communities, Federal and State threatened and endangered species and habitat, in the vicinity of the proposed project?

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB):

The proposed project was submitted to NHB via the online DataCheck Tool, and according to the Results Letter (NHB21-3208) there was a NHB record (e.g., rare wildlife, plant, and/or natural community) present in the vicinity, however, NHB does not expect that it will be impacted by the proposed project.

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS):

The project was submitted through the US Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) online Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) webtool and an Official Species List was generated on February 4, 2022. The Official Species List identified the federally threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*, NLEB) and the monarch butterfly (*Danaus pleippus*), a candidate species currently under review for listing, as potentially occurring within the project area. The project was evaluated using the IPaC-Assisted Determination Key for the FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Biological Opinion for Transportation Projects in the Range of the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat. Based on the proposed action it was determined that the project may affect and is likely to adversely affect the NLEB due to potential tree clearing and proposed bridge work during the active season for NLEB. The USFWS confirmed that the project is consistent with the Programmatic Biological Opinion and is therefore not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the northern long-eared bat.

3.2 3.2 Would work occur in any area identified as either "Highest Ranked Habitat in N.H." or "Highest Ranked Habitat in Ecological Region"?

According to the 2020 NH Wildlife Action Plan mapping, the proposed project is located within an area identified as Highest Ranked Habitat in NH. This habitat polygon appears to be associated with the Swift River and the forested lands adjacent to the river. Highest Ranked Habitat in the Biological Region and Supporting Landscapes are also mapped in the vicinity of the project. The proposed action is located in a previously disturbed area associated with the existing bridge and NH Route 113A roadway corridor. Impacts on wildlife from the proposed action will be temporary and short-term in nature (the project is

anticipated to require 1-2 months to complete). The proposed action is not anticipated to result in any changes to terrestrial wildlife or aquatic organism passage or connectivity at the bridge location.

5. Historic/Archaeological Resources

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Photo Log

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PHOTO LOG



Photo 1: Bridge No. 061/091 carrying NH Route 113A over the Swift River (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: NE



Photo 2: IMPACT AREAS: D / H / I - Northern bridge pier facing downstream (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: W



Photo 3: IMPACT AREA: I – Channel of the Swift River at the location of proposed scour protection along northern bridge pier facing downstream (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: SW



Photo 4: IMPACT AREAS: D & H – Bank behind northern bridge pier (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: W



Photo 5: IMPACT AREAS: F & G – Southern bridge pier facing upstream (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: NE



Photo 6: IMPACT AREAS: F & G – Channel of the Swift River at the location of proposed scour protection along southern bridge pier facing downstream (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: SW



Photo 7: IMPACT AREAS: B / E / F – Bank behind southern bridge pier (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: SW



Photo 8: IMPACT AREAS: A / B / E / F – Southern bank & existing drainage outfall (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: E



Photo 9: IMPACT AREAS: A & E – Bank behind southern bridge pier showing erosion/scour from existing drainage outfall (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: SE

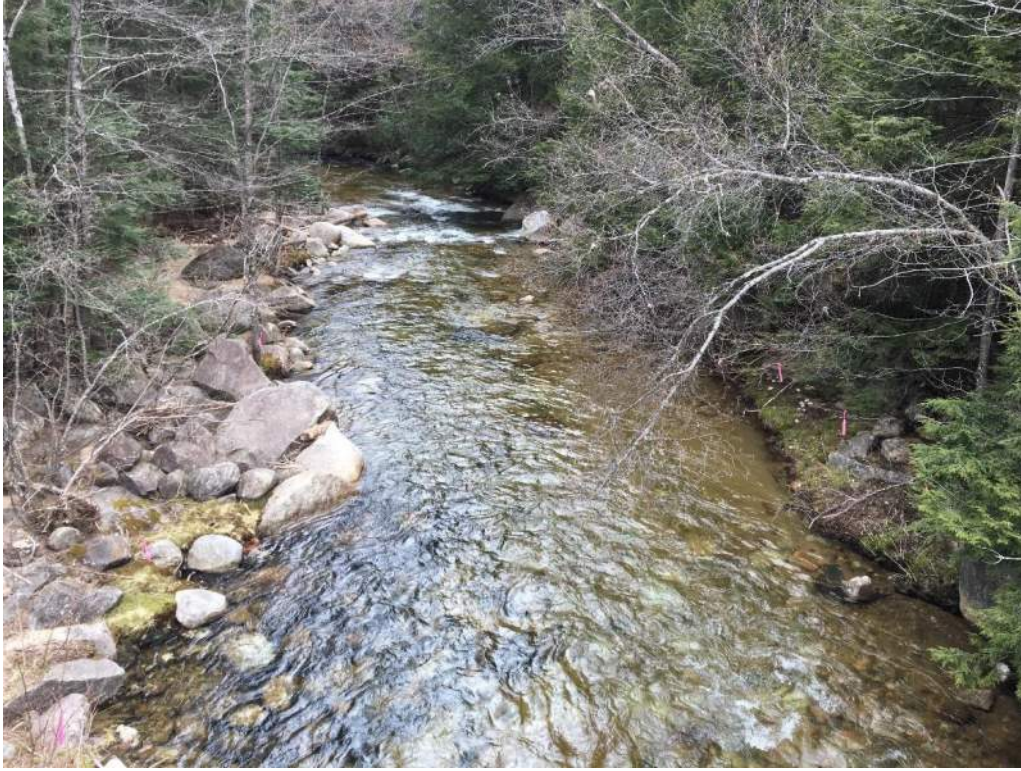


Photo 10: Swift River from Bridge No. 061/091 facing downstream (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: SW



Photo 11: Swift River from Bridge No. 061/091 facing upstream (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: NE



Photo 12: Swift River from northern pier/bank facing across the channel (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: S



Photo 13: Swift River from southern pier/bank facing across the channel (05/06/2020) Photo Direction: N

Construction Sequence

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APRIL 2022

Anticipated Construction Sequence

Notes:

- The advertisement date is currently anticipated to be October 21, 2022
- The start of construction is anticipated to be Spring 2023, with the bridge closure and in-water work being completed in Summer 2023 (June-August).
- Project will be constructed using Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) techniques and is anticipated to require an approximately one to two month full bridge closure.
- The following sequence is a preliminary and likely order of construction but the exact means and methods will ultimately be decided by the selected contractor.

Construction Sequence:

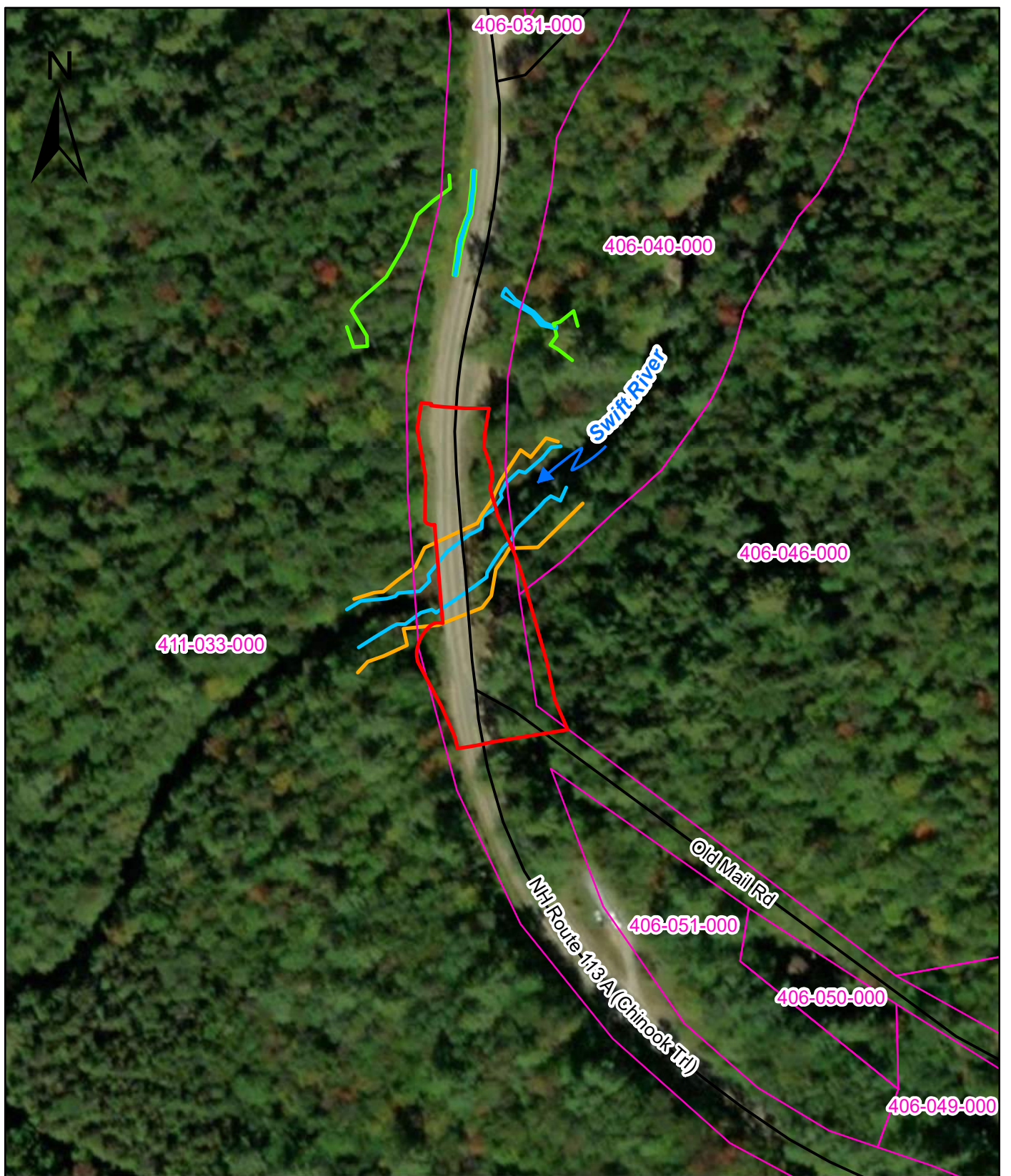
- 1.) Mobilize equipment and materials to the project site.
- 2.) Submit SWPPP that includes details on temporary water diversion and water quality monitoring during grout installation.
- 3.) Using appropriate traffic control procedures to the satisfaction of the Engineer, close the road with the signed detour and install construction barrier.
- 4.) Install appropriate perimeter controls for soil erosion and sediment control.
- 5.) Remove the existing superstructure.
- 6.) Install temporary water diversion structures around the existing bridge piers during low flow to direct flow to the middle of the channel.
- 7.) Clean timber construction mats that are free of dirt and other debris will be installed across the channel during low flow conditions to access the northern bridge pier. Prior to the installation of mats, the mats and any heavy machinery used to install them shall be inspected for and cleaned


