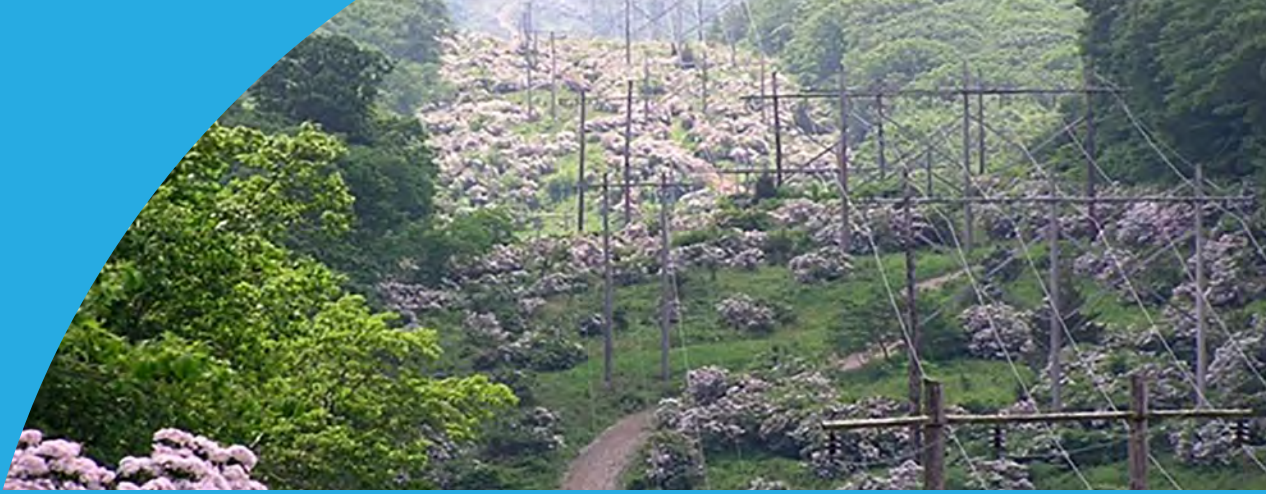


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## SECTION 1

# Section 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose

As a matter of Eversource Energy (herein, “Eversource”) policy with regard to environmental stewardship and in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations, all construction and maintenance projects shall use environmentally sound best management practices (BMPs) to minimize or eliminate environmental impacts that may result from construction activities. Regardless of whether a specific permit is needed for the work, construction and maintenance projects must follow internal environmental performance standards, which is the purpose of these BMPs.

In many cases, maintenance activities are exempt from regulatory authorization. Permits are usually required for new work. Contractors will be provided with copies of any project-specific permits and will be required to adhere to any and all conditions of the permit(s). Project-specific permit conditions may supersede the BMPs outlined in this manual. However, where certain construction elements are not addressed by permit conditions, or where permitting is not required, or for emergency situations where obtaining a permit before the work occurs may not be feasible, these BMPs shall be considered as Eversource’s standards. In some cases, and at the discretion of the Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting staff, the BMPs presented herein may be modified to be more appropriate for site-specific conditions.

### 1.2 Scope and Applicability

These BMPs primarily address the disturbance of soil, water, and vegetation incidental to construction within on- and off-road utility corridors, substations, including the establishment of access roads and work areas, within rights of way (ROWs) and on private property, in and near wetlands, watercourses, or other sensitive natural areas (such as protected species), including storm drain systems (e.g., catch basins). Types of construction include, but are not limited to, installation or maintenance of underground and overhead utilities, access road repair/improvement or construction, and upgrades or maintenance of substations and other facilities. Other common construction issues such as noise, air pollution, oil spill procedures, handling of contaminated soils, and work safety rules are addressed in the Eversource Energy Contractor Work Rules and related appendices.

### 1.3 Definitions

The following definitions are provided to clarify use of common terms throughout this document.

**Best Management Practice (BMP):** A means to reduce and minimize impact to natural resources.

**Casing:** A galvanized steel corrugated pipe that serves as the form for a utility structure foundation.

**Emergency Projects:** Actions needed to maintain the operational integrity of the system or activities necessary to restore the system and affected facilities in response to a sudden and unexpected loss of electric or gas service or events that affect public health and safety.

**Embedded Culvert:** A culvert that is installed in such a way that the bottom of the structure is below the stream bed and there is substrate in the culvert.

**Environmentally Sensitive Areas:** An area containing natural features, cultural resources, or ecological functions of such significance to warrant protection. Some examples are rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands, rare species habitat, water supply protection areas, archaeological sites, parks, and agricultural land.

**Erosion Control:** A measure to prevent soil from detachment and transportation by water, wind, or gravity.

**Existing Access Roads:** Previously permitted or grandfathered access roads that are used to access structures that are clearly visible or can be found by mowing or by the presence of road materials in soil cores.

**Grubbing:** A site preparation method that is used to clear the ground of roots and stumps.

**Intermittent Watercourse:** An intermittent watercourse, or stream, is broadly defined as a channel that a flowing body of water follows at irregular intervals and does not have continuous or steady flow. Regulatory definitions for intermittent watercourses are:

- **Connecticut** – Per the Connecticut Inland Wetland and Watercourses Act, intermittent watercourses are delineated by a defined permanent channel and bank and the occurrence of two or more of the following characteristics: (A) Evidence of scour or deposits of recent alluvium or detritus, (B) the presence of standing or flowing water for a duration longer than a particular storm incident, and (C) the presence of hydrophytic vegetation.
- **Massachusetts** – Under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MAWPA), a jurisdictional intermittent watercourse is defined as a body of running water which moves in a definite channel in the ground due to a hydraulic gradient, does not flow throughout the year, and which flows within, into or out of an area subject to protection under the MAWPA. Intermittent watercourses upgradient of any Bordering Vegetated Wetlands or Ponds are not jurisdictional under the MAWPA. A watercourse can be determined to be intermittent if it meets MAWPA criteria with regard to its depiction on the most current USGS topographic map of the area (i.e., shown as intermittent or not shown), and watershed size and predicted flow rates as determined by the USGS StreamStats method or documented observations of no flow at least once per day over the course of four days in any consecutive 12-month period barring drought conditions, withdrawals, or other human-made flow reductions or diversions (subject to conservation commission and/or MassDEP review and approval).

**Limit of Work/Disturbance:** The boundaries of the approved project within regulated areas. All project related activities in regulated areas must be conducted within the approved limit of work/disturbance. The limit of work/disturbance should be depicted on the approved permit site plans, which may require the limits to be survey located and identified in the field by flagging, construction fencing, and/or perimeter erosion controls.

**Low Ground Pressure Vehicle:** Vehicles that have a lesser impact on an environmentally sensitive area due to the vehicle being smaller, lighter, or different in another way than a vehicle which would have a greater impact. Low ground pressure is



measured in pounds per square inch (psi) when loaded and as defined by the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE).

CT = < 3 psi

MA = < 3 psi

Low impact vehicles could include off-road vehicles (ORVs) or all-terrain vehicles/utility vehicles (ATVs/UTVs), tracked vehicles with low ground pressure, or vehicles with oversized balloon-type tires.

**Maintenance Projects:** Typically consist of activities limited to the repair and/or replacement of existing and lawfully located utility structures and/or facilities where no substantial change in the original structure or footprint is proposed. Maintenance activities also include vegetation management.

**Minimization:** Causing as little disturbance to an area as practicable during construction.

**New Construction:** Construction of new transmission or distribution facilities that previously did not exist or construction that substantially modifies existing facilities. All new (and existing) construction projects are required to go through a full permit review by Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting.

**Pre-Construction Notification (PCN):** Project activities that do not qualify for Self-Verification (SV) or where otherwise required by the terms of the Massachusetts (MA) and Connecticut (CT) General Permits (GPs) must submit a PCN and obtain written verification before starting work in ACOE jurisdiction. Refer to MA and CT GPs for PCN thresholds. Projects that cannot be completed under a PCN must file for an Individual Permit with the ACOE. In CT, for coastal projects, notification is provided to ACOE by the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), Office of Long Island Sound Programs (OLISP) or by applicants as necessary. Written approval from ACOE is required.

**Protected Species:** Species named and protected under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) regulations and/or the Connecticut Endangered Species Act (C.G.S. §§ 26-303 through 26-315).

**Rare Species:** *See Protected Species.*

**Restoration:** To return a disturbed area to its former, original or unimpaired condition. A site is considered fully restored when it has returned (as closely as practicable) to its original state. Restoration of disturbed areas should occur as soon as practicable following the completion of activities at that location.

**Revegetation:** Establishment of plant material for temporary or permanent soil stabilization.

**Right of Way (ROW):** A pathway, road, or corridor of land where Eversource has legal rights (either fee ownership, lease, or easement) to construct, operate, and maintain an electric power line and/or natural gas pipeline.

**Sediment Control:** The practice of managing the erosion of soil materials mobilized by water, typically stormwater runoff, on-site for the purpose of protecting nearby wetland and water resources.

**Self-Verification (SV):** Activities that are eligible for SV are authorized under the MA and CT GPs and may commence without written verification from the ACOE provided the prospective permittee has:

- i. Confirmed that the activity will meet the terms and conditions of applicable MA and CT GPs.

- ii. Submitted the Self-Verification Notification Form (SVNF) to the ACOE.

In CT, coastal projects do not require filing of a SVNF. ACOE relies on CT DEEP submittals.

**Sensitive Environmental Area:** For the purposes of this BMP Manual, this term shall be inclusive of all wetlands, streams, waterways, waterbodies, buffer zones, rare species habitat, and historical/cultural resources.

**Stabilization:** A system of permanent or temporary measures used alone or in combination to minimize erosion from disturbed areas.

**Work:** For the purposes of this BMP Manual, any form of temporary or permanent draining, dumping, damming, discharging, excavating, filling or grading; the erection, reconstruction, replacement or expansion of any buildings or structures; the driving of piles; the construction or improvement of roads and other ways; the changing of run-off characteristics; the intercepting or diverging of ground or surface water; the installation of storm drain systems (e.g., catch basins); the discharging of pollutants; the destruction of plant life; and any other changing of the physical characteristics of land including, but not limited to: on- and off-road utility corridors and substations. Types of work include but are not limited to the installation or maintenance of underground and overhead utilities, substations and other facilities.

## 1.4 Acronyms and Abbreviations

The following acronyms and abbreviated are provided to clarify use of common terms throughout this document.

