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PERMIT

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| <p>In accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey, the Department of Environmental Protection hereby grants this permit to perform the activities described below. This permit is revocable with due cause and is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations listed below and on the attached pages. For the purpose of this document, "permit" means "approval, certification, registration, authorization, waiver, etc." Violation of any term, condition, or limitation of this permit is a violation of the implementing rules and may subject the permittee to enforcement action.</p> | | <p>Approval Date December 11, 2023</p> |
| | | <p>Expiration Date December 10, 2028</p> |
| <p>Permit Number(s): 0000-09-0043.2 LUP230001</p> | <p>Type of Approval(s): FWW GP10B Minor Road Crossings FHA Individual Permit WFD-Individual Upland Permit Water Quality Certificate</p> | <p>Governing Rule(s): N.J.A.C. 7:13-1.1(b) N.J.A.C. 7:7-1.1(a) N.J.A.C. 7:7A-1.1(a)</p> |
| <p>Permittee: Robert Bird NJDOT 1035 Parkway Avenue Trenton, NJ 08625</p> | <p>Site Location: Block(s) & Lot(s): [NA, NA] Municipality: Gloucester Twp County: Camden</p> | |
| <p>Description of Authorized Activities:</p> <p>This document authorizes the NJDOT to rehabilitate Route 168 between M.P. 0.00 to M.P. 5.41 in Gloucester Township and Runnemede Borough in Camden County, and Washington Township in Gloucester County. This authorization includes milling and paving along the Route 168 roadway, the installation of ADA compliant curb ramps and upgrading and reconstructing existing guiderail. The permit also authorizes the installation of scour protection measures at the Mingus Run channel and culvert (Identified as Unnamed Tributary to the South Branch Big Timber Creek), structure number 0425-153 at M.P. 280 along Route 168.</p> <p>This authorization to conduct activities in wetlands and/or waters includes the issuance of a Water Quality Certificate.</p> <p>This project is authorized under and in conditional compliance with the applicable Coastal Zone Management Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7-1.1 et seq.) as amended through October 5, 2021, Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7A-1.1 et seq.) as amended through November 7, 2022, and Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:13-1.1 et seq.) as amended through November 7, 2022, provided that all conditions to follow are met.</p> <p><i>The Department has determined that the herein approved activities meet the requirements of the (FHACA/CZM) rules. This approval does not obviate the local Floodplain Administrator's responsibility to ensure all development occurring within their community's Special Flood Hazard Area is compliant with the local Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, and minimum NFIP standards, regardless of any state-issued permits. FEMA requires communities to review and permit all proposed construction or other development within their SFHA in order to participate in the NFIP.</i></p> | | |
| <p>Prepared by: Matthew Resnick</p> | <p>Received and/or Recorded by County Clerk:</p> | |
| <p>If the permittee undertakes any regulated activity, project, or development authorized under this permit, such action shall constitute the permittee's acceptance of the permit in its entirety as well as the permittee's agreement to abide by the requirements of the permit and all conditions therein.</p> | | |
| <p align="center">This permit is not valid unless authorizing signature appears on the last page.</p> | | |

STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZED IMPACTS:

The authorized activities allow for the permittee to undertake impacts to regulated areas as described below. Additional impacts to regulated areas without prior Department approval shall constitute a violation of the rules under which this document is issued and may subject the permittee and/or property owner to enforcement action, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:13-24.1; N.J.A.C. 7:7A-22.1; N.J.A.C. 7:7-29.1

| FWW Impacts | Permanent Disturbance (Acres) | Temporary Disturbance (Acres) |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Freshwater wetlands | 0 | 0 |
| Transition areas | 0.020 | 0.048 |
| State open waters | 0.015 | 0.016 |

| Riparian Zone Vegetation | Area of riparian zone (Acres) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Permanent Disturbed | 0.073 |
| Temporary Disturbed | 0.52 |

PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS:

1. To avoid direct impacts to Northern Long-eared Bat, Tricolored Bat (proposed federal listing), as well as nesting migratory bird species, the Permittee shall adhere to a seasonal restriction on the clearing of all woody vegetation from April 1 through September 30 of each calendar year.
2. In order to protect warm water general game fish species within the South Branch Big Timber Creek, Farrow’s Run, and Mingus Run Creek, no grading, construction or clearing is permitted within the river between May 1 through June 30 of each calendar year. Furthermore, any activity outside the river, which would likely introduce sediment into the rivers and/or increase its turbidity, is also prohibited during this period. The Department reserves the right to suspend all regulated activities onsite should it be determined that the permittee has not taken proper precautions to ensure continuous compliance with this condition. If sediment control structures are installed prior to the timing restrictions stated above, construction behind the sediment control structures may proceed during the restricted period.
3. In order to protect migratory anadromous fish species within the North Branch Big Timber Creek, no grading, construction or clearing is permitted within the river between March 1 through June 30 of each calendar year. Furthermore, any activity outside the river, which would likely introduce sediment into the rivers and/or increase its turbidity, is also prohibited during this period. The Department reserves the right to suspend all regulated activities onsite should it be determined that the permittee has not taken proper precautions to ensure continuous compliance with this condition. If sediment control structures are installed prior to the timing restrictions stated above, construction behind the sediment control structures may proceed during the restricted period.
4. Prior to the commencement of site clearing, grading, or construction onsite, the permittee shall install a sediment barrier at the limits of disturbance authorized herein, which is sufficient to prevent the sedimentation of the remaining freshwater wetlands and transition areas and shall serve as a physical