of all vegetative matter by a method and in a location that prevents the spread of the vegetative matter to jurisdictional areas. Construction mats will be properly installed and not dragged into position. The mats will likely be stacked as necessary to provide a base on each side of the channel and mats will be installed across the channel in order to provide a temporary crossing structure to allow equipment and machinery to access the northern pier.

- 8.) Excavate areas around the existing bridge piers/footings for the installation of the scour countermeasures.
- 9.) Place riprap around existing piers.
- 10.) Grout the riprap following water quality monitoring procedures of the Special Provision for Partially Grouted Riprap.
- 11.) Replace existing drainage outfall pipe and construct new headwall and stone outlet pad.
- 12.) Remove temporary water diversion structures and remove construction mats immediately upon the completion of the work. Mats shall be disposed of properly in an upland location.
- 13.) Remove and replace the abutment beam seats, backwalls, and wingwalls with precast elements.
- 14.) Complete closure pours on precast elements and allow to cure
- 15.) Backfill abutments.
- 16.) Prepare pier beam seats.
- 17.) Erect new steel girders.
- 18.) Place and grout partial depth precast concrete deck panels.
- 19.) Place deck reinforcement and expansion joints.
- 20.) Place deck concrete and cure.
- 21.) Place brush curbs with rail post anchorages and cure.
- 22.) Install new bridge rail and approach rail.
- 23.) Pave approaches.
- 24.) Remove perimeter controls and reopen bridge and roadway to traffic.

Figure 3 - Tax Map

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 Tamworth 41434 Project Area

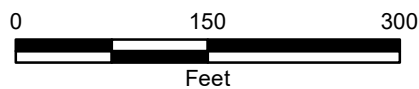
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NHDOT Tamworth Wetland Delineation Lines (May2020)

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TAX MAP

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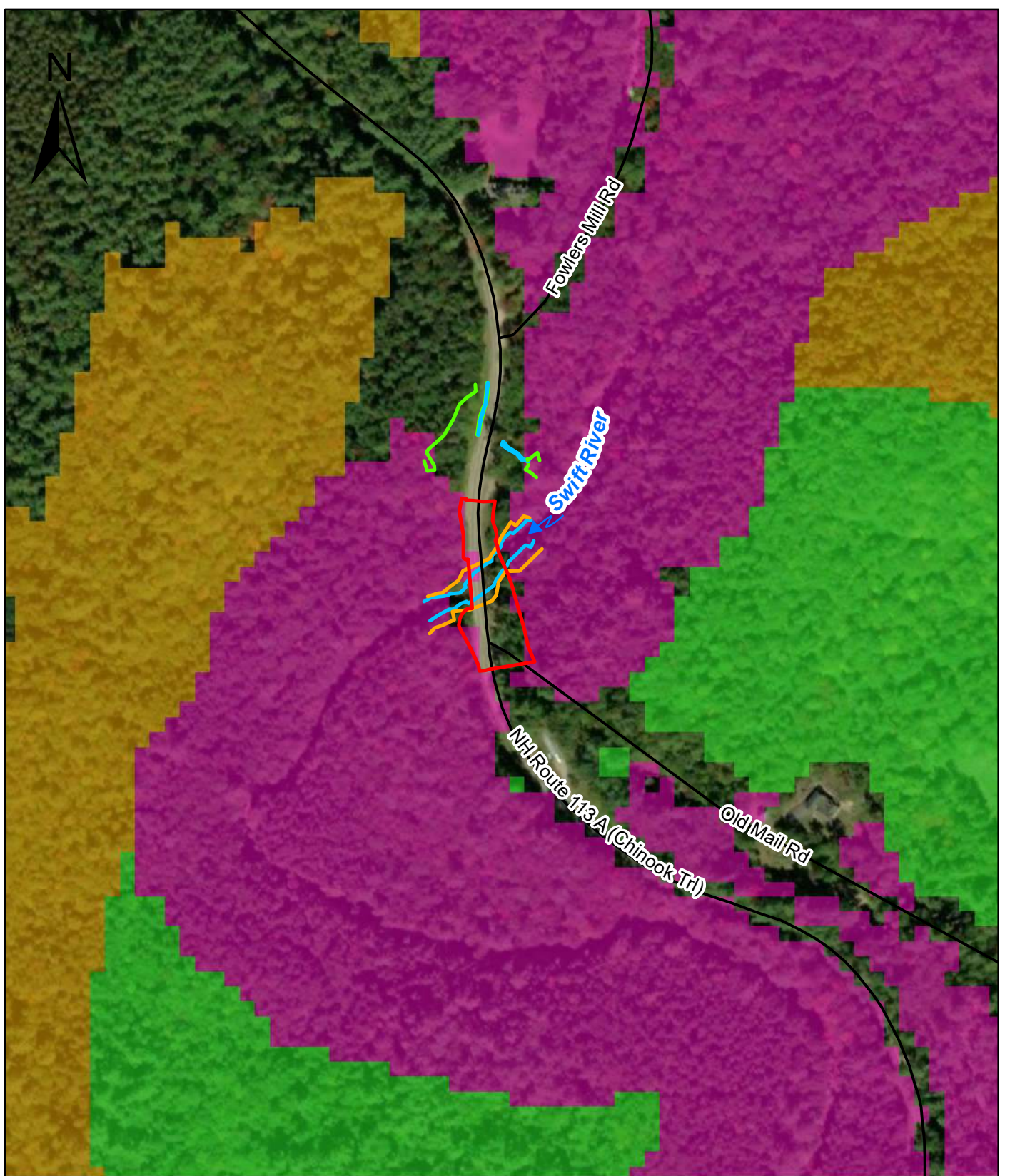
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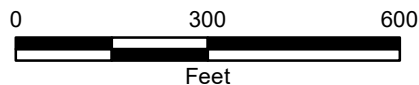


Figure 4 - NH Wildlife Action Plan Habitat Tiers Map

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- Tamworth 41434 Project Area
- NHDOT Tamworth Wetland Delineation Lines (May2020)**
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- NH Wildlife Action Plan (2020)**
- WAP TIER**
- 1 Highest Ranked Habitat in New Hampshire
- 2 Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Region
- 3 Supporting Landscapes