All-terrain Vehicle	ATV
Best Management Practice	BMP
Certified Vernal Pool	CVP
Connecticut	CT
Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection	CT DEEP
Connecticut Department of Transportation	ConnDOT
Connecticut General Statute	Conn. Gen. Stat.
Cross-Linked Polyethylene	XLPE
Eastern Box Turtle	EBT
Environmental Affairs Department	EAD
Eversource Energy	Eversource
General Permits	GPs
Geographic Information System	GIS
High-Pressure Fluid-Filled	HPFF
Horizontal Directional Drilling	HDD
Kilovolt	kV
Massachusetts	MA
Massachusetts Department of Agriculture	MA DAR
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation	MA DCR

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection	MassDEP
Massachusetts Endangered Species Act	MESA
Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act	MAWPA
Massachusetts General Law	M.G.L.
Natural Diversity Database	NDDB
Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program	NHESP
New England Cottontail	NEC
Off-Road Vehicle	ORV
Outstanding Resource Water	ORW
Pounds per Square Inch	psi
Pre-Construction Notification	PCN
Right of Way	ROW
Self-Verification	SV
Self-Verification Notification Form	SVNF
Species	spp.
Time of Year	TOY
United States	U.S.
United States Army Corps of Engineers	ACOE
United States Department of Agriculture	USDA
United States Geologic Survey	USGS
Utility Vehicle	UTV
Vegetation Management Plan	VMP

## 1.5 BMP References

The following table lists the public guidance documents utilized during the preparation of this BMP manual. Refer to these documents for additional information.

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Gas Research Institute. Horizontal Directional Drilling Best Management Practices Manual (2002) ENSR Corporation, Westford, MA and Trenchless Engineering Corp., Houston, TX.

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Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT). ConnDOT Drainage Manual (October 2000) <http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=1385&Q=260116>

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**Massachusetts**

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Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Urban and Suburban Areas. Original Print: March 1997. *Reprint: May 2003.* <https://www.mass.gov/doc/complete-erosion-and-sedimentation-control-guidelines-a-guide-for-planners-designers-and/download>

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The Massachusetts Unpaved Roads BMP Manual (Winter 2001) <https://www.mass.gov/doc/unpaved-roads-bmp-manual/download>

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The Massachusetts Anti-Idling Law. M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 16A and 310 CMR 7.11. <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massdep-faq-the-massachusetts-anti-idling-law/download>

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## SECTION 2

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# Project Planning

After undergoing an initial screening review by the department conducting the proposed project, if sensitive environmental areas are identified, the project is required to go through a permit review by Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting. The permit review process is supported by Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or a similar program that references the most current spatial data for the project areas in question. Through the GIS review process various geo-processing tools are used to compose maps and provide a spatial reference to environmentally sensitive areas. In consultation with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting, the Project Engineer, permitting specialist, or other project planner should determine regulatory jurisdiction and which (if any) environmental permits or approvals are required before starting any project. Questions regarding which activities may be conducted in regulated areas or within environmentally sensitive areas should be referred to Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting. Summaries of potentially applicable laws and regulations are provided in Appendices B and C of this document.

Eversource employs a best practice mitigation hierarchy to 1) avoid environmental impacts wherever possible, followed by 2) minimization of environmental impacts where they cannot be avoided, and 3) mitigating and restoring any environmental impacts where necessary.

## 2.1 Regulated Areas

### 2.1.1 Types of Wetlands

Wetland areas common to New England and common to both Connecticut and Massachusetts include, but are not limited to, the following:

#### Forested Wetlands

Forested wetlands are wetlands that are dominated by trees that are 20 feet or taller. These wetlands are typically drier with standing water typically occurring during periods of high precipitation, seasonally high groundwater, snowmelt, and runoff (e.g., early spring through mid-summer). Tree species typical of this type of wetland include red maple (*Acer rubrum*) and eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*). "Pit and mound" topography is common in forested wetlands, where mature trees grow on the higher and drier mounds and obligate wetland species are found in the lower pits.

#### Scrub-Shrub Wetlands

Scrub-shrub wetlands are dominated by woody vegetation less than 20 feet tall and may include peat bogs. Typical bog species include leatherleaf (*Chamaedaphne calyculata*), cotton grasses (*Eriophorum* sp.), cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*, *V. oxycoccus*), and black spruce (*Picea mariana*). Other non-bog scrub-shrub wetlands are characterized by buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*), alders (*Alnus* spp.), dogwoods (*Swida* spp.), and arrowwoods (*Viburnum* spp.).



### Marshes

Marshes are dominated by erect, herbaceous vegetation and appear as grasslands or stands of reedy growth. These wetlands are commonly referred to by a host of terms, including marsh, wet meadow, or fen. These areas are flooded all or most of the year and, in New England, tend to be dominated by cattails (*Typha* spp.).

### Wet Meadows

Typical wet meadow species include grasses such as bluejoint (*Calamagrostis canadensis*) and reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), sedges (*Carex* spp.) and rushes (*Juncus* spp.), and various other forbs such as Joe-Pye-weeds (*Eutrochium* spp.) and asters (*Aster* spp.).

### Floodplains

A floodplain is generally defined as an area of low-lying ground adjacent to a stream or river that is formed mainly of river sediments and is subject to inundation from floodwaters. State-specific regulatory definitions vary and are described as follows:

- In Connecticut, areas that contain alluvial or floodplain soils are regulated as wetlands. These areas may flood so infrequently or be so freely drained that hydrophytic vegetation and hydric soils are not present. Soils in these areas must be examined carefully to determine whether well drained alluvial or floodplain soils are present.
- In Massachusetts, a floodplain is a type of wetland resource area that floods following storms, prolonged rainfall, or snowmelt. There are three types of floodplain areas protected under the MAWPA: coastal areas, areas bordering rivers and streams, and isolated depressions that flood at least once a year.

### Streams

A stream is any natural flowing body of water that empties to any ocean, lake, pond or other river. Perennial streams, or rivers, have flows throughout the year. Intermittent streams do not have surface flows throughout the year, though surface water may remain in isolated pockets.

### Vernal Pools

Vernal pools are typically contained basin depressions lacking permanent aboveground outlets. These areas fill with water with the rising water table of fall and winter and/or with the meltwater and runoff of winter and spring snow and rain. The pools contain water for a few months in the spring and early summer. Due to periodic drying cycles, vernal pools do not support breeding fish populations and can thus serve as breeding grounds for a variety of organisms, including some rare and/or protected species of frogs and salamanders.

## **2.1.2 Rare Species**

Utility ROWs within Connecticut and Massachusetts overlap with, and in some circumstances create or enhance, habitat of rare/protected species of plants, vertebrate and invertebrate animals. Special requirements may need to be evaluated as part of new construction and/or some maintenance activities.

### 2.1.3 Historical/Cultural

Other regulated factors taken into consideration during the project planning process include the presence of protected (i.e., threatened or endangered) species, non-native, invasive plant species and/or historical/cultural resources. Special requirements may need to be evaluated as part of new construction and/or some maintenance activities.

## 2.2 Meetings

A **pre-construction meeting** is typically held prior to the commencement of all work with the purpose to appoint responsible parties, discuss timing of work, and further consider options to avoid and/or minimize disturbance to sensitive areas. The meeting confirms that there is consensus on work methods and responsibilities and ensures that tasks will be fulfilled with as little disturbance to the environment as practicable. These meetings can occur on or off-site and should include all the applicable stakeholders (i.e., Eversource, contractors, consultants, inspectors and/or monitors, and regulatory agency personnel). A short and less formal briefing should suffice for smaller maintenance projects.

## 2.3 Site Staging and Parking

During the project planning and permitting process, locations should be identified for designated crew parking areas, material storage, and staging areas. Where possible, these areas should be located outside of buffer zones, watershed protection areas, and other environmentally sensitive areas. Any proposed locations should be evaluated for all sensitive receptors and for new projects requiring permitting, should be incorporated onto permitting and access plans.

## 2.4 Construction Monitoring

Construction projects require environmental monitoring, which can be conducted either internally or by consultants. Some permitted projects require oversight by designated and pre-approved compliance monitors. Environmental monitoring is a way to keep a chronological record of pre-construction site conditions, progress, and changes that are made, as well as to document issues and authorized solutions.

If work will occur in a sensitive environmental area, permit conditions may dictate that construction be monitored by a qualified and pre-approved wetland or wildlife specialist.

## 2.5 Signage/Limit of Boundaries

Where appropriate, wetland delineation flagging or signage shall be installed that makes clear where critical boundaries (i.e., the limits of jurisdictional wetland resource areas, rare species habitat, and/or historical/cultural resources) and setbacks occur. Appropriate signage shall also be installed to indicate regulatory authorization by agencies and to prohibit certain uses on ROWs, such as ORV traffic.

Where appropriate, signage shall be installed along sediment and erosion control barriers at appropriate intervals, heights, and sizes to ensure that the presence and location of said barriers is clear to construction personnel during deep snow or other low visibility conditions. Inspection and maintenance of this signage shall be conducted on a regular basis to ensure effectiveness.



Examples of signage at wetlands

## SECTION 3

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# Construction Considerations

This section addresses BMPs specific to construction of new access roads, repair of existing access roads, the installation of work pads, structure-related work, and soil stockpile management. Information regarding recommended erosion and sedimentation controls or stormwater controls is also discussed. Please refer to Appendix A for typical details and representative photographs of BMPs used for erosion and sedimentation control and water diversion during construction.

During all project activities (e.g., maintenance, new construction), federal, state, and local regulatory authorities require steps be taken to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate disturbance to the environment. Sensitive environmental areas should be avoided whenever practicable. However, some projects may require entrance into these areas in order to perform work. This section discusses measures that should be taken to minimize disturbance to if work must occur within sensitive environmental areas.

BMPs were developed to aid in this process and should be carefully selected and implemented based on the proposed activities and the nature of sensitive area(s) encountered at each site. Proper selection of BMPs should take into consideration the project goals, permit requirements, and site-specific information. Once an assessment of the area is made and requirements of the project are established, all BMPs should be considered and implemented as appropriate.

### 3.1 Avoidance and Minimization

Avoidance and minimization should always be considered before beginning any construction or maintenance project. Eversource and their contractors should utilize appropriate measures to avoid construction impacts to sensitive environmental areas including, but not limited to: wetlands, waterways, rare species habitats, known below and above ground historical/archeological resources, and other environmentally sensitive areas. Use existing ROW access whenever practicable. Keep to approved routes and roads and do not widen or deviate from them. Consult with the Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting Group, when avoidance is not practicable, to determine measures to minimize the extent of construction impacts. Alternate access routes and/or staging areas that will minimize construction impacts to the natural environment may be considered.

### 3.2 Rare Species Habitat

Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting coordinates with state and local agencies when work is within areas designated as rare and/or sensitive species habitat.

In order to protect these resources in Connecticut, the following must be reviewed:

- Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) area mapping.
- Critical Habitat mapping.
- Eversource's New England Cottontail (NEC) BMP map.
- Prior NDDB Determinations.