barrier protecting these areas from encroachment by construction vehicles or other soil-disturbing activities. All sediment barriers and soil erosion control measures shall be kept in place and maintained throughout the duration of construction, until such time that the site is stabilized.

5. The disturbance of a geodetic control reference mark is discouraged. When a geodetic control reference mark must be moved, raised or lowered to accommodate construction, the New Jersey Geodetic Control Survey shall be contacted at least 60 days prior to disturbance, and arrangements shall be made to protect the position. If the position cannot be protected, it may be altered in position after approval by the New Jersey Geodetic Control Survey and under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer or land surveyor using standard methods. Copies of field notes and instruments, tape, and rod specifications including calibration data, shall be submitted to the New Jersey Geodetic Control Survey.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. This permit is issued subject to compliance with N.J.A.C. 7:7-27.2 Conditions that apply to all coastal permits.
2. The authorized activities shall comply with the applicable conditions set forth under N.J.A.C. 7:7A-5.7, 7.10B, and 20.2. Failure to comply with these conditions shall constitute a violation of the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act (N.J.S.A. 13:9B-1 et. seq.). Any additional un-permitted disturbance of freshwater wetlands, State open waters, or transition areas besides that shown on the approved plans shall be considered a violation of the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules unless the activity is exempt or a permit is obtained from the Department prior to the start of the disturbance.
3. The Department has determined that the freshwater wetlands affected by this permit authorization are of intermediate/exceptional resource value and the standard transition area or buffer required adjacent to these wetlands is 50/150 feet. Any additional regulated activities conducted within the standard transition area onsite shall require a separate transition area waiver from the Division. Regulated activities within a transition area are defined at N.J.A.C. 7:7A-2.3. Please refer to the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act (N.J.S.A. 13:9B-1 et seq.) and implementing Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7A) for additional information.
4. This authorization for a General Permit is valid for a term not to exceed five years from the date of this permit. If the permittee wishes to continue an activity covered by the permit after the expiration date of the permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a permit extension or a new permit, prior to the permit's expiration. If the term of the authorization exceeds the expiration date of the general permit issued by rule, and the permit upon which the authorization is based is modified by rule to include more stringent standards or conditions, or is not reissued, the applicant must comply with the requirements of the new regulations by applying for a new GP authorization or an Individual permit.
5. Construction equipment shall not be stored, staged or driven within any channel, freshwater wetland or transition area, unless expressly approved by this permit and/or described on the approved plans.
6. Construction may only be performed in the dry or de-watered conditions. No work may be performed in the wet.
7. Vegetation within 150 feet of the top of the bank shall only be disturbed in the areas specifically shown on the approved drawing(s). No other vegetation within 150 feet of the top of any stream bank

onsite shall be disturbed for any reason. This condition applies to all channels onsite regardless of the contributory drainage area.

8. All riparian zone vegetation that is cleared, cut, and/or removed to conduct a regulated activity, access an area where regulated activities will be conducted, or otherwise accommodate a regulated activity shall be replanted immediately after completion of the regulated activity, unless prevented by seasonal weather, in which case the vegetation shall be replanted as soon as conditions permit. Portions of the riparian zone occupied by an authorized structure need not be replanted. The vegetation to be replanted shall:
 - i. Consist of vegetation of equal or greater ecological function and value as the vegetation that was cleared, cut, or removed. For example, herbaceous vegetation may be replaced with the same type of vegetation or with trees, but the trees in forested areas must be replaced with trees of equal or greater density and ecological function and value;
 - ii. Consist of native, non-invasive vegetation, except in an actively disturbed area. In an actively disturbed area, the vegetation may be replaced with the same type of vegetation that was cleared, cut, or removed, or with another kind of vegetation typical of an actively disturbed area. For example, lawn grass may be replaced with garden plants or agricultural crops; and
 - iii. In cases where replanting would interfere with continued access to or maintenance of a structure that is required by Federal, State, or local law, the vegetation replanted shall meet the requirements to the extent feasible.
9. All excavated material and dredged material shall be disposed of in a lawful manner outside of any flood hazard area riparian zone, open water, freshwater wetland and adjacent transition area, and in such a way as to not interfere with the positive drainage of the receiving area.
10. Any additional un-permitted disturbance of freshwater wetlands, State open waters and/or transition areas besides that shown on the approved plans shall be considered a violation of the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules unless the activity is exempt or a permit is obtained from the Department prior to the start of the proposed disturbance.
11. All temporarily disturbed state open waters and transition areas must be restored to pre-construction conditions following the completion of the authorized activities.
12. This permit to conduct a regulated activity within state open waters includes the Division's approval of a Water Quality Certificate for these activities.
13. For the purposes of this permit, the Department has determined that this project is not a Major Development as defined in the Stormwater Management rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2. Therefore, the Department did not review the proposed project for compliance with these rules.
14. Any future expansion or alteration of the approved site layout and/or land cover which would affect water quality, increase the rate or volume of stormwater leaving the site, or affect the infiltration capacity on the site, shall be reviewed and approved by the Department prior to construction.