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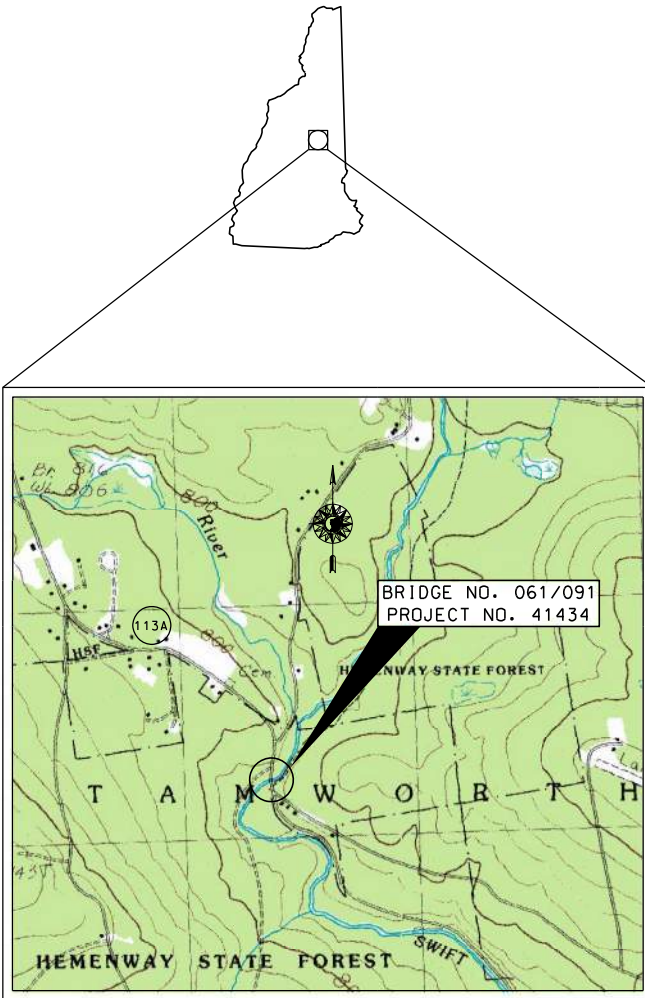
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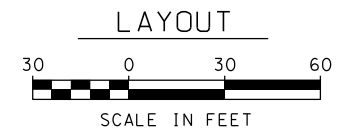
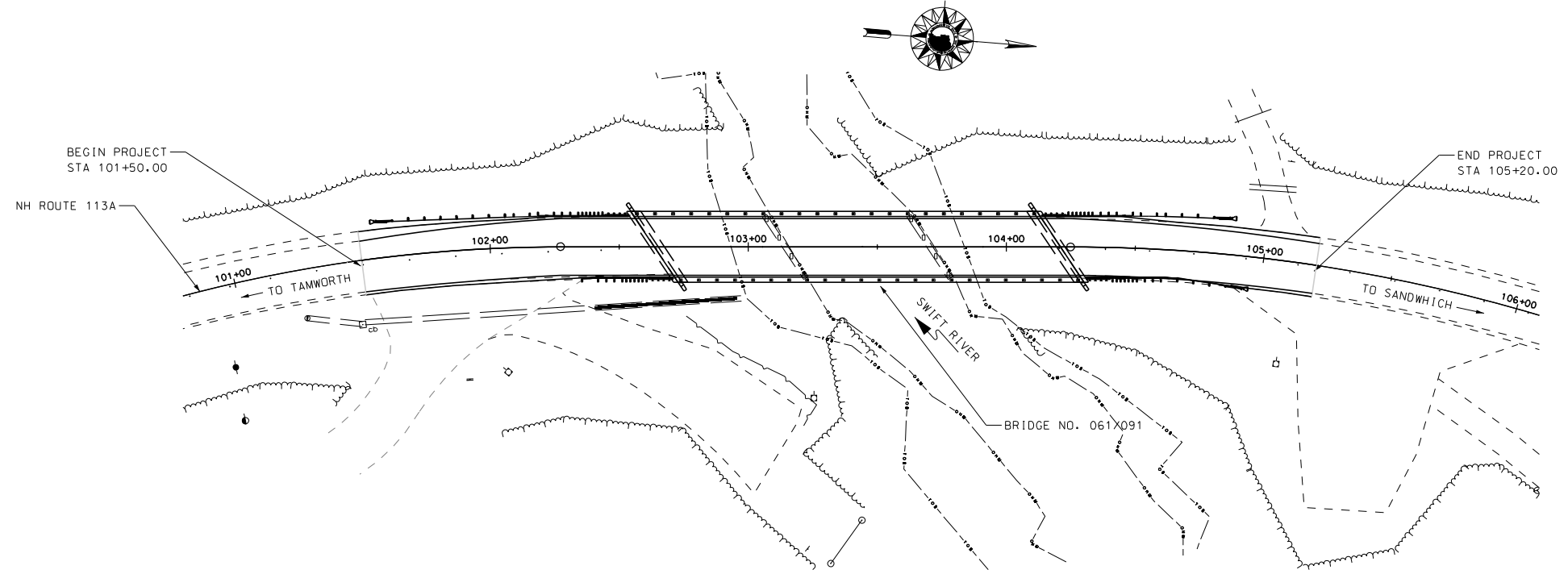
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WETLAND PLANS
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BRIDGE NO. 061 / 091
X-A004(636)
NH PROJECT NO. 41434

PROJECT DATA		
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AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC	2039	808
PERCENT OF TRUCKS		10%
POSTED SPEED		35 MPH
LENGTH OF PROJECT		0.07 MILES