The NDDDB mapping is updated approximately every six months and is posted on the State's GIS data download webpage. The Critical Habitat mapping is less frequently updated and also on the State's GIS data download page. Eversource's NEC BMP map and mapping which depicts prior NDDDB Determinations shall be provided through Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting.

In Massachusetts, Eversource has an annual Operations and Management Plan (OMP) which is updated and renewed at the start of each calendar year with the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP) which designates Priority Habitat (PH) in the State. All work in PH requires review of and compliance with the OMP which may include consultation with NHESP. The OMP establishes guidelines for work within known rare species habitat based on the type of species presence. These guidelines may include time of year (TOY) restrictions or similar measures to avoid impacts to rare species.

Regardless of the State in which construction is taking place, the following shall be employed in all mapped, State-listed species and designated Critical Habitat areas:

- Make every effort to avoid impacts to known populations of State-listed plants and other stationary resources.
- Limit permanent impact through the use of temporary construction matting as opposed to gravel for access road and work pad construction.
- If State-listed resources cannot be avoided, mitigation planning shall be discussed with Environmental Licensing and Permitting.
- Consider time-of-year (TOY) restrictions to avoid impact to sensitive resources during critical life stages including but not limited to nesting season for ground and shrub nesting birds, pup rearing season for bats (if tree removal is necessary), flowering and seeding times for State-listed plants.

Certain species, including the timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*), are one of the few venomous species in New England which can be a threat to worker safety. Protection measures provided by the respective State agency shall be followed and may require snake sweeps by a qualified herpetologist, contractor education, and field demarcation of hibernacula/known rattlesnake dens.

### 3.3 Hiking Trails

The following practices shall be implemented in the event project areas intersect or overlap with recreational hiking trails.

- Avoid using hiking trails as access roads or access routes for vehicles and equipment.
- If a hiking trail must be used for vehicle or equipment access coordination with Eversource Vegetation Management Compliance or Oversight staff and/or Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting staff is required prior to use.
- Utilize existing access roads to cross hiking trails to the maximum extent practicable.
- If no existing access roads exist and a hiking trail must be crossed, minimize trail crossings by designating one location for use by equipment.
- Signs, barriers, spotters or other means to alert the public to the work shall be



implemented.

- Stockpiling logs and other cut material within 25 feet of hiking trails is not allowed unless approved by Eversource Vegetation Management Compliance or Oversight staff.
- Spreading wood chips on hiking trails is not allowed unless approved by Eversource Vegetation Management Compliance or Oversight staff.
- At the end of each workday all cut material must be removed from hiking trails.
- As soon as possible after work is complete disturbed portions of hiking trails shall be returned as close to pre-construction condition as possible. This may include hand raking, hand cutting of stumps and/or hand removal of cut vegetation.
- If any trees that are marked for trail navigation must be cut, the property manager or trail maintainer must be notified.
- Posts or other markers that are used for trail navigation shall be protected at all times. Replacement in kind shall be completed by the contractor if disturbed or damaged during completion of the work.

### 3.4 Work on State-owned land in Connecticut

For all work on State of Connecticut-owned land as depicted on the “DEEP Property” data layer available through the State’s GIS data download page, matting shall be employed to the greatest extent possible. Gravel access roads and work pads shall only be installed when terrain prohibits the installation of matting. All work must be coordinated through Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting for acquisition of necessary authorization prior to the start of construction on State-owned properties.

### 3.5 Historic/Cultural Resources

Historic and cultural resources are diverse and include, but are not limited to, archaeological sites, historic structures, historic districts, stone walls, and ceremonial stone landscapes. Construction activities near or within significant resources are subject to restrictions outlined in any site or project-specific avoidance/protection plans. The locations of archaeological sites and other sensitive resources such as ceremonial stone landscapes and burials are considered confidential and may only be disclosed on a need-to-know basis.

#### 3.5.1 Stone Walls

Stone walls can be considered significant resources for a number of reasons including unique construction methods, their function as a property boundary, their association with other historic resources such as archaeological sites or farmsteads, and/or their importance to the underlying landowner(s). Non-impact methods of managing work and access near stone walls should always be prioritized and removal, dismantlement, or other alterations to stone walls should be avoided, when possible. Non-impact methods of managing work near stone walls include:

- Avoiding the stone wall altogether - This may involve re-routing an access road or selecting a new access point. Care should be taken not to incur additional impacts to other sensitive environmental areas (e.g., wetlands or rare species habitat).
- Traversing the wall through an existing breach - In this scenario, the breach is

used as-is and the breach is not widened or expanded in any way.

- Traversing the wall using timber matting to temporarily bridge over the wall (e.g., "air bridge") - Although the construction of individual air bridges will vary depending on the surrounding topography, the height of the wall, and the individual operator, the timber mats should not touch the stone wall on any side, and a sufficient air gap between the top of the stone wall and the timber matting directly above should be left to ensure the stone wall is not damaged during the passage of heavy machinery. Before and after photographs of the portion of the stone wall to be crossed should be taken and provided to Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting.
- Elevating work pads near stone walls using timber matting - If work pads cannot be reduced in size to avoid stone walls, timber matting may be used to elevate the work pad, or portions thereof, above the stone wall to avoid impacts. None of the timber mats should be in contact with the stone wall and before and after photographs of the stone wall should be taken.

If implementation of the four non-impact measures noted above is not feasible and either temporary or permanent alterations to a stone wall are necessary, Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting must be contacted prior to any alterations occurring to secure the appropriate permissions. These permissions may take several weeks to secure and may require input from the cultural resources consultant or Eversource Real Estate and/or Legal Departments.

Prior to alteration, proper documentation of the wall should be obtained and provided to Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting. At a minimum, this effort should include recording the following:

- Wall dimensions (total length, width, average height)
- Any existing breaches
- Wall location and general orientation on project maps

Photographs (including a scale, if possible) should also be taken of the entire wall clearly showing all sides, with increased attention on any areas of the wall that will be modified (e.g., expanded breaches) or will need to be rebuilt. The removal of dense vegetation along the stone wall prior to photography is highly recommended.

Once permissions to alter a stone wall and appropriate documentation have been secured, the following BMPs should be followed during alteration and rebuilding:

- While it is preferred that alterations be conducted by hand following traditional dry stone construction methods, construction machinery may be used when appropriate to the level of effort required and taking care not to unreasonably scratch or mar the stones or to begin excavating into soils underneath the wall.
- Any removed stones should be stockpiled nearby, outside any identified sensitive environmental areas such as wetlands or rare species habitat.
- When rebuilding, the wall should be reconstructed in the same location as the original and should match the original wall as closely as possible; if present, it is preferred that weathered/moss-covered surfaces are exposed.
- When alterations/rebuilding is complete, additional photographs from all sides should be taken and provided to Eversource Environmental Licensing and

Permitting.

### 3.5.2 Unanticipated Discoveries

During construction activities, most notably ground disturbing activities such as excavation, trenching, or grading, it is possible to discover previously unknown archaeological resources. Any specific procedures outlined in project-specific documents such as Post-Review Discoveries or Unanticipated Discoveries Plans should be followed. If such documents do not exist and a contractor encounters an unanticipated discovery, the contractor shall immediately notify the Eversource Construction Representative/Supervisor, secure the site, and not restart work in the area of the discovery until after the Eversource Senior Cultural Resources Program Administrator has granted clearance.

## 3.6 Human Remains

In the event human remains are encountered, the contractor must immediately stop work and notify the Eversource Construction Representative/Supervisor, secure the site, and ensure that the remains are treated with the utmost dignity and respect. The remains should be covered and left undisturbed along with any associated artifacts. No photography of the remains is allowed and work will not resume in the area of the discovery until after the Eversource Senior Cultural Resources Program Administrator has granted clearance. In addition to these preliminary guidelines, all relevant state laws and guidelines, including, but not limited to, the Massachusetts Unmarked Burial Law (M.G.L. Chapter 38, Section 6) and the Connecticut Human Burials Law (Conn. Gen. State. Sec 10-388) must be adhered to.

## 3.7 Vernal Pools

Construction within and across wetlands and in proximity to vernal pools should be limited to the extent practicable to avoid working in the periods between April 1st and June 1st. This will allow for obligate vernal pool species to emigrate to the breeding areas, deposit egg masses, and allow for hatching and development of juveniles. Silt fence should be installed at the limits of the construction to prevent individual reptiles and amphibians from entering the workspace, but in a manner that does not impede movement to and from pools from adjacent forested uplands. Consider installing syncopated silt fencing.

### Protection Measures

When performing construction activities in proximity to vernal pools, a number of protection measures should be implemented.

### Vegetation Removal

- Maintain existing scrub-shrub vegetation (consistent with ROW vegetation management requirements) within 25 feet of vernal pools, except in areas where access roads and work pads must be installed.
- Minimize removal of low growing (scrub-shrub) vegetation surrounding vernal pools by utilizing construction matting where access is needed. If vegetation must be cut adjacent to vernal pools, the cut vegetation (slash) should be left in place to serve as recruitment for leaf litter and coarse woody debris.

### Erosion and Sedimentation Control

- Where the potential for sediment intrusion and runoff into a vernal pool exists, sedimentation and erosion controls shall be installed.
- Promptly remove erosion and sedimentation control devices upon final revegetation and stabilization of the ROW.

### Access Roads

- Use construction mats, corduroy roads, or clean materials (i.e., clean riprap, gravel, stone or equivalent and rock fords) in locations where existing on-ROW access roads must be improved and are adjacent to vernal pools.
- Man-made depressions along existing on-ROW access roads provide low-quality vernal pool breeding habitat (due to an insufficient hydroperiod). Access roads must be graded and/or improved to accommodate project construction vehicles which may eliminate these depressions and the associated potential for amphibian breeding habitat. Perform improvements to on-ROW access roads outside of the breeding and migration seasons of vernal pool species to avoid direct impacts to amphibians that may breed in the man-made depressions along existing on-ROW access roads.

### Scheduling and Site-Specific Considerations

- To the extent practicable (and in consideration of circuit outages and other construction timing constraints), schedule access road and work pad installation in and around vernal pool habitats to minimize interference with amphibian breeding and migration seasons.
- For project activities that must occur adjacent to vernal pools during amphibian migration periods, implement measures on a site-specific basis to facilitate unencumbered amphibian access to and from vernal pools. Consider the site-specific conditions including the type of construction activity that will occur in proximity to a vernal pool, the amphibian species known to occur in the vernal pool, and seasonal conditions. Identify appropriate mitigation measures. Options to be evaluated to allow amphibian access to vernal pools may include, but not be limited to: syncopated silt fencing in the immediate vicinity of vernal pools; elevated construction matting; and aligning erosion and sedimentation controls to avoid bifurcating vernal pool habitat.