15. Any new, reconstructed, enlarged, or elevated structure within a flood hazard area shall be secured to resist flotation, collapse, and displacement due to hydrostatic and hydrodynamic forces from floodwaters.
16. All foundations, slabs, footings, and walls of the proposed structure/s shall be designed to resist uplift, flotation, collapse and displacement due to hydrostatic and hydrodynamic forces resulting from flooding up to an elevation of one foot above the flood hazard area design flood elevation. Furthermore, all structural components shall be designed to resist the same forces.

STANDARD CONDITIONS:

1. The issuance of a permit shall in no way expose the State of New Jersey or the Department to liability for the sufficiency or correctness of the design of any construction or structure(s). Neither the State nor the Department shall, in any way, be liable for any loss of life or property that may occur by virtue of the activity or project conducted as authorized under a permit.
2. The issuance of a permit does not convey any property rights or any exclusive privilege.
3. The permittee shall obtain all applicable Federal, State, and local approvals prior to commencement of regulated activities authorized under a permit.
4. A permittee conducting an activity involving soil disturbance, the creation of drainage structures, or changes in natural contours shall obtain any required approvals from the Soil Conservation District or designee having jurisdiction over the site.
5. The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to prevent, minimize, or correct any adverse impact on the environment resulting from activities conducted pursuant to the permit, or from noncompliance with the permit.
6. The permittee shall immediately inform the Department of any unanticipated adverse effects on the environment not described in the application or in the conditions of the permit. The Department may, upon discovery of such unanticipated adverse effects, and upon the failure of the permittee to submit a report thereon, notify the permittee of its intent to suspend the permit.
7. The permittee shall immediately inform the Department by telephone at (877) 927-6337 (WARN DEP hotline) of any noncompliance that may endanger public health, safety, and welfare, or the environment. The permittee shall inform the Watershed & Land Management by telephone at (609) 777-0454 of any other noncompliance within two working days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the noncompliance, and in writing within five working days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the noncompliance. Such notice shall not, however, serve as a defense to enforcement action if the project is found to be in violation of this chapter. The written notice shall include:
 - i. A description of the noncompliance and its cause;
 - ii. The period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times;
 - iii. If the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated length of time it is expected to continue; and

- iv. The steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance.
8. Any noncompliance with a permit constitutes a violation of this chapter and is grounds for enforcement action, as well as, in the appropriate case, suspension and/or termination of the permit.
9. It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the authorized activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of the permit.
10. The permittee shall employ appropriate measures to minimize noise where necessary during construction, as specified in N.J.S.A. 13:1G-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:29.
11. The issuance of a permit does not relinquish the State's tidelands ownership or claim to any portion of the subject property or adjacent properties.
12. The issuance of a permit does not relinquish public rights to access and use tidal waterways and their shores.
13. The permittee shall allow an authorized representative of the Department, upon the presentation of credentials, to:
 - i. Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated activity, project, or development is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of the permit;
 - ii. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of the permit;
 - iii. Inspect, at reasonable times, any facilities, equipment, practices, or operations regulated or required under the permit. Failure to allow reasonable access under this paragraph shall be considered a violation of this chapter and subject the permittee to enforcement action; and
 - iv. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Federal Act, by the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act, or by any rule or order issued pursuant thereto, any substances or parameters at any location.
13. The permittee shall allow an authorized representative of the Department, upon the presentation of credentials, to:
 - i. Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated activity, project, or development is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of the permit;
 - ii. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of the permit; and
 - iii. Inspect, at reasonable times, any facilities, equipment, practices, or operations regulated or required under the permit. Failure to allow reasonable access under this paragraph shall be considered a violation of this chapter and subject the permittee to enforcement action.
14. The permittee shall not cause or allow any unreasonable interference with the free flow of a regulated water by placing or dumping any materials, equipment, debris or structures within or adjacent to the channel while the regulated activity, project, or development is being undertaken.