LOCATION MAP



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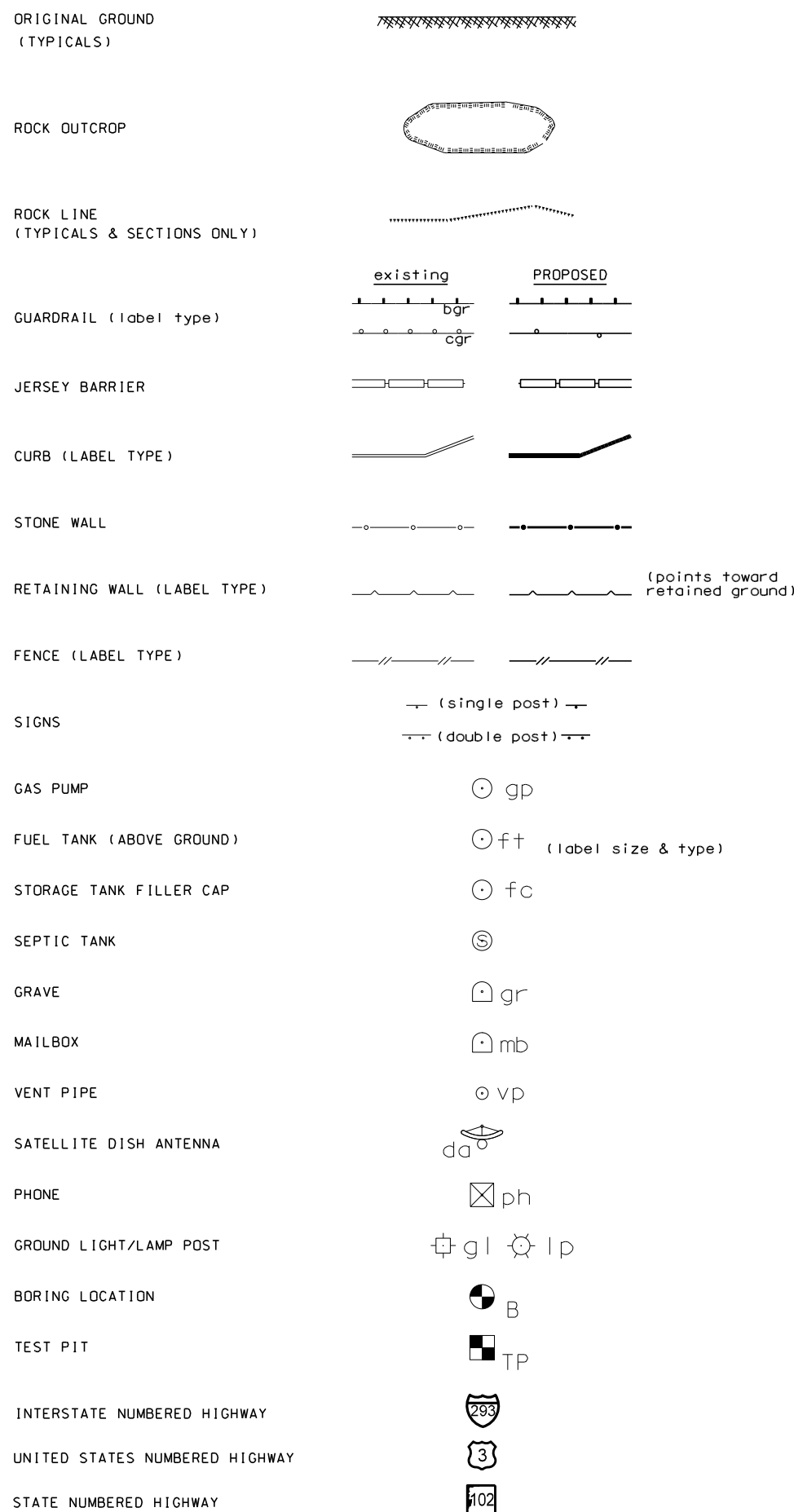
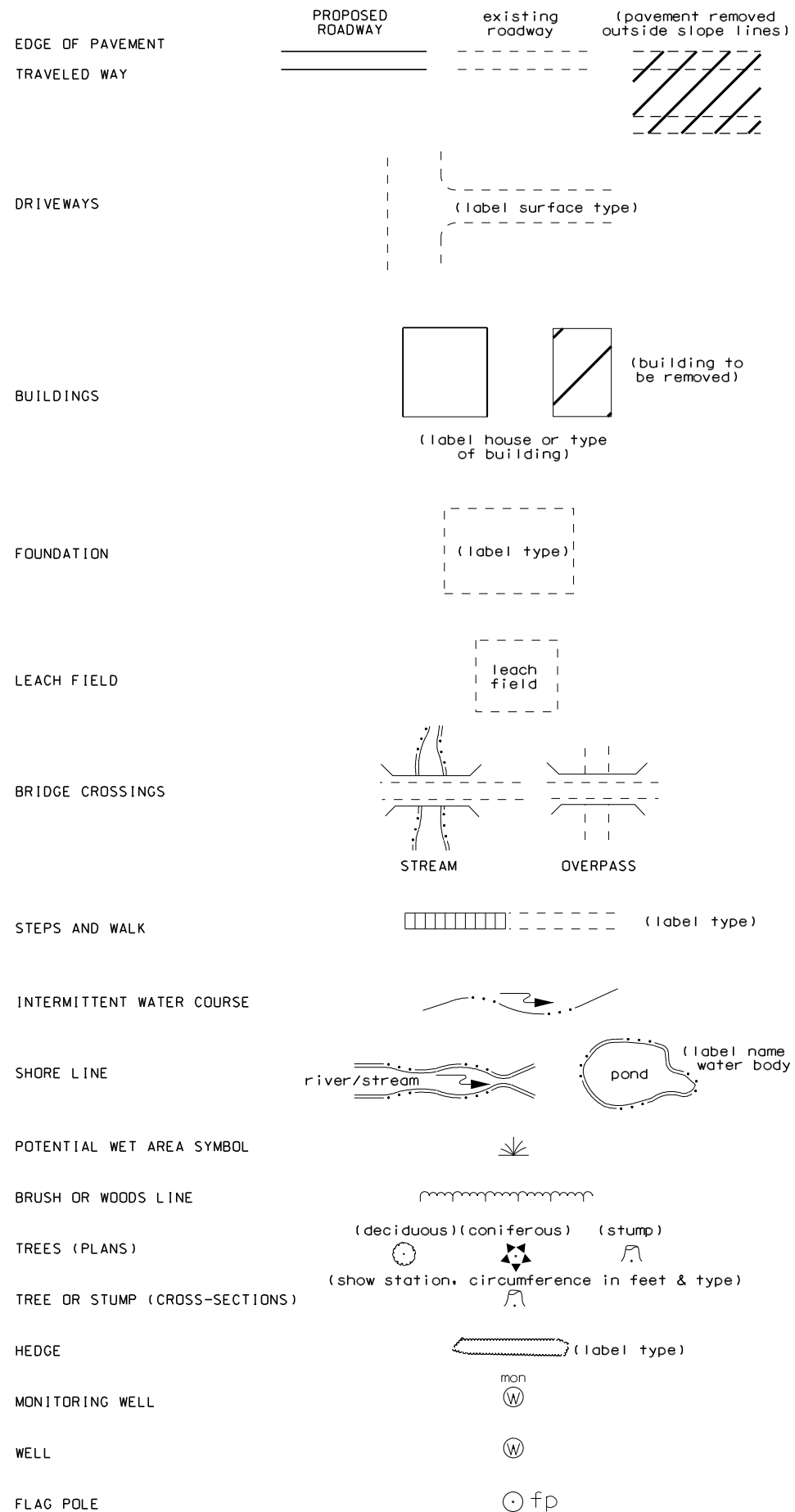
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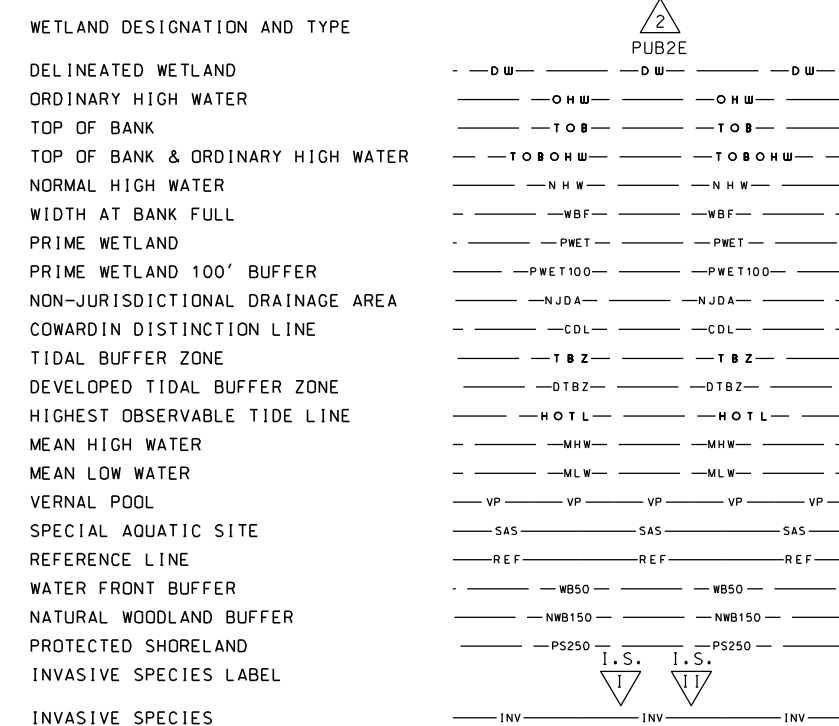
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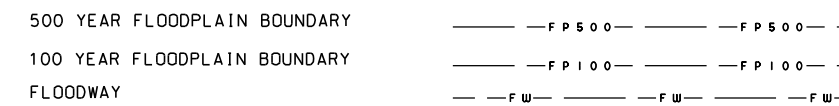
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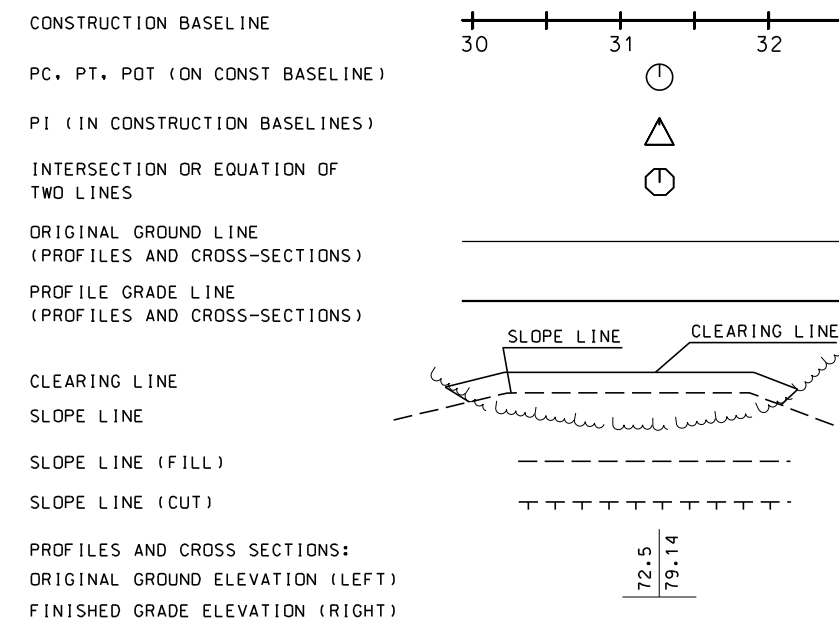
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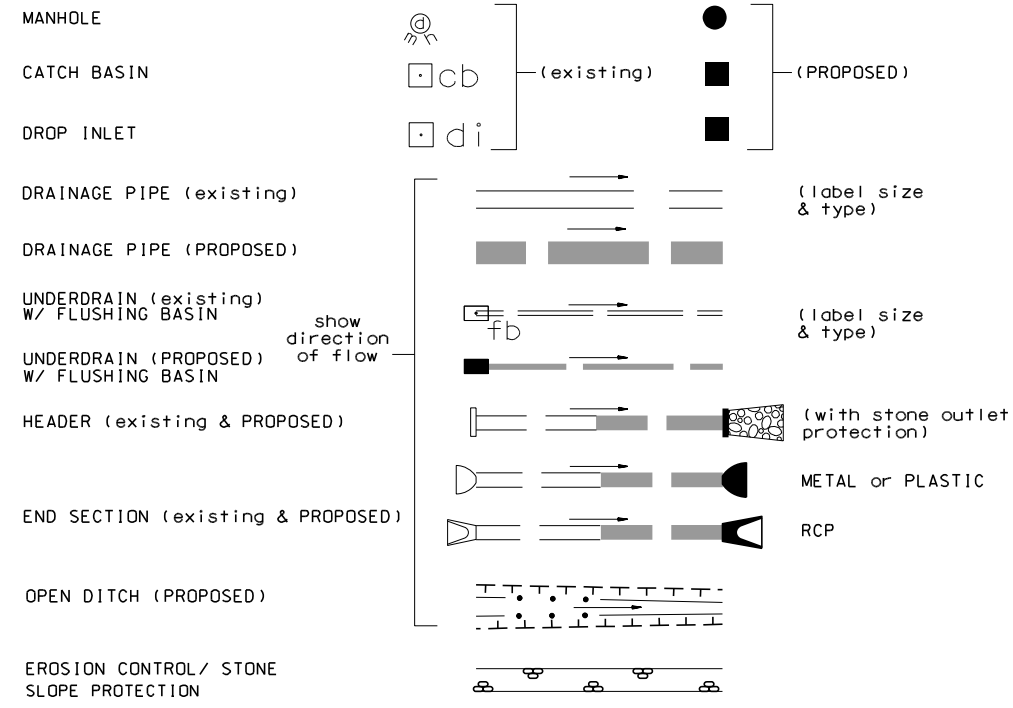