#### **3.7.1 Certified Vernal Pools (MA)**

Encroachment upon Certified Vernal Pools (CVP) in Massachusetts should be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. CVPs are considered Outstanding Resource Waters (ORWs) in Massachusetts and are regulated under the 401 Water Quality Certification program. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting.

### **3.8 Access Roads**

Existing construction access roads are unpaved roadways that work crews use to access a site within a ROW. These access roads were generally either permitted previously or

constructed prior to the promulgation of regulations and are previously authorized under past general permits.

### 3.8.1 New Access Roads

New access roads are generally associated with new or large-scale projects that have separate permitting requirements. Construction of new access roads will be based on plans that are reviewed and approved by applicable federal, state, and local agencies. If a new access road is needed and not associated with a large project, notify Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting to make a decision on best access routes and identification of the necessary permits and approvals required to construct the new road. **Permit requirements must be followed.**

### 3.8.2 Existing Access Roads

The travel surface width of access roads in upland areas is not to exceed 16 feet. This does not include side slopes. Maintenance of existing access roads includes mowing of vegetation, grading, placement/replacement of stone, and the installation/maintenance of erosion control features (e.g., water bars, swales, sedimentation basins).

When access roads are in wetlands, measures should be taken to avoid disturbance to wetlands, waterways, and other sensitive environmental areas. If avoidance is not practicable, then measures should be taken to minimize the extent of disturbance. Alternate access routes should always be considered. Below is a list of methods that should be considered where disturbance is necessary:

- Minimize the width of typical access roads through wetlands. If an existing access road is evident in the wetland based on the presence of previously imported road-building materials (e.g., crushed stone), the existing width of the access road must be maintained. If unable to ascertain the original width of the access, then do not make the road wider than 16 feet (including side slopes).
- To the extent practicable, use low-impact vehicles and/or vehicles with low ground pressure when driving through wetlands.
- Coordinate the timing of work to minimize impacts during the regulatory low-flow period under normal conditions, when water/ground is frozen, after the spring songbird nesting season, and outside of the anticipated amphibian migration window (mid- February to mid-June). The ACOE defines the low-flow periods for streams as follows:
  - Connecticut streams—July 1 through September 30
  - Massachusetts non-tidal streams—July 1 through February 28
  - Massachusetts tidal streams—November 16 to February 15
- Use construction mats in wetlands to minimize soil disturbance and rutting when work needs to occur during non-frozen ground conditions.
- If practicable, conduct work manually if warranted (decision to be made by the Eversource Project Team).

Existing access roads are characterized by a clear dominance of imported fill material to a depth of at least three inches. When determining the presence and extent of an existing access road, soil probes shall be advanced as necessary to establish the boundary between fill and native soil. In some cases, hydrophytic vegetation may have become established or ponding may occur within the limits of imported fill. In these cases, the clear and

consistent presence of fill along a distinguished route is considered a previously authorized fill. Where the existing access road is not evident, Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting must be consulted to make a determination whether stone can be placed in the wetland. If stone is not evident, through soil cores, hand digging or other methods, construction mats must be used. If permanent access is warranted through the wetland, the new access road will need to have a permitting review and will likely require permits.

The access road in the wetland should not exceed 16 feet in width (unless there is evidence that the road was originally wider than 16 feet).

Over time, existing access roads require maintenance and repair. Travel by construction equipment and general traffic to reach a particular portion of the ROW must be via the designated access road and route. Changes in the location of the access road or the use of alternate roads must be reviewed and approved by the Eversource Project Team prior to their construction or use. Access road routes were selected to prevent degradation of the utility corridor, and must be constructed, used, and maintained in accordance with this BMP Manual, as well as federal, state, and local requirements, and other project plans.

In some situations, it may be necessary to construct redundant access roads, this practice should be avoided to the extent practicable. Some appropriate reasons for suggesting alternate routes are:

- Poor site conditions along preferred route because of weather or season.
- Property rights constraints, or property owner's preference.
- Equipment requirements.
- Unanticipated off-site access limitations along existing roads.

Unanticipated access opportunities (e.g., ice, snow, other developments) which may avoid environmental disturbance and/or reduce cost.

#### General Design: New and Existing Access Roads

Construction access roads that require new grading and/or filling or are to be heavily used require the creation of a stable, load-bearing surface resistant to erosion. If the existing soil and subsoil are not well drained, it may be necessary to import an aggregate road base (i.e., gravel borrow) such as that meeting the requirements of aggregate found in the:

- *Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges, Section 400*
- *Connecticut Standard Specifications for Roads, Bridges and Incidental Construction, Section M1.02*

When the construction access road follows the same route as the permanent design road, establishing the grades and subgrade for the permanent roadway early in the construction sequence is recommended.

The travel surface of construction access roads shall typically not exceed 16 feet in width except for passing points, where necessary. Subgrading shall not extend beyond the space required for the finished road and normal side slopes.

Where practicable, construction access roads should conform to the contours of the land,



avoiding grades steeper than 10 percent and creating side slopes no steeper than a ratio of 2:1. If the side slopes are steeper than 2:1, then use of engineered slope stabilization methods may be necessary. Consider the volume and type of construction traffic as well as the extent that natural ground must be altered to accommodate the traffic. If no grading is required and traffic is sporadic (i.e., access roads used to maintain utility lines) the measures used may be limited to water bars, or some top dressing with gravel or stone in areas where the vegetation over soft soil is destroyed by traffic.

During wet weather, these roadways can generate significant quantities of sediment if not constructed with adequate stormwater management and erosion control measures. During active construction or maintenance activities, inspection of the construction access road and associated erosion and sedimentation measures should be conducted by the person(s) designated at the pre-construction meeting, should occur regularly while the activity is occurring, and repairs to controls should be made in a timely matter. Repairs may include re-grading and/or top dressing the traveled surface with additional aggregate to eliminate ruts, as well as those repairs required by each erosion and sedimentation measure used. When the roadway is no longer needed on a regular basis, the access road should be reviewed to ensure that the road is left in a condition that prevents future erosion and sedimentation (e.g., installation of water bars, gravel). In some cases, permit conditions may require that the access road be removed and that the disturbed area be restored (e.g., seeded and mulched) in accordance with applicable permits as required to match the pre-construction conditions.

#### Erosion and Sedimentation Controls

Construction personnel are reminded to control erosion and flow conditions during access road construction or maintenance activities by utilizing the following erosion and sedimentation measures which are described and illustrated further in Appendix A:

- **Outlet protection, a level spreader, a trench breaker, a sediment trap or basin, or a stone check dam** may be used to de-energize concentrated flows from diversions and in temporary channels.
- **Geotextile silt fencing, compost filter berms, straw wattles and straw bale barriers** may be utilized to provide protection at the toe of fill slopes and discharges from water bars.
- Side slopes can be protected by installing **erosion control blankets** and **seeding** the area with a fast-growing native or annual grass mix.
- **Dust control** should be employed when construction access road conditions create airborne dust.
- **Geotextile fabric** shall be used beneath all new fill and construction entrances, where needed.

*\*\*The use of hay and/or hay products is strictly prohibited. \*\**

*\*\*The use of nylon and/or plastic netting is strictly prohibited. \*\**

#### **3.8.3 Best Management Practices – New Access Roads**

The following are BMPs that are applicable to new access roads in uplands and are described at the following tabs:

Construction Entrance Track Pad (see Figure A01 in Appendix A)

Stormwater Management BMPs (includes Water Bars [Figure A02], Drainage Swales [Figure A03], and Sedimentation Basins [Figures A38-A41] in Appendix A)

**Construction Entrance Track Pad**

Applications: Erosion and sedimentation control, roadway protection

Limitations:

- Maintenance is required if the pad becomes clogged with soil.
- Muddy conditions may warrant the use of a tire wash station.

Overview:

Where access roads or construction areas connect to paved roads, a stone track pad must be installed at the construction entrance to prevent construction machinery from tracking soil onto paved roadways. Materials appropriate to construction site soil conditions should be employed and/or replenished, as necessary.

Installation:

- Use 3- to 6-inch washed stone to install stone tracking pads at a minimum length of 50 feet and a minimum depth of 12 inches.
- On sites with clayey soils, underlay stone tracking pads with a geotextile liner to prevent the stone from sinking into the soil.

Maintenance:

- Periodically inspect the stone in the entrance track pad. If the pad becomes clogged with soil, remove and refresh and/or clean stone.

Additional Comments:

If muddy conditions warrant the use of a tire wash station, procedures should be established to ensure soils are not tracked off site.

Where appropriate and when safety and environmental conditions are considered, vehicle tires or tracks may be spun quickly ("burn out") on the track pad to further facilitate the removal of soil.

**Water Bar**

Applications: Erosion and sedimentation control

Limitations:

- Should never be used to direct a watercourse into another waterbody or to divert unfiltered runoff to a wetland.
- Can impede vehicular movement.
- Damage from vehicle traffic and stormwater flow may require water bars to be reinstalled/reworked at the beginning and end of each construction season.

Overview:

Water bars are linear features built diagonally across access roads or ROWs to redirect stormwater runoff away from the road surface at non-erosive intervals. In general, they consist of a trench dug at least 6 inches below grade followed by an earthen mound at least 6 inches above grade. Use water bars to prevent erosion on sloping roadways less than 100 feet wide. Water bars must be designed to be stable throughout their useful life and meet the criteria in the table below. The maximum capacity should be the peak runoff from a 10-year storm.

Installation:

- Set water bar direction to utilize stable outlets and do not allow upslope water bar runoff to converge with down slope water bars. Water bars should be directed into well vegetated upland areas, sediment basins, or other erosion and sedimentation controls (e.g., straw bales, silt fence) as needed.
- Construct the bar immediately after vegetation has been cleared on constant or slightly increasing grades, not exceeding 2%. Avoid reverse grades.
- Mark the location and width of the ridge and disk the entire length.
- Fill ridge to above the design height and compact with wheeled equipment to the design cross section.
- Construct sediment traps or outlet stabilization measures, as needed.
- After the area has been permanently stabilized, remove the ridge and channel to blend with the natural ground level.
- Seed and mulch diversions that are intended for use for more than 30 days.

Minimum Cross Section		
Top Width (ft)	Height (ft)	Side Slopes
0	1.5	4:1
4	1.5	2:1

Maximum Recommended Spacing <sup>1</sup>	
Land Slope (%)	Diversion Spacing (ft)
< 5	125
5 to 10	100
10 to 20	75
20 to 30	50
> 35	25

<sup>1</sup> Recommendations for ROW widths less than 100 feet as per the Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Urban and Suburban Areas (MassDEP, March 1997).

#### Maintenance:

- Inspect each week and after rain events of 0.25 inches (MA) or 0.50 inches (CT) or greater, or more frequently per permit conditions or Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting. Repair damage caused by construction traffic or erosion.
- Remove accumulated sediment and debris from the trench and stabilize outlets.
- If necessary, repair ridge to a positive grade and cross section, and add gravel at crossing areas.
- Use routine inspections to determine if the original spacing is adequate or if additional water bars need to be constructed.