Upon completion of the regulated activity, project, or development, the permittee shall remove and dispose of in a lawful manner all excess materials, debris, equipment, and silt fences and other temporary soil erosion and sediment control devices from all regulated areas.

15. The permittee and its contractors and subcontractors shall comply with all conditions, site plans, and supporting documents approved by the permit.
16. All conditions, site plans, and supporting documents approved by a permit shall remain in full force and effect, so long as the regulated activity, project, or development, or any portion thereof, is in existence, unless the permit is modified pursuant to the rules governing the herein approved permits.
17. The permittee shall perform any mitigation required under the permit in accordance with the rules governing the herein approved permits.
18. If any condition or permit is determined to be legally unenforceable, modifications and additional conditions may be imposed by the Department as necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare, or the environment.
19. Any permit condition that does not establish a specific timeframe within which the condition must be satisfied (for example, prior to commencement of construction) shall be satisfied within six months of the effective date of the permit.
20. A copy of the permit and all approved site plans and supporting documents shall be maintained at the site at all times and made available to Department representatives or their designated agents immediately upon request.
21. The permittee shall provide monitoring results to the Department at the intervals specified in the permit.
22. A permit shall be transferred to another person only in accordance with the rules governing the herein approved permits.
23. A permit can be modified, suspended, or terminated by the Department for cause.
24. The submittal of a request to modify a permit by the permittee, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance, does not stay any condition of a permit.
25. Where the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in an application, or submitted incorrect information in an application or in any report to the Department, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.
26. The permittee shall submit email notification to the Bureau of Coastal & Land Use Compliance & Enforcement at CLU_tomsriver@dep.nj.gov at least 3 days prior to commencement of site preparation and/or regulated activities, whichever comes first. The notification shall include proof of completion of all pre-construction conditions, including proof of recording of permits, approved plans and/or conservation easements, if required. The permittee shall allow an authorized Bureau representative on the site to inspect to ensure compliance with this permit.
27. The permittee shall record the permit, including all conditions listed therein, with the Office of the County Clerk (the Registrar of Deeds and Mortgages, if applicable) of each county in which the site is located. The permit shall be recorded within 30 calendar days of receipt by the permittee, unless

the permit authorizes activities within two or more counties, in which case the permit shall be recorded within 90 calendar days of receipt. Upon completion of all recording, a copy of the recorded permit shall be forwarded to Watershed & Land Management at the address listed on page one of this permit.

APPROVED PLAN(S):

The drawing(s) hereby approved consist of fifty-two (52) sheet(s) prepared by Steven Flormann P.E. of HNTB Corporation, dated as noted below, unrevised, and collectively entitled:

“STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PLANS OF ROUTE 168, ROUTE 42 TO CR 544 (EVESHAM ROAD), CONTRACT NO. 000153960, PAVEMENT AND DRAINAGE REHABILITATION, APPLICATION FOR NJDEP FLOOD HAZARD AREA INDIVIDUAL PERMIT, WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT UPLAND INDIVIDUAL PERMIT, AND FRESHWATER WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT NO. 10B, GLOUCESTER AND RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH, CAMDEN COUNTY, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY”, sheets 1 through 51, dated June 2023,

And the following sheet,

“CONSTRUCTION DETAILS”- Sheet No. 51A of 51, dated November 3, 2023

APPEAL OF DECISION:

Any person who is aggrieved by this decision may submit an adjudicatory hearing request within 30 calendar days after public notice of the decision is published in the DEP Bulletin (available at www.nj.gov/dep/bulletin). If a person submits the hearing request after this time, the Department shall deny the request. The hearing request must include a completed copy of the Administrative Hearing Request Checklist (available at www.nj.gov/dep/landuse/forms.html). A person requesting an adjudicatory hearing shall submit the original hearing request to: NJDEP Office of Administrative Hearings and Dispute Resolution, Attention: Adjudicatory Hearing Requests, Mail Code 401-07A, P.O. Box 420, 401 East State Street, 7th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420. Additionally, a copy of the hearing request shall be submitted to the Director of Watershed & Land Management at the address listed on page one of this permit. In addition to your hearing request, you may file a request with the Office of Dispute Resolution to engage in alternative dispute resolution. Please see www.nj.gov/dep/odr for more information on this process.

If you need clarification on any section of this permit or conditions, please contact Watershed & Land Management’s Technical Support Call Center at (609) 777-0454.

Approved By:

Mark C. Davis, Section Chief
Bureau of Coastal Permitting
Watershed & Land Management

c: Municipal Clerk, Gloucester Twp
Municipal Construction Official, Gloucester Twp
Agent (original) – Robert Bird