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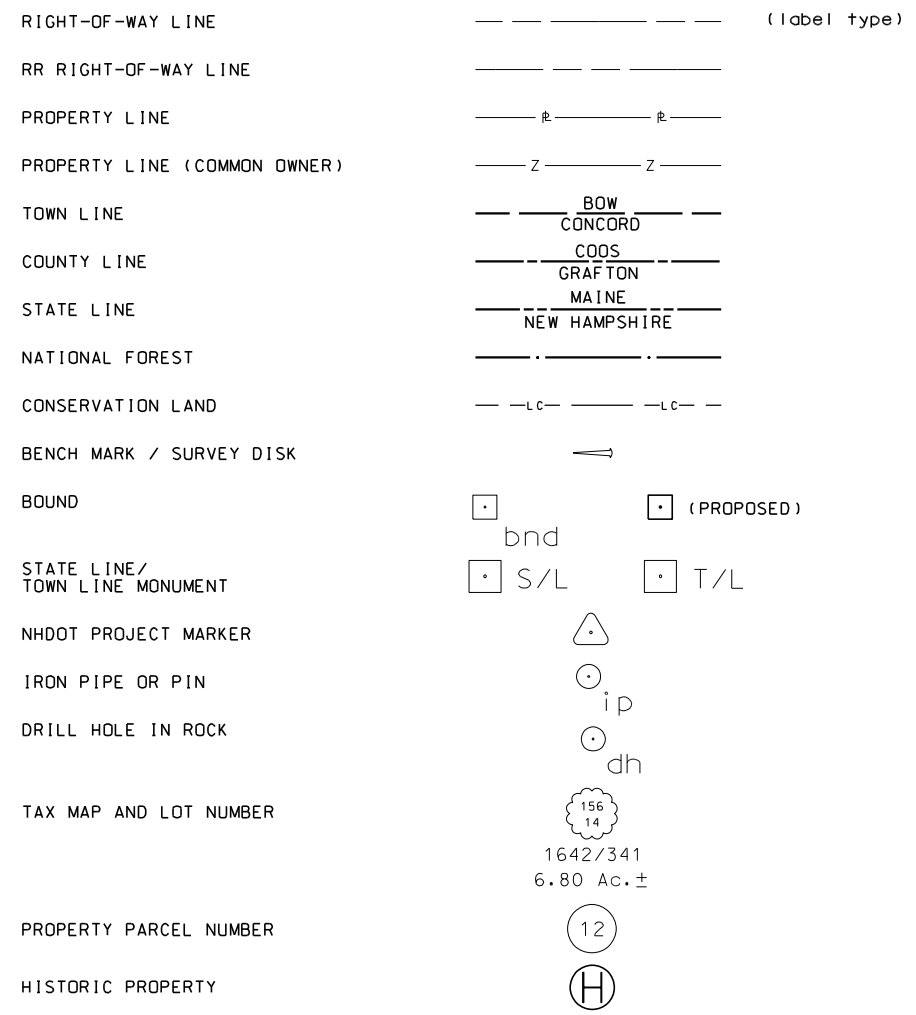
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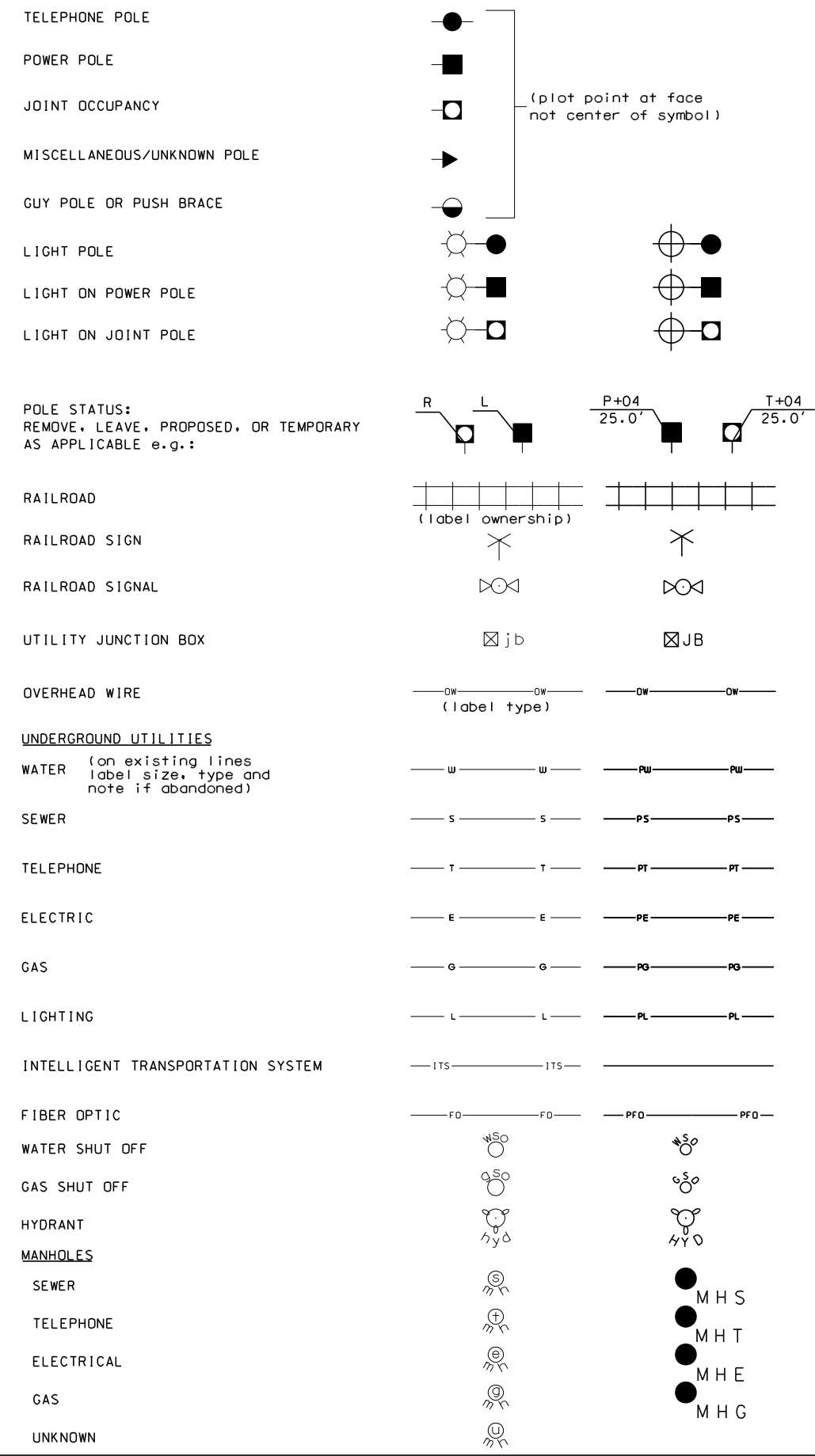
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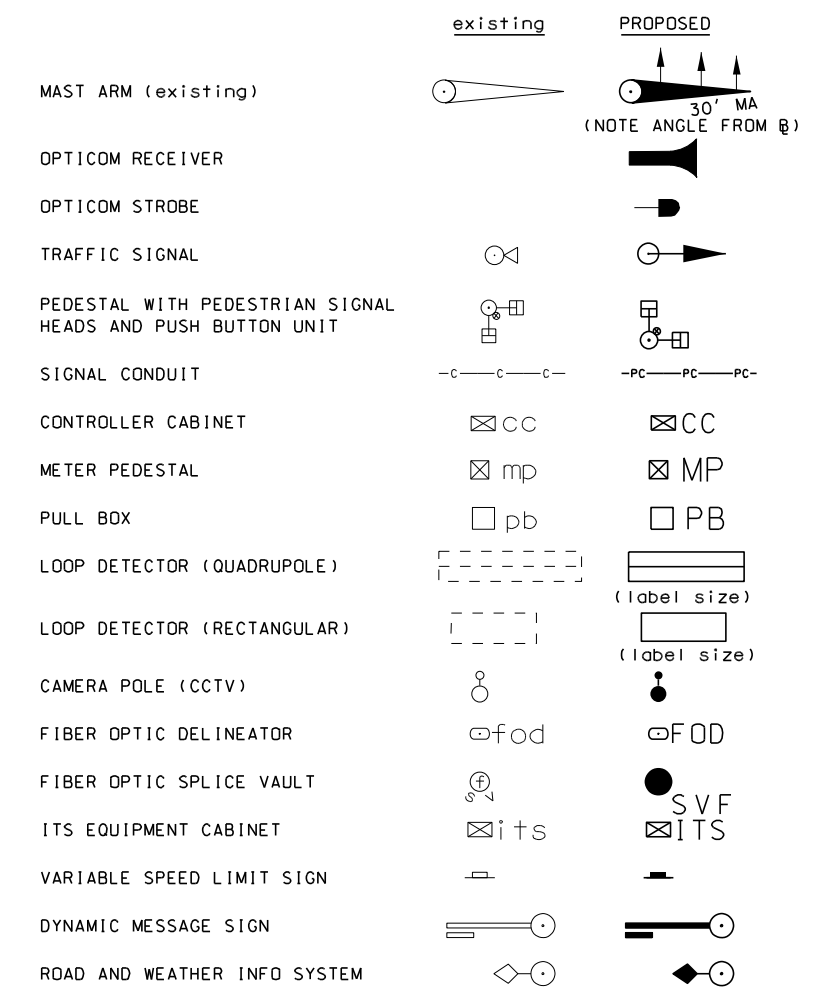
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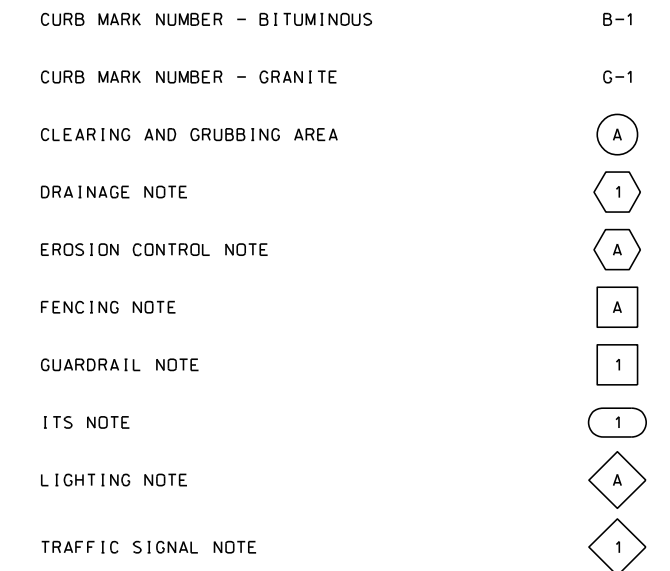