#### Drainage Swales

Applications: Convey stormwater away from work area and/or improve water quality and reduce peak runoff.

#### Limitations:

- Vegetated swales need to have adequately established vegetation before flow is diverted to them.
- Need to have adequate bottom stabilization to prevent scouring.

#### Overview:

Drainage swales usually consist of a ditch that is either vegetated or lined with riprap, erosion control blankets, or other materials. They are natural or constructed waterways/outlets that intercept, redirect, and convey stormwater away from the work area to a stable location and are used in areas where concentrated runoff would otherwise cause erosion/flooding. Swales can be used to reduce erosion in uplands and/or prior to discharge of stormwater flows to natural receiving waters (e.g., wetlands or streams). They also help to reduce surface flow velocity and turbidity.

#### *Grass Lined Channels (Stabilized with vegetation)*

- Use where vegetative lining will provide sufficient stability, slopes are less than 5%, and space is available for a wide cross section.

#### Installation:

- Remove trees, brush, and stumps.

- Excavate and shape channel to dimensions on plans. Overcut 0.2 ft for vegetative growth.
- Install temporary liner or riprap at inflows and stabilize outlets.
- Vegetate immediately after construction and divert water until grass establishes. Install matting if flow cannot be diverted.
- Install sod rather than seeding where slopes approach 5%.
- Spread topsoil to a minimum of 4 inches where soil conditions are unfavorable. Seeded channels should be mulched.

*Vegetated Swales (Stabilized with dense vegetation)*

- Use for water quality improvement and peak runoff reduction. Applicable for small drainage areas with relatively small amount of impervious cover. The grassed waterway is used to convey runoff at a non-erosive velocity. Dense vegetation can be established and a stable outlet constructed.

Installation:

- General design parameters are as follows: minimum capacity 10-year, 24-hour storm; design slopes to prevent erosion during the 2-year storm event; maximum side slopes 3:1; bottom width 2 to 8 feet.
- Vegetate with a native erosion control seed mix for use at moist sites and divert flow until established.

*Riprap Lined Channels (Contains lining of riprap or stone)*

- Use on sites where channel flow velocities exceed those acceptable for grass lined swales. Applicable where vegetative establishment is not possible or there are steep grades, wetness, highly erodible soils, seepage or prolonged base flow.

Installation:

- Remove trees, brush, and vegetation from channel area.
- Stabilize inlets and install outlet protection.
- Construct channel and install filter and lining as shown on plan.
- Use the maximum stone size for riprap plus thickness of filter.

Maintenance:

- Swales need to be routinely maintained to prevent brush/sediment buildup. Inspect swale regularly and after every rain event (0.25 inches (MA) or 0.50 inches (CT), or greater). Repair and/or re-seed rill or gully erosion. Remove accumulated sediments and brush before it reaches a depth of 6 inches.

Additional Comments:

- Depth and spacing of swales should be dependent on runoff conditions of the specific site.
- If required, install check dams constructed of riprap or other materials to slow flows along certain reaches of a swale.

- Remove temporary swales once construction is complete or areas are stabilized. If leaving swales in place will provide long-term benefits and be compatible with the ultimate use of the site, then they may remain in place.

### **Sedimentation Basins**

**Applications:** Erosion and sedimentation control

**Limitations:**

- Traps and basins need to be adequately sized based on expected rain events and the contributing drainage area.

**Overview:**

Sediment traps and basins are used to filter and settle out suspended solids in stormwater runoff before water is released into a wetland or other unprotected and/or sensitive environmental area. A sediment trap is a temporary measure installed during construction to detain runoff, while a basin is a more permanent measure. Basins are also used where other erosion control measures are not adequate to prevent off-site sedimentation.

Sediment traps and basins should have three components: a forebay, a check dam, and a basin. Debris and some sediments begin to settle out of the water in the forebay. The stone or straw bale check dam filters more suspended solids as water flows through. The actual basin is a low-velocity pool where suspended solids settle out of the water column before the water is released at the outlet.

Based on the size of the project area, a qualified engineer may be required to calculate the appropriate size of the basin. State-specific guidance for basin sizing can be found in the following locations:

- Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Urban and Suburban Areas (Page 140); <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/water/esfull.pdf>
- 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (Section 5-11-1); <http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?A=2720&Q=325660>.

**Installation:**

*Drainage area of 5 acres or less:*

- Install to direct stormwater runoff to the sedimentation trap or basin. Form basin by excavating a depression similar to a small pond or by placing an earthen embankment across an existing drainage swale or naturally low area.
- The ratio between the basin length and width should be greater than 3:1 (L:W). A ratio of 9:1 is recommended.
- Clear, grub, and strip all vegetation and root material from area of embankment and place embankment fill in lifts (<9"/lift, max). Compact fill and construct side slopes 2:1 or flatter. Excavate rectangular outlet section from compacted embankment.
- Filter fabric may be installed on bottom and sides of basin and covered by riprap.
- Extend outlet apron/spillway below toe of dam on level grade until stable conditions are reached (5 feet minimum). Cover inside face of stone outlet section with a 1-

foot layer of ½- to ¼-inch washed stone.

- Use permanent or temporary seeding to vegetate embankments, spillways, and disturbed areas downgradient of the basin.

*Drainage area of 10 acres or less:*

- Locate the basin in an easily accessible upland area, not a wetland area.
- Install the basin so that it intercepts the largest possible amount of runoff from the disturbed area.
- Divert sediment-laden water to the upper end of the sediment pool to improve trapping effectiveness.
- Basin should have a minimum volume based on ½-inch of storage for each acre of drainage area.
- Size basin to provide a minimum detention of 12 to 24 hours at the maximum runoff quantity expected for the duration of the basin's use.

Maintenance:

- Monitor the amount of sedimentation in the trap/basin. Install a stake with a marking at half the design depth. Remove sediment when it reaches this mark.
- Inspect after every rain event.
- Clean or replace the spillway gravel and re-seed/plant vegetation, as needed.
- Monitor embankment, spillway, and outlet for erosion. Repair erosion problems immediately.

Additional Comments:

Construction of sediment traps and/or basins should occur before primary construction on a project begins. They are often a critical stormwater management component for larger construction sites and/or those with poorly drained upland soils. If compatible with the post-construction site use, it may be appropriate to leave sediment basins in place indefinitely.

### 3.8.4 Construction in Wetlands

Access roads that are constructed in or across wetlands require the following considerations in addition to the considerations for access roads in uplands:

- Construction of new access roads in wetlands, whether temporary or permanent, that do not utilize construction mats (e.g., earthen and/or rock fill roads, corduroy roads) requires considerable project specific permitting and design. These types of projects should comply with project specific permits and plans, while only using this BMP manual as a general reference source. Permits often also require wetlands replication when permanent new access roads are constructed in wetlands.
- Avoid putting the construction access road in a wetland whenever practicable. Explore all feasible and prudent alternatives before determining that a wetland crossing is necessary. When avoidance is not practicable, consider crossings that will result in the least amount of disturbance. This may involve locating the construction access road so that it crosses the wetland at its narrowest width or uses areas previously disturbed for access or other purposes.

- Minimize the width of the temporary construction access road through the wetlands (generally no wider than 16 feet when using construction mats). It is preferable to have a passing point created before and after the wetland crossing, but internal passing points may be needed if the crossing is long or critical sight line restrictions exist.
- Construct access roads so that wildlife is able to pass under or go through the road. In areas where the road is only one construction mat thick, allow for passageways or "gaps" between construction mats. In locations where the access road is greater than one mat thick, install elevated construction mat road crossings or "bridges." Gaps and/or bridges are to be placed along the access road at intervals no less than 50 feet.
- Consider the soil conditions. Expect deep organic wetland soils to require geotextiles, construction mats, or other materials during use to keep imported road materials separated from wetland soils. In shallow organic or saturated soils, thick plywood sheets or AlturnaMATS® may be sufficient to support a stable travel surface for small, lightweight vehicles. In addition, in areas which are inundated or have deep organic wetland soils, it may be necessary to use more than one layer of construction mats.
- Prevent obstructions to surface and subsurface flow across and through the construction access road. Provide adequate drainage. This may require the use of crushed stone, a layer of log corduroy, construction mat bridges, or multiple cross culverts, particularly if the wetland does not contain a well-defined watercourse channel and/or the wetland crossing is long. If the wetland soils are susceptible to seasonal high groundwater tables or flooding, then give additional consideration for maintaining flows across and/or over the construction access road without causing erosion or siltation during such times.
- Plan in advance how the construction access road will be removed and the wetland restored. A road stabilization geotextile can facilitate the segregation of imported soils and crushed stone and/or log corduroy from the native wetland soils and make wetland restoration easier. However, after the end of an extensive project and a highly traveled crossing, stone removal from the wetland surface will still usually have to occur, even when placed in conjunction with geotextile.

In some cases, access roads may not need to be constructed in a wetland to gain access into or through a wetland if the work can be designed such that disturbances to the wetland are avoided or negligible. Options to be considered are presented below.

#### Equipment Selection and Usage:

- **Low ground pressure equipment** - Using equipment that reduces the pressure it exerts on the ground can minimize disturbance to sensitive areas. Employing the use of equipment with wide tires, rubberized tracks, and low ground pressure (<3 psi when loaded) can help minimize soil compaction.
- **Wide tires** - Increasing the width of tires will increase traveling surface area and therefore reduce the amount of ground compaction that the equipment will cause. Ultimately, this will reduce rutting, and allow for easier maneuvering of the vehicle. However, wide tires may be costly and will require a wider travel area.
- **Rubberized tracks** - Equipment with rubberized tracks spreads the weight of the vehicle over a much larger surface, reducing ground pressure and enabling the vehicle to move more freely through wet substrates. Each track can be between



1.5 and 3 feet wide, length depending on the width of the vehicle. This can greatly reduce rutting and allow the vehicle to move with less difficulty through wet substrates.

- **Lightweight equipment** - Disturbance in a wetland area can be lessened by reducing the size of equipment (e.g., ORVs, Gator™) used in sensitive environmental areas. This reduces the amount of pressure to the travel surface as well as the necessary width of access ways.

#### Timing of Work:

- **Work during frozen conditions.** Activities conducted once wetland areas are frozen can minimize rutting and other disturbance to the surrounding environment. Work during this time also generally reduces disturbance of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife movement by avoiding sensitive breeding and nesting seasons.
- **Work during the “low flow” period.** Conducting work during the low flow period can reduce disturbance to surface water and generally avoids spawning and breeding seasons of aquatic organisms. The ACOE defines the low-flow periods for streams as follows:
  - Connecticut streams—July 1 through September 30
  - Massachusetts non-tidal streams— July 1 through September 30
  - Massachusetts tidal streams—November 16 through February 15

#### Alternate Access:

- **Manual access** – Consider accessing work areas on foot through terrestrial areas and/or by boat through open water or ponded areas. Smaller projects (e.g., repairs to individual structures or parts of structures) do not categorically require the use of heavy machinery and should be accessed manually to the extent practicable.
- **Limit trips** – Multiple trips through a wetland have shown to increase the potential for damage and requirement for matting. Try to limit trip to one in and one out.

