GENERAL PERMIT 1



DRCC#: 17-5103

DATE: September 29, 2017

PROJECT NAME: Alexander Road Over D&R Canal Bridge Repair

Latest Submission Received: September 14, 2017

Applicant:

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New Jersey Department of Transportation

(NJDOT)

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Contractor:

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Project Location:

Road	Municipality	County	Block(s)	Lot(s)
Alexander Road/Alexander Street	West Windsor Township/ Princeton	Mercer	n/a	n/a

Jurisdictional Determination:

Zone A	Minor	Governmental
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Documents Received: Application received September 14, 2017; aerial map (1 sheet) of Alexander Road; Photographs (1 sheet) depicting condition of bridge curb and sidewalk.

The Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission has reviewed the referenced application for a General Permit authorization pursuant to the requirements of the Regulations for the Review of the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park at N.J.A.C. 7:45-6.2. The proposed project is authorized by General Permit No.1, which authorizes projects in Zone A that are necessary to carry out the repair, rehabilitation, maintenance or reconstruction of a structure, road, utility line, or stormwater management measure or basin lawfully existing prior to January 1980 or approved under this Chapter by the Commission.

The project authorized under this general permit shall not be put to any use other than as specified in any approval authorizing its original construction. Projects authorized under the general permit shall not visibly change, expand, widen or deepen the feature, and shall not deviate from any plans of any prior project approvals, except for minor deviations due to changes in materials or construction techniques. Any such deviations

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must be shown as necessary to fulfill the purpose of the proposed project, and must be consistent with the Master Plan.

Description of the authorized project: The NJDOT proposes maintenance repairs to the Alexander Street Bridge, which carries Alexander Road/Alexander Street over the D&R Canal from West Windsor Township to the Municipality of Princeton (Mileage # 31.40) in the vicinity of Turning Basin Park. The wood with asphalt covered wood deck bridge was constructed circa 1944. The proposed repairs would: remove asphalt, replace damaged and loose timber decking and missing timber fascia boards, repave the deck and repair damaged sidewalk.

NJDOT has indicated in an email to DEP/SHPO that the proposed maintenance repairs would be done in-kind using the same material type, design, dimension, detailing, and maintain the current exterior appearance of the bridge.

Permit Conditions: The project allowed by this authorization shall comply with the following conditions. Failure to comply with these conditions shall constitute a violation of the "Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park Law of 1974" (N.J.S.A. 13:13A-1 et seq.).

- 1. This authorization is valid for five years from the date of this letter unless more stringent standards are adopted by rules prior to this date.
- 2. The project as described shall be constructed and/or executed in conformity with the application.
- 3. No change in plans or specifications shall be made except with prior written permission from the Commission.
- 4. The permittee shall allow the Commission the right to inspect the construction site and also shall provide the Commission with written notification 7 days prior to the start of the authorized work.
- 5. A complete, legible copy of this permit shall be kept at the work site and shall be exhibited upon request of any person.
- 6. The issuance of this permit shall not be deemed to affect in any way other actions by the Commission on any future application.
- 7. The D&R Canal is used as a raw water source for several water companies downstream, and as such, water quality and flow shall be maintained.
- 8. If work in the canal is required, the NJDOT shall following any recommendation by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJSWA) that such work shall be conducted during times of low flow through the canal.
- 9. During the work, the contractor shall ensure that no debris, soil or vegetation from the work shall fall, drop, be placed or dumped in the canal.
- 10. It shall be the contractor's responsibility to ensure that all debris caused by the work is removed from the canal.
- 11. The contractor shall not pierce or puncture the clay liner or the bed of the canal.

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- 12. The NJDOT shall periodically inform and update the NJSWA on the status of the work schedule for the project.
- 13. Access to the canal and towpath for NJSWA personnel shall be maintained.
- 14. Any damage to the canal caused by the contractor or any subcontractor shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the NJSWA.
- 15. The NJDOT shall obtain any Special Use Permit or Right-of-Entry agreement required by the Department of Environmental Protection. Division of Parks and Forestry, State Park Service.

Expiration Date: September 29, 2022

Appeal of Decision: In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:45-7.1, any person who is aggrieved by this decision may request a hearing within 30 days of the date of decision.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact the Commission at (609) 397-2000 and reference the above file number.

Sincerely, I delle

John Hutchison Executive Director

c. Mike Sellar, Facility Manager, Delaware & Raritan Canal, NJSWA Rob Auermuller, Superintendent, Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park