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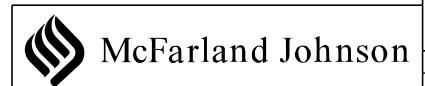
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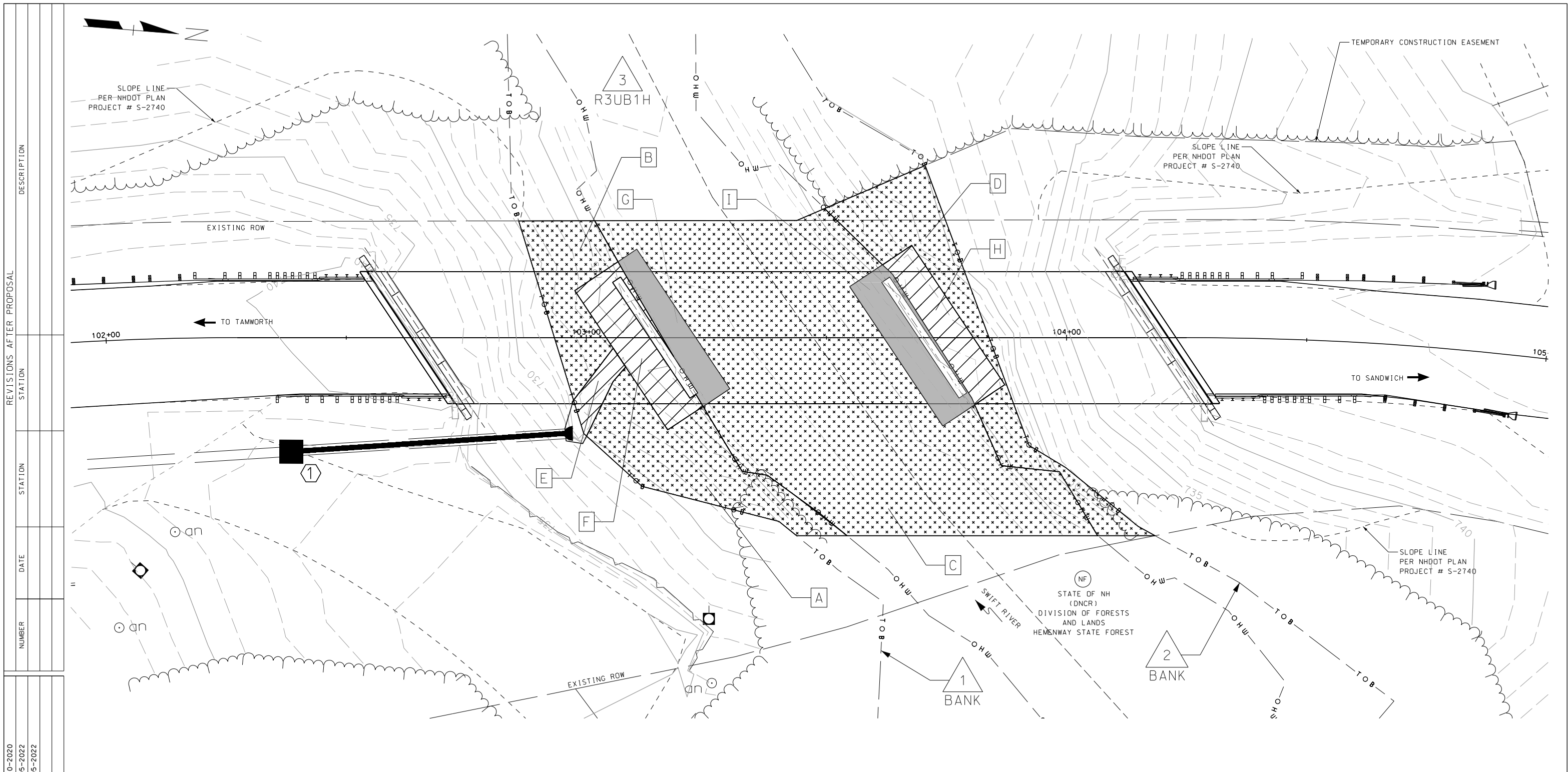
NEW HAMPSHIRE IMPACTS
PERMANENT IMPACTS: 1,100 SF
TEMPORARY IMPACTS: 4,863 SF
TOTAL IMPACTS: 5,963 SF