#### Use of overhead/aerial access (e.g., helicopters):

- Using overhead or aerial equipment can be expensive and is not always feasible, but it may be appropriate in some situations to get vehicles and other equipment to a site that may be otherwise very difficult to access. The use of overhead and/or aerial equipment may be beneficial for work in areas where large water bodies, deep crevices, or mountainous areas hinder ground access.

#### Erosion and Sedimentation Controls:

Construction personnel are reminded to control erosion and flow conditions during new access road construction by utilizing the following erosion and sedimentation measures which are described and illustrated further in Appendix A:

- **Straw wattles** [Figure A26 in Appendix A], **geotextile silt fencing** [Figure A22 in Appendix A], and **straw bale barriers** [Figure A21 in Appendix A] may be installed at the edges of earthen roads or construction mat roads to prevent erosion of soil into wetlands from the road fill or tracked soil on construction mats.
- In areas where silt fencing is required for more than one activity season, **syncopated silt fencing** [Figure A23 in Appendix A] may be installed to permit animal crossings.

- Side slopes of earthen roads can be protected by installing **erosion control blankets** [Figure A25 in Appendix A] and **seeding** [Figure A32 in Appendix A] the area with a fast-growing native or annual grass mix.
- **Dust control** should be employed as necessary when construction access road conditions create airborne dust when necessary. Refer to Section 3.16 of this BMP Manual.

### Best Management Practices – Construction in Wetlands

The following are BMPs that are applicable to new access roads in wetlands and are described at the following tab:

Construction Mats (includes Elevated Construction Mats and AlturnaMATs®; see Figures A04 – A06 in Appendix A)

Permeable Road (see Figure A08 in Appendix A)

Dewatering (see Figures A39 – A41 in Appendix A)

### Construction Mats (i.e., timber or swamp mats)

Applications: Wetland crossings, rut minimization

- Used for access where the ground surface is unstable due to shallow, standing water, saturated soils, or other substrates not suitable for heavy vehicles.

Limitations:

- Only for temporary use. Generally, mats should be removed upon construction completion.
- May float away in high water conditions.
- Need to be installed with heavy machinery.
- AlturnaMATs® limited to smaller vehicles and equipment.
- Equipment operators should remain cautious so as not to drive off or slip off the side of the mats.
- In winter, mats must be plowed and sanded or heated to prevent equipment from sliding off mats. Use of a deicing agent requires approval by Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting. Snow removal must be conducted in accordance with the Eversource Snow Removal BMP (refer to Section 3.15).

Installation:

- Place mats along the travel area without any gaps and so that each board is positioned perpendicular to the direction of traffic. Position mats so that they are offset far enough from the resource area so that ruts are not created when equipment enters and exits a sensitive area.
- Remove mats by “backing” out of the site and removing mats one at a time. Regrade soils to pre-existing contours while taking care not to compact soils.
- Clean mats after use to remove any invasive plant species seed stock. Cleaning methods may include, but are not limited to, shaking or dropping mats in a controlled manner with a piece of machinery to knock off attached soil and debris,

spraying with water or air, sweeping, or exposing the mats to high temperatures.

- Clean mats that were used in wetlands dominated by invasive species using brooms, shovels, and compressed air, if needed.

Additional Comments:

Construction mats installed in wetlands categorized as ORWs in Massachusetts must be underlain by non-woven geotextile, which can be placed directly on the ground surface beneath the first layer of matting or atop the first layer of matting if additional layers of mats are to be installed.

Lightweight, easy to maneuver alternatives to traditional mats are available. For example, AlturnaMATS® are half-inch thick polyethylene slip-resistant ground protection mats available in dimensions up to 4 feet by 8 feet and weigh between 21.5 and 86 pounds.

Mat anchoring may be required for matting installed in areas prone to flooding, such as stream crossings, shorelines of lakes and ponds, floodplains where known base flood elevations are 2 feet or greater above the ground surface, and tidal areas, and when mats will be in place in these areas for more than two weeks during hurricane season. The need for, and type of, anchoring should be coordinated with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting. Examples of mat anchoring include:

- Linear ropes anchored using helical screws, manta ray anchors, or posts.
- Cable or report in chain pockets and run linearly.

Construction mat anchoring methods are illustrated in Figure A07 in Appendix A of this BMP Manual. Additional methods may be necessary depending on site and/or weather conditions.

**Permeable Road** (i.e., rock sandwich, French Mattress, or road with continuous cross-drainage)

Applications: Temporary wetland crossings, rut minimization

Limitations:

- Must be removed entirely at the end of construction unless project-specific permits have been obtained to allow for permanent wetland fill.
- Not appropriate for areas where concentrated, high volume and/or velocity water flow will intersect the road (i.e., stream crossings).
- Need to be installed with heavy machinery.
- Equipment operators should remain cautious so as not to drive or slip off the side of the road.

Overview:

Permeable roads are used for access in situations not suitable for heavy vehicle use often due to unstable ground surfaces with shallow standing water, saturated soils, or other unstable substrate. Installation of a permeable road can also help reduce the potential for frost action and pothole creation by preventing groundwater from wicking up into the road fill material.

Installation:

- Cover existing soil with a geotextile fabric prior to road construction. Excavation of existing soil is generally not recommended in order to minimize impacts to the resource area. Construct road on top of the soil surface, as shown on the typical on the next page. Drainage layer materials include 3- to 6-inch rock (12-inch minimum depth) or log corduroy (2-inch minimum diameter).
- Install the road so that it is offset far enough from the resource area so that ruts are not created when equipment enters and exits a sensitive area.
- Remove road by “backing” out of the site and removing road one section at a time. Regrade soils to pre-existing contours while taking care not to compact soils.

Maintenance:

- Regularly inspect and clean edges of cross-drainage layer along the sides of the road to prevent clogging by debris, leaf litter, sediment, etc.

### 3.8.5 Watercourse Crossings

There are a number of BMPs that can be used to minimize disturbance to streams. For each application, consider the site and project needs to select a method that is cost effective and will incur the fewest secondary disturbances. Additional erosion and sedimentation controls (e.g., straw bales) may be required in conjunction with the stream crossing BMPs to protect sensitive areas. The stream crossing methodology chosen will depend largely on the equipment required for a particular task, the existing environmental conditions, and the duration of the crossing. In constructing any stream crossing, care should be taken to limit disturbance to the extent practicable within 100 to 200 feet of the stream banks (the riparian area). The riparian area provides habitat to a number of species and provides protection and shading to the stream.

Erosion and Sedimentation Controls

Construction personnel are reminded to control erosion and flow conditions during new watercourse crossings by utilizing the following erosion and sedimentation measures which are described and illustrated further in Appendix A:

- **Straw wattles** [see Figure A26 in Appendix A], **geotextile silt fencing** [see Figure A22 in Appendix A] and/or **straw bale barriers** [see Figure A21 in Appendix A] may be installed at the edges of earthen roads or construction mat roads to prevent erosion of soil into watercourses from the road fill or tracked soil on construction mats. These controls however should generally not be placed within a watercourse.
- Side slopes of earthen roads can be protected by installing **erosion control blankets** [see Figure A25 in Appendix A] and **seeding** [see Figure A32 in Appendix A] the area with a fast-growing native or annual grass mix.

### Best Management Practices – Watercourse Crossings

The following are BMPs that are applicable to new access roads watercourse crossings and are described at the following tabs:

Stream Crossings without Bridges (includes limiting turbidity and stone crossing; see Figures A05, A06, and A12 in Appendix A)

Bridged Crossings (includes construction mat bridges and rail car frame bridges; see Appendix A)

Dewatering (see Figures A39 – A41 in Appendix A)

### **Stream Crossings Without Bridges: Limiting Turbidity**

Applications: Stream crossing, turbidity control

Limitations:

- Limited to areas where stream banks and bottoms will not be significantly damaged by the crossing.

Overview/Use:

- In some situations, such as routine or emergency maintenance with small ORVs, pickup trucks or tracked equipment, it may be acceptable for equipment to simply travel (perpendicularly) through a stream.
- Crossings are generally considered acceptable in situations where there is an existing or historic access road, a stable rock or sand/gravel stream bottom, and/or the crossing is at a relatively narrow reach of the stream and any adjacent wetlands.
- Cross streams slowly to minimize in-stream turbidity.

### **Stream Crossings Without Bridges: Stone Crossings**

Applications: Stream crossing, turbidity control

Limitations:

- Only use in small (less than 2 feet wide or braided) intermittent streams which do not appear on USGS topographic maps and have a downstream section with a gradient greater than 20%.
- Not suitable in areas where there could be a potential for fish passage.
- Stone size should be sufficient to allow for macroinvertebrate passage.
- Not preferred for new access road crossings; generally more suitable for existing access road crossings.
- Project-specific permitting may be required to allow for installation of stone within a stream bed. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting prior to using this crossing method.

Overview/Use:

- Use to cross small streams with stable stream bottoms.
- Carefully place 6-inch to 8-inch clean angular stone within stream at crossing. Limit width of stone to that needed for widest vehicle/equipment to crossing the stream.
- Drive over stone slowly.
- Leave riprap in intermittent streams for future use. More damage will occur by removing stone.

**Bridged Crossings: Construction Mats as Temporary Bridge**

Applications: Watercourse crossings

Limitations:

- Installation requires machinery.
- May become unstable under high flows.

Overview/Use:

- Untreated wooden construction mats may be used as a temporary bridge over a stream to allow construction vehicles access to the work site. Construction mat bridging is suitable for crossing intermittent and perennial streams. Before constructing a stream crossing, confirm that the construction mats are capable of supporting the equipment to be used.
- Place small sections of matting on either side of the stream parallel to the flow of water at top of banks to act as supports. Then place mats perpendicular to the stream and resting on top of the initial construction mat supports.
- Install non-woven geotextile between the first and second layers of matting; install erosion control barriers (e.g., straw bales, straw wattles, silt socks) along edges of timber matting to minimize potential for soil to discharge to the stream.
- Use of non-woven geotextile fabric at ORW crossings (MA) is required.

**Bridged Crossings: Rail Car Frame as Temporary Bridge**

Applications: Watercourse crossings

Limitations:

- Requires heavy equipment for transport and installation.
- Expensive.
- Banks must be stable to support heavy loads.

Overview/Use:

- Used rail car frames can be used for crossing larger and deeply incised streams where construction mats are unsuitable.
- Place the rail car frame perpendicular to the stream flow and between opposing banks. Use timber frame footings, if necessary. Next, place construction matting
- Install non-woven geotextile between the first and second layers of matting; install erosion control barriers (e.g., straw bales, straw wattles, silt socks) along edges of timber matting to minimize potential for soil to discharge to the stream. Use of non-woven geotextile fabric at ORW crossings (MA) is required.

**Culvert Installation/Repair/Replacement**

*\*Contact Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting prior to performing any culvert installations, repairs and/or replacements\**

Applications: Stream and wetland crossings

Limitations:

- Permitting and design are required for new culvert installation or expansion of existing culverts over streams and wetlands. Significant regulatory requirements must be followed. Permitting restrictions on time of year use.
- Installation may require in-stream work; dewatering and sedimentation concerns.
- Culverts are susceptible to washouts, sedimentation, erosion, and failure during heavy wet-weather events and flooding.
- Culverts require routine and long-term maintenance because they often become clogged with debris or other obstructions.

Overview:

Culverts are installed to maintain wetlands or streams at road crossings. Hydraulic calculations are required at all crossings to determine the area that will drain to the culvert.

General Design Guidelines:

- Size culverts to handle the maximum expected flow of the wetland or watercourse. It is preferable to have one large culvert rather than multiple culverts. Corrugated culverts are favored because they slow the water velocity. HDPE corrugated pipes are preferred to metal.
- Design culverts to withstand and accommodate high flows while maintaining existing low flows and not impeding on the movement of indigenous aquatic life. Culverts must be sized to accommodate flows from at least the 100-year storm and preferably 500-year storm.
- The maximum velocity at the culvert outlet should be consistent with the velocity of the natural channel. To mitigate higher velocities, use outlet protection measures, energy dissipation, and channel stabilization, if necessary.
- Refer to state specific stream crossing guidance documents for additional design requirements:
  - Connecticut: Stream Crossing Guidelines, CT DEEP, Inland Fisheries Division Habitat Conservation and Enhancement Program, February 26, 2008 ([www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/fishing/restoration/streamcrossingguidelines.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/fishing/restoration/streamcrossingguidelines.pdf))
  - Massachusetts: Massachusetts River and Stream Crossing Standards, River and Stream Continuity Partnership, March 1, 2006, Revised March 1, 2011 ([https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/regulatory/StreamRiverContinuity/MA\\_RiverStreamCrossingStandards.pdf](https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/regulatory/StreamRiverContinuity/MA_RiverStreamCrossingStandards.pdf))

Installation:

- Construction mats may be placed over culverts to provide structural protection from heavy loads.



- Backfill culverts with natural substrate matching the upstream and downstream streambed substrate, even when fish passage is not a concern. Other aquatic organisms rely on natural streambed sediment to aid their movement.
- Strive to install culverts with minimal disruption to the watercourse and riparian buffer zone.
- Culvert length should be as short in length as practicable. Cut culverts to size if they are protruding into the natural streambed.

**Maintenance:**

- Remove debris and sediment from culverts to maintain an open channel for flow. A clogged culvert could result in flooding and washout.

**Pole Fords**

**Applications:** Stream Crossings

**Limitations:**

- Limited to streams with gently sloping adjacent land.

**Overview/Use:**

- Poled fords are used in remote locations where a stream crossing requires a functional BMP, but it is impractical to bring in larger materials. Sufficiently sized wood poles or saw logs may be laid in the streambed parallel to the flow.
- Gently slope the road to and from the streambed at a maximum ratio of 1:5 (V:H). To limit disturbance to the riparian area, install engineering fabric and cover with an aggregate bed at the approach and exit.
- Use poles with a minimum length of ten feet.
- Remove poles immediately after use.

### 3.9 Slope Excavation

Engineering designs may be required for any changes in upland areas that could potentially direct or channel water across the face of slopes, particularly terrace escarpments or other highly erodible soils. No snow or soil piles, construction materials, or equipment should be stored in the immediate vicinity at the top of the terrace escarpment or other highly erodible soils.

### 3.10 Vegetation Removal and Preservation

Care should be taken to limit disturbance to the extent practicable when removing vegetation. Grubbing is not preferred as it results in considerable ground disturbance that could result in erosion and should be avoided to the extent feasible. Utilize grubbing only when all other methods cannot be used to prepare stable and safe work areas. If grubbing is necessary, the area must be seeded and mulched to protect it prior to the end of the workday. During mowing and trimming, woody debris greater than two (2) inches in diameter should not be placed in wetlands, and no woody debris should be placed in standing water. Permit conditions may mandate all woody debris to be removed from sensitive environmental areas. Mowing must be kept to a minimum, particularly at road crossings.

### 3.10.1 ROW Vegetation and Eastern Box Turtle (EBT) – MA only

Eastern box turtles (EBT) are often found near small streams and ponds and inhabit old fields, deciduous forests, and logged woodlands. Adults are completely terrestrial, while the young may be semiaquatic. EBTs hibernate on land by digging down in the soil between October and April. They have an extremely small home range and can usually be found in the same area year after year. EBT populations have been negatively impacted by the loss of suitable habitat. Some turtles may be killed directly by construction activities, but many more are lost when important habitat areas for shelter, feeding, hibernation, or nesting are destroyed. As remaining habitat is fragmented into smaller pieces, turtle populations can become small and isolated. Turtles are long-lived and the loss of even a single adult turtle can negatively impact the persistence of a local population. Therefore, vegetation removal in ROWs should be performed in a manner that minimizes impacts to turtle populations.

**Cleared and Maintained ROW**—EBTs have been found to use existing ROWs for foraging and nesting. Whenever feasible, perform maintenance mowing in identified habitat during inactive periods (November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>). Turtle BMPs are not required for work performed during the inactive period.

If mowing during the active turtle season (April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>) is required, turtle sweeps should be conducted by trained personnel prior to mowing activities; mow vegetation to no lower than seven (7) inches. Use Brontosaurus or Fecon mower heads to minimize the impact to identified habitat areas. Do not use Flail-type mowers during the active season. Additionally:

- **Avoid direct harm to turtles.** Visual inspections (“turtle sweeps”) of the work area must be conducted by trained personnel prior to the commencement of work. If turtles are encountered, they should be removed from the work area and reported to NHESP.

Use extra care when using heavy machinery or traveling in vehicles through areas mapped as turtle habitat.

Any silt fencing used in these areas should be removed as soon as site stabilization has occurred; fencing can be a barrier to turtle movements. Alternatively, install silt fencing in accordance with the Syncopated Silt Fence detail (see Appendix A).

If required, excavation should be completed within one (1) day and/or open excavations should be backfilled daily to prevent turtles from becoming trapped.

*Uncleared ROW*—When project work requires vegetation removal in an uncleared ROW, cut and mow uncleared portions of EBT habitat during the active season (April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>). If clearing must be conducted during hibernation periods, pre-planning will involve conducting a turtle survey and the possible use of telemetry. Consult Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting before performing work because this activity may not be covered under the OMP and may require a permit.

### 3.10.2 ROW Vegetation and Other Protected Turtles

In addition to EBTs, some ROWs overlap with known habitat of other protected species of turtles. In Massachusetts, these species include Blanding’s Turtle, Bog Turtle and Northern Red-bellied Cooter. If any work, including but not limited to vegetation

management, is scheduled to occur in the habitats of these turtles at any time of the year, **avoid wetland work.**

If unavoidable, operation and maintenance work in wetlands should be minimized to the greatest extent practicable. If work must occur in wetlands, the following guidelines apply:

- Any work should be reported to NHESP
- Work within wetlands mapped as habitat for the Bog Turtle or Northern Red-bellied Cooter must be reviewed on an individual basis by NHESP.

		Recommended Maintenance Activity if the Existing ROW is:	
Time Period	Turtle Status	Cleared and Maintained	Uncleared
April 1 to November 1	Active	<u>Perform only if required</u> —Mow vegetation no lower than seven (7) inches and use recommended mower heads	<u>Recommended</u> —Cut and mow uncleared areas
November 1 to April 1	Inactive	<u>Recommended</u> —Perform maintenance mowing	<u>Not recommended</u> —Requires turtle survey at minimum before removing vegetation

*General Construction Recommendations* –The following are general construction guidelines for protecting turtles:

- Install silt fencing around the work area prior to construction activity. Consider using syncopated silt fencing (see Figure A23 in Appendix A).
- Turtle training is required for all contractors. Apprise workers of the possible presence of turtles and provided a description of the species. Include a turtle sweep reminder on the Daily Tailboard.
- Conduct a turtle sweep after installing silt fencing and before conducting work.
- Perform daily turtle sweeps in work areas before performing any work.
- Carefully move any turtles that are discovered to an area immediately outside of the fenced area. Position turtle in the same direction that it was walking.
- Perform work with caution during early morning and evening hours. Take special care not to harm basking or foraging individuals.
- Remove silt fencing after work is completed and soils are stable so that reptile and amphibian movement between uplands and wetlands is not restricted.
- Return temporary cross-country access routes to pre-construction grade, seed if adequate root and seed stock are absent, and mulch. Do not seed pre-existing sandy soils that are within mapped rare turtle habitats unless directed by Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting in order to avoid altering nesting habitat.

### 3.10.3 Preservation of Existing Vegetation

Preserve the existing vegetation (i.e., groundcovers, vines, shrubs, trees) when practicable to improve soil stability and decrease the runoff volume and velocity. Identify and protect specified trees for erosion and sediment control benefits and/or aesthetic purposes. Consider saving trees that provide shading or screening benefits, particularly in residential areas. Preserve existing vegetation by reducing the width of a cleared ROW at stream crossings.

### 3.10.4 Invasive Plant Species

Invasive plant species are non-native species that invade natural communities and develop self-sustaining populations. The start of many infestations is often tied to a disturbance, and once established, the invasive species spread into undisturbed landscapes. They out-compete native species, disrupting ecological processes, and cause a loss of economic value or output. **It is illegal to transport, to introduce, and/or propagate state-listed invasive species.** Cleaning, draining and drying equipment between sites is mandated for aquatic invasives, and recommended for terrestrial equipment. Power washing of equipment and gear between sites is recommended, where feasible. At a minimum, visual inspection and hand removal of any plants, seeds, propagules, insects, mud, etc. is encouraged to maintain compliance with state laws and rules.

The linear nature of utility maintenance activities in vegetated corridors entails that a range of vegetative communities may be encountered by equipment, vehicles and personnel during the course of a single maintenance project or when mobilizing from one project site to another. It is especially important to follow best management practices when mobilizing equipment, vehicles and personnel from an area infested with invasive species to an un-infested area.

#### 3.10.4.1 Project Planning – Invasive Plant Species

Prior to starting utility maintenance work, the project area should be evaluated to determine:

- Do invasive plant species exist in the project area?
- Do project activities have the potential to contact invasive plants or disturb soils in a manner that could potentially spread live plant parts or viable seeds?
- If invasive species are not present, or if it is not possible or not feasible to identify invasive plant species within the project area, follow best management practices to minimize the disturbance and spread of soil and/or plant matter.

#### 3.10.4.2 Species Identification

It is imperative that workers who will be working or operating equipment in areas that may contain invasive plant species be trained in the identification and modes of dispersal of common, highly-prolific aquatic and terrestrial invasive plant species commonly found along road sides and in utility ROWs. See tables below for identification of the common invasive plants in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Invasive Species in Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>

Botanical Name	Common name
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Bishop's goutweed; bishop's weed
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway maple
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore maple
<i>Allanthus altissima</i>	Tree of heaven
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic mustard
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese barberry
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Carolina fanwort; fanwort
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	Oriental bittersweet; Asian or Asiatic bittersweet
<i>Cynanchum louiseae</i>	Black swallow-wort; Louise's swallow-wort
<i>Cynanchum nigrum</i> – see <i>Cynanchum louiseae</i>	Black swallow-wort; Louise's swallow-wort
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	Autumn olive
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Winged euonymus; burning bush
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Leafy spurge; wolf's milk
<i>Fallopia japonica</i> - see <i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>	Japanese knotweed; Japanese or Mexican bamboo
<i>Ficaria verna</i> - see <i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser celandine; fig buttercup
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	European buckthorn; glossy buckthorn
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Sea or horned poppy; yellow hornpoppy
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	Dame's rocket
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow iris
<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	Broad-leaved pepperweed; tall pepperweed
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera morrowii</i>	Morrow's honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera x bella</i> [ <i>morrowii</i> x <i>tatarica</i> ]	Bell's honeysuckle
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	Creeping jenny; moneywort
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple loosestrife
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	Variable water-milfoil; two-leaved water-milfoil
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian or European water-milfoil; spike water-milfoil
<i>Nasturtium amphibium</i> - see <i>Rorripa amphibia</i>	Water yellowcress; great yellowcress
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i> - see <i>Rorripa nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed canary-grass
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common reed

Invasive Species in Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>

Botanical Name	Common name
<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>	Japanese knotweed; Japanese or Mexican bamboo
<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i>	Mile-a-minute vine or weed; Asiatic tearthumb
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	Crisped pondweed; curly pondweed
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser celandine; fig buttercup
<i>Reynoutria japonica</i> – see <i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>	Japanese knotweed; Japanese or Mexican bamboo
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Common buckthorn
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i> – see <i>Frangula alnus</i>	European buckthorn; glossy buckthorn
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black locust
<i>Rorippa amphibia</i>	Water yellowcress; great yellowcress
<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	Multiflora rose
<i>Salix atrocinerea</i> / <i>Salix cinerea</i>	Rusty Willow/Large Gray Willow complex
<i>Sisymbrium amphibium</i> - see <i>Rorippa amphibia</i>	Water yellowcress; great yellowcress
<i>Trapa natans</i>	Water-chestnut
<i>Vincetoxicum nigrum</i> – see <i>Cynanchum nigrum</i>	Black swallow-wort; Louise's swallow-wort

<sup>1</sup> Based on the Massachusetts Invasive Plants Advisory Group (MIPAG); Last Updated 6/2021

Invasive Species in Connecticut<sup>1</sup>

Botanical Name	Common name
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway maple
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Goutweed/Bishops Weed
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of heaven
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic mustard
<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	Porcelainberry
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese barberry
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	Common barberry
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Fanwort
<i>Cardamine impatiens</i>	Narrowleaf bittercress
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	Asiatic bittersweet
<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>	Spotted knapweed
<i>Cynanchum louiseae</i>	Black swallow-wort

Invasive Species in Connecticut<sup>1</sup>

Botanical Name	Common name
<i>Cynanchum rossicum</i>	Pale swallow-wort
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	Autumn olive
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Winged euonymus
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Leafy spurge
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	Glossy Buckthorn
<i>Froelichia gracilis</i>	Slender snake cotton
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	Dame's rocket
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	Hydrilla
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow iris
<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	Perennial pepperweed
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera maackii</i>	Amur honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera morrowii</i>	Morrow's honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera x bella</i>	Belle honeysuckle
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple loosestrife
<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	Japanese stiltgrass
<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	Forget-me-not
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	Variable-leaf watermilfoil
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed canary grass
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common reed
<i>Polygonum caespitosum</i>	Bristled knotweed
<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i>	Mile-a-minute vine
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	Curly-leafed pondweed
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Fig buttercup
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Common buckthorn
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black locust
<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	Multiflora rose
<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i>	Wineberry
<i>Trapa natans</i>	Water chestnut
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Coltsfoot

<sup>1</sup> Based on the Connecticut Invasive Plants Council in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §22a-381a through §22a-381d. The list was most recently re-printed in October 2018.



**Avoidance and Minimization**

- If possible, avoid or minimize contact with invasive species by physically avoiding locations with invasive plant infestations.
- In locations where invasive infestations exist, design the project to minimize contact with invasive species by choosing access routes and staging areas that are outside areas of infestation.
- Sequence work to the extent possible such that work using clean equipment and materials proceeds in un-infested areas prior to moving into infested areas and not vice versa.
- If it is unknown whether invasive species exist, design the project to limit travel across vegetated areas to the extent possible.
- When possible, time work under conditions that minimize the risk of spread, (frozen ground, snow cover, absence of seeds or propagules).

**Vegetation Management**

- Control of invasive plants by chemical means should be performed by a licensed applicator in accordance with the requirements of the CT DEEP Pesticide Management Program, the Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act (MPCA; M.G.L. Chapter 132B) and 333 CMR 2.00, ROW Vegetation Management regulations (333 CMR 11.00), and the MAWPA.
- Mechanical mowing of vegetation should adhere to principals of avoidance and minimization. Where possible avoid mowing invasive plants, especially plants that have the ability to sprout from stem and root fragments. For other invasive species, mowing should occur prior to seed set if possible.
- If woody vegetation is removed from a project site, transport it in compliance with invasive pest or disease quarantine zones established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, MA DCR, and MA DAR.
- Any restoration seed mixes used should be free of any species identified as invasive by the Connecticut Invasive Plants Council in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §22a-381a through §22a-381d (in Connecticut) or the Massachusetts Invasive Plants Advisory Group (in Massachusetts).

**Soil Disturbance and Management**

- Where possible, avoid soil disturbance as it may increase the chances of colonization by invasive seeds or propagules.
- Stabilize disturbed soils as soon as possible by seeding and/or using mulch, straw or gravel that is free of invasive plant material.
- Where possible, when excavating soils, top layers of soil containing plant material and roots should be segregated from sub soils and left on site.
- Cover soil and other material containing invasive plant material during transport.
- Do not transport fill and material containing invasive plant material onto a project site.
- If fill and materials containing invasive species must be transported off site, do not reuse, stockpile or dispose of these materials in such a manner that could promote

the spread of invasive plants.

#### **Decontamination Procedures**

- When utility maintenance activities require work in areas infested with invasive species, implement decontamination procedures per NHDOT's Best Management Practices for Roadside Invasive Plants manual.
- In order to minimize the spread of invasive plant seeds and material:
  - Clean vehicles, equipment, materials, gear, footwear or clothing of all visible soil and plant material on site in the infested area, or as near as practical to the infested area, prior to leaving the project site.
  - Do not decontaminate equipment next to streams or water bodies that could potentially transport seeds or propagules.
  - Decontaminate equipment and materials that may be contaminated by aquatic plant materials adjacent to the surface water they were exposed to prior to use in another surface water body.
  - Do not transport water withdrawn from a surface water body and discharge it to another water body.

#### **Methods of Cleaning**

- Use a brush, broom or hand tools to manually clean.
- Clean debris off equipment such as construction matting by shaking or dropping mats in a controlled manner to dislodge attached soil and debris.
- Compressed air.
- Containment must be in compliance with wastewater discharge regulations when using low-or high-pressure wash stations.

### **3.11 Work Pads**

#### **3.11.1 De-Energized and Energized**

Applications: Work in wetlands

- Reconnaissance of each work pad area in or adjacent to wetlands should be performed to determine if the construction mat work pad areas could be located outside of wetland resource areas. Wetland disturbances should be avoided or minimized where practicable. Coordinate work pad locations and/or configurations with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting.

Limitations:

- Requires heavy machinery for installation.
- Significant amount of time required for installation and removal.
- Pads for live line work require a considerably larger footprint.
- Several layers of matting may be needed in deep, construction areas.
- Animals may be injured or killed when attempting to cross work pads.

- May not be suitable in deep/open water wetlands.
- Must be underlain with non-woven geotextile if within an ORW (MA only).

#### How to Use:

- Work at structures may require placement of construction mats to provide safe and stable work pad areas for employees and contractors.
- Live line work, which is work that is done while the line is energized, requires a much larger work pad area. Efforts should be avoid or minimize impacts to wetlands to the extent practicable.
- Sizes of work pads vary based on the type of work being proposed.
- Work pad areas may extend into wetlands where structures that require maintenance either fall within or are in proximity to wetlands. In these cases, untreated wooden construction mats shall be used to limit disturbance.
- Install silt fencing around work pads in identified amphibian and reptile priority habitat and where matting is greater than one mat thick. The exclusionary silt fencing will deter animals from moving across work pads and reduce the likelihood of being crushed by heavy equipment.
- Following construction activities all mats at each work pad and vehicle access locations must be removed.
- Remove mats by “backing” out of the site and removing mats one at a time. Regrade soils to pre-existing contours while taking care not to compact soils, if necessary.
- In areas with invasive species, plant material should be removed from mats following removal from the infested area to prevent the spread of invasive species. Refer to the tables in this section for additional details regarding invasive plant species.

#### **3.11.1.1 Best Management Practices – Work Pads**

De-energized work requires smaller work pad areas, while live line work (i.e., work that is done while the line is energized) requires a much larger work pad areas.

De-energized construction mat work pads (see Figure A14 Appendix A)

## **3.12 Structure-Related Work**

### **3.12.1 Wetland**

Structure-related activities that may occur in wetlands include structure replacement/installation (including casing installation), guy wire anchor installation, counterpoise installation, and pole butt removal. Access to these areas and completion of the activities can cause disturbance to wetland vegetation and soils. Therefore, structure-related activities in wetlands should entail use of adequately sized work pads and proper dewatering methods if/as needed. Inspection of the construction access and associated dewatering measures should occur daily during construction to ensure that controls are in working order and repairs to damaged/deteriorating