SWIFT RIVER CLASSIFICATION:
R3UB1H (RIVERINE, UPPER PERENNIAL, UNCONSOLIDATED BOTTOM, COBBLE-GRAVEL, PERMANENTLY FLOODED)

NOT TO SCALE



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WETLAND IMPACT SUMMARY SHEET			
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LEGEND

TYPE OF WETLAND IMPACT	SHADING/HATCHING	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
NEW HAMPSHIRE WETLANDS BUREAU (PERMANENT NON-WETLAND)	[Diagonal hatching]	#	WETLAND DESIGNATION NUMBER
NEW HAMPSHIRE WETLANDS BUREAU & ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS (PERMANENT WETLAND)	[Solid grey]	#	WETLAND IMPACT LOCATION
TEMPORARY IMPACTS	[Cross-hatching]	#	WETLAND MITIGATION AREA
	[White box]		MITIGATION

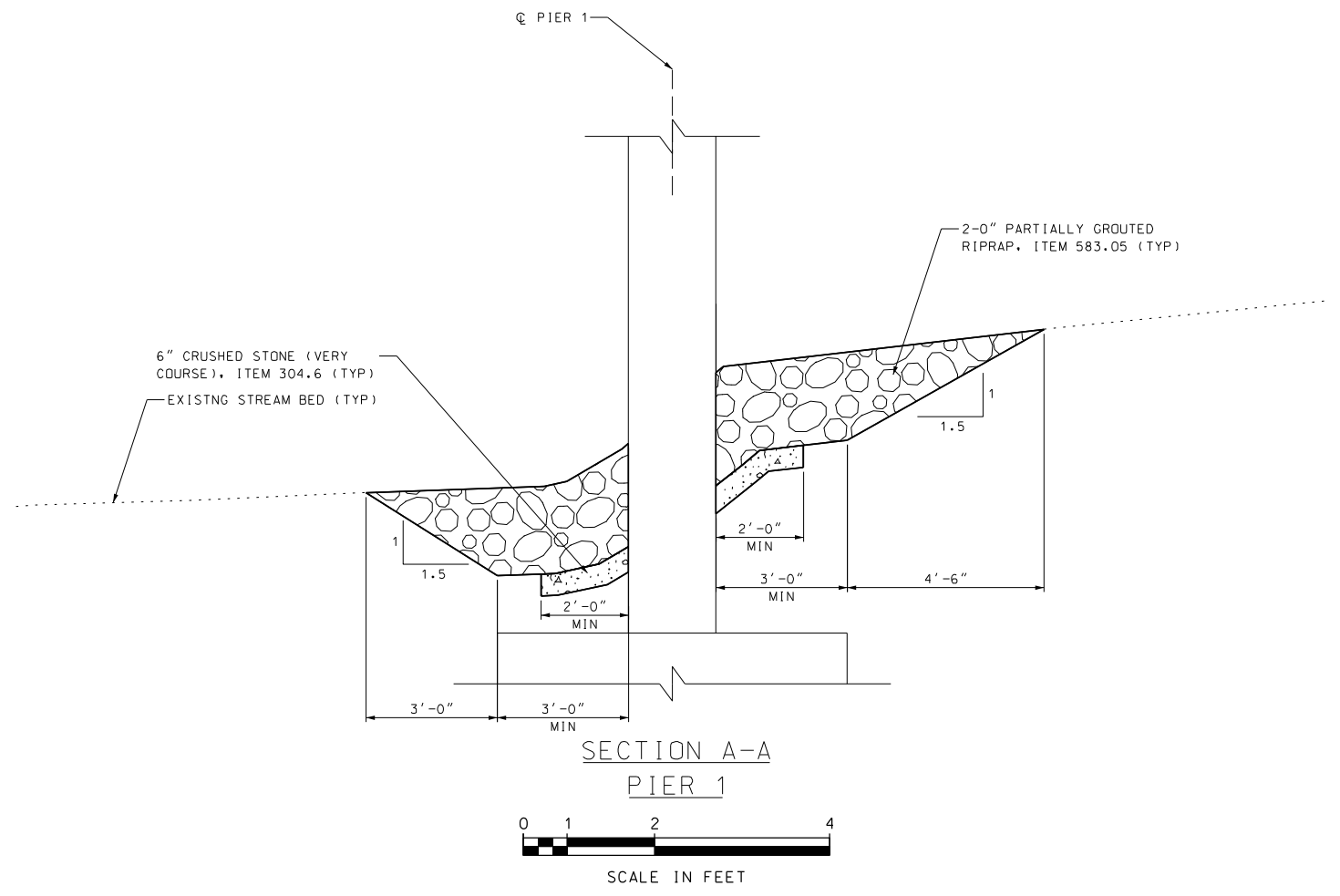
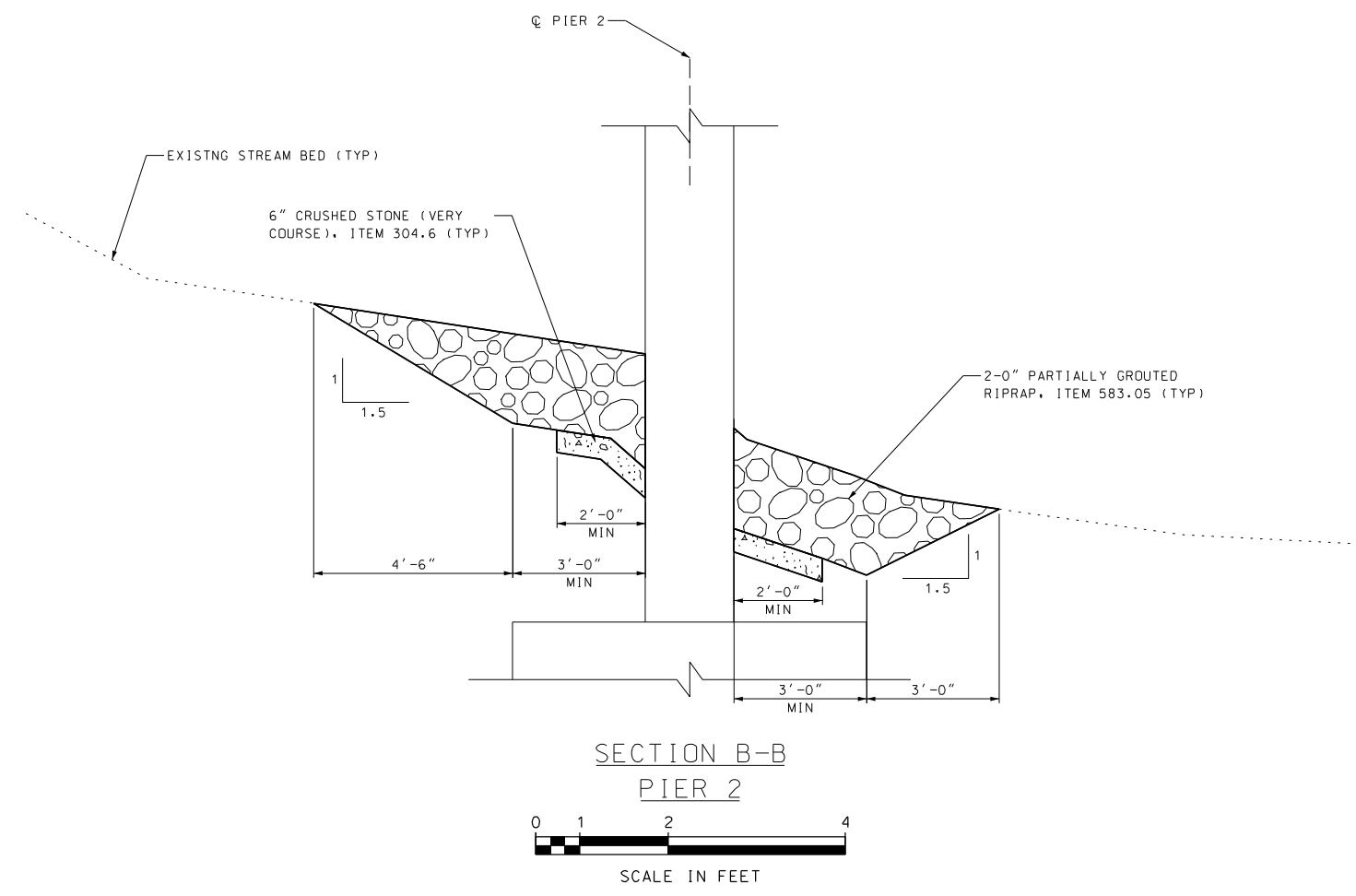
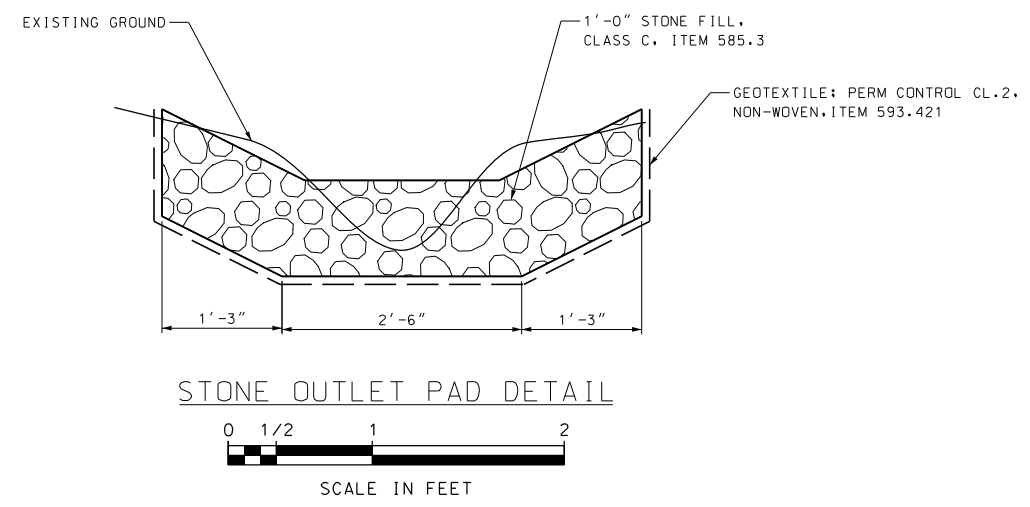


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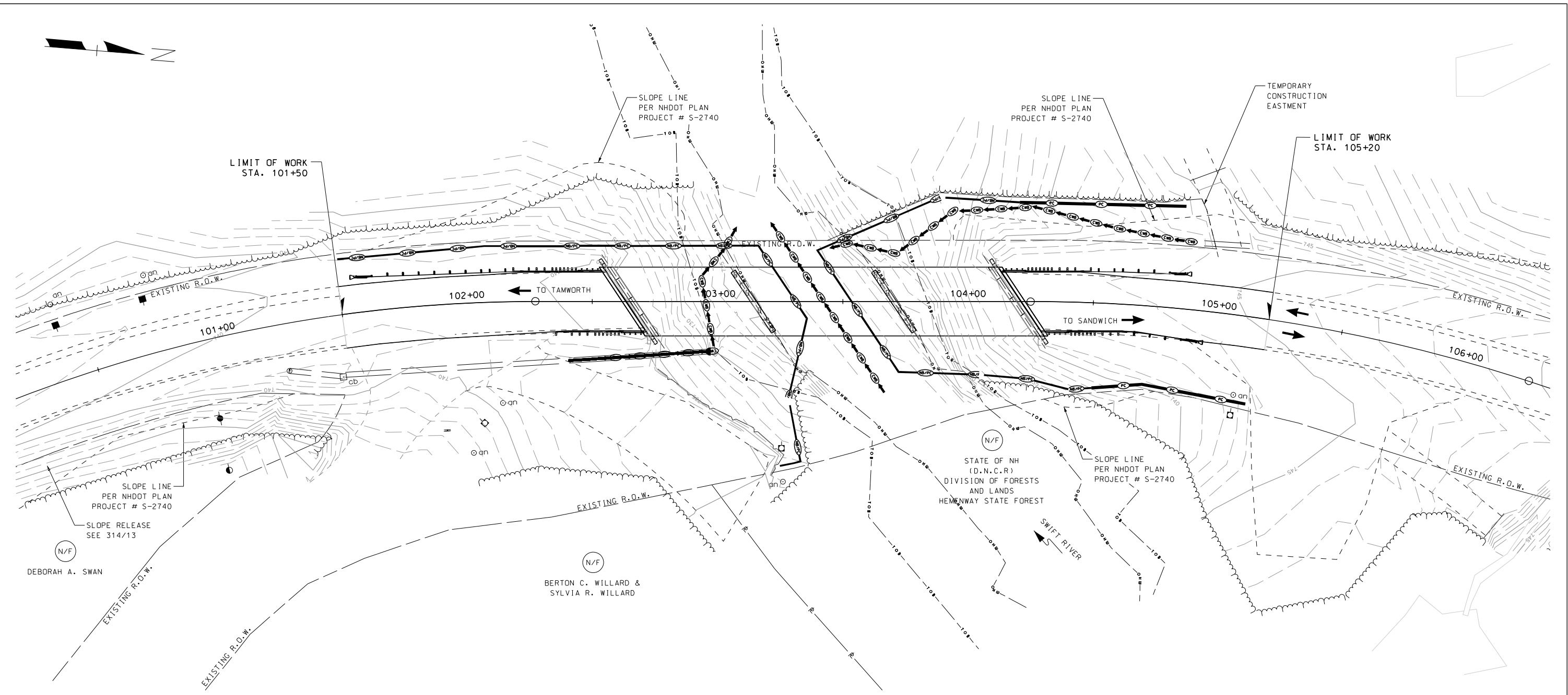
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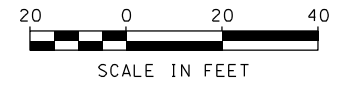
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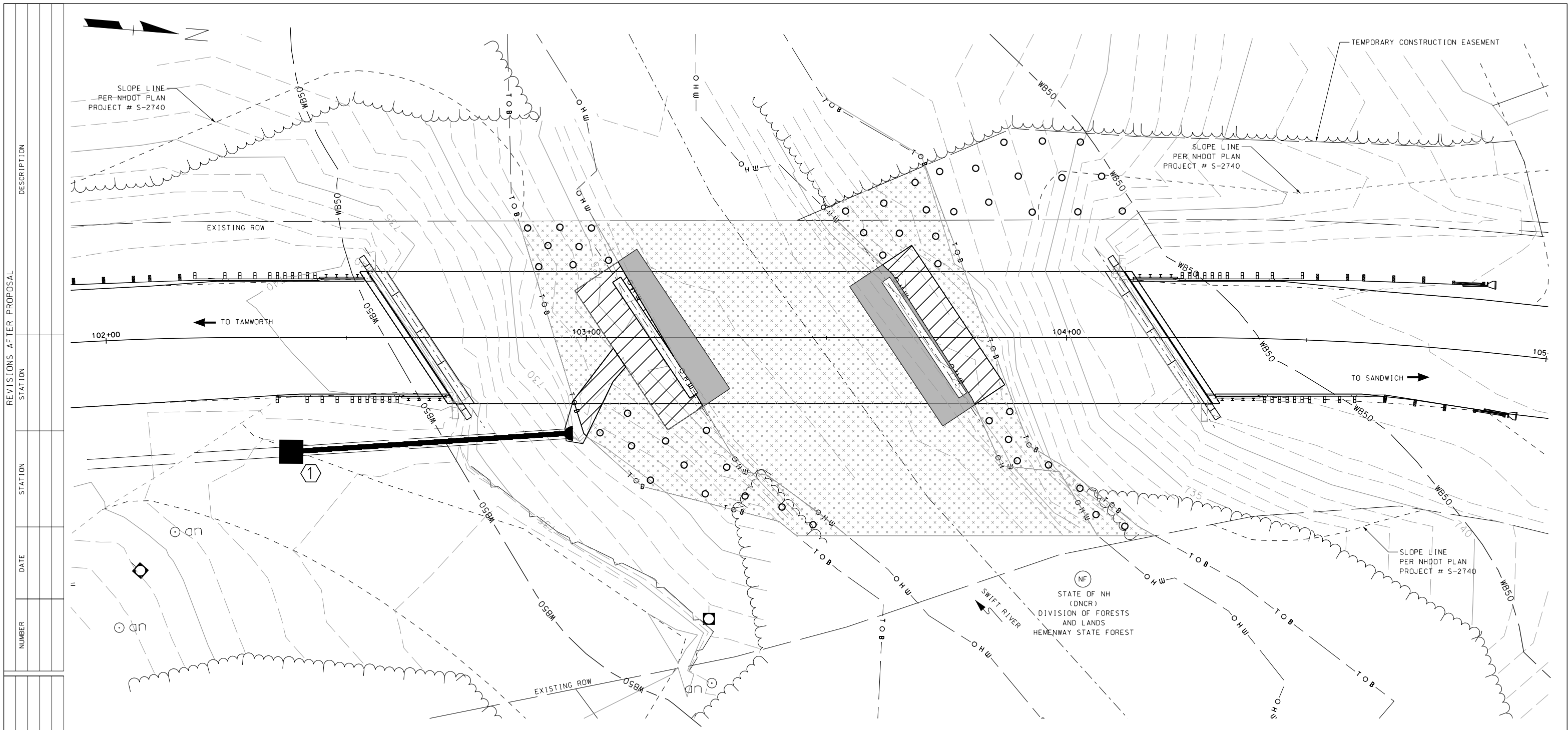
EROSION CONTROL PLAN LEGEND	
	PERIMETER CONTROL SILT FENCE EROSION CONTROL MIX BERM EROSION CONTROL MIX SOX TURBIDITY CURTAIN SHEET PILE COFFER DAM
	NATURAL BUFFER/PERIMETER CONTROL SILT FENCE EROSION CONTROL MIX BERM EROSION CONTROL MIX SOX TURBIDITY CURTAIN SHEET PILE COFFER DAM
	CHANNEL PROTECTION STONE CHECK DAMS STRAW WATTLES CHANNEL MATTING CLASS D EROSION STONE CLASS C STONE
	CLEAN WATER BYPASS PUMP THROUGH PIPE DRAIN THROUGH PIPE OR CHANNEL

- NOTES**
1. AREAS BEYOND THE ROW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED FOR JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS. NO WETLANDS ARE LOCATED WITHIN 50' OF THE EXISTING ROW.
 2. NO WORK SHALL BE CONDUCTED OUTSIDE OF THE EXISTING ROW UNTIL TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED.
 3. ALL PROPOSED 2' CONTOURS MATCH EXISTING. THEREFORE ONLY THE EXISTING 2' CONTOURS ARE SHOWN FOR CLARITY.
 4. THE CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA SHALL BE IN AN UPLAND & 20FT FROM ANY WETLANDS OR SURFACE WATERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROJECT PERMITS AND NHDES WETLAND RULES.
 5. CONSTRUCTION MATS PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NHDES WETLAND RULES.
 6. THE NATURAL BUFFER/PERIMETER CONTROL SHALL BE PLACED IN A MANNER THAT ENSURES IT PASSES THE 2 YEAR STORM EVENT. THIS MAY REQUIRE STAGING OF THE PIER WORK TO INCREASE THE OPENING OF THE CLEAN WATER BYPASS. THE MEANS AND METHODS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE CONTRACTOR.



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Planting Plan



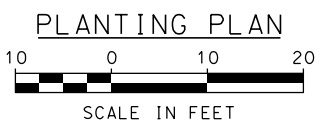
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PLANT INVENTORY LIST
(INCLUDED IN ITEM 650.2 - LANDSCAPING)

SYMBOL	HEIGHT	QUANTITY	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
○	3' - 4'	50	RED-OSIER DOGWOOD	CORNUS SERICEA

LEGEND

- H W— DELINEATED ORDINARY HIGH WATER
- T O B — DELINEATED TOP OF BANK



PLANTING NOTES:

- SEED DISTURBED SLOPES WITH SLOPE SEED (WF) TYPE 45, SUBSIDIARY TO ITEM 646.31.
- STABILIZE DISTURBED SLOPES WITH WILDLIFE FRIENDLY EROSION CONTROL MATTING (ITEM 645.44).
- SEED ALL DISTURBED WETLAND AREAS WITH WET BASIN SEED, TYPE 62 SUBSIDIARY TO ITEM 646.31.
- ALL PLANTINGS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 650 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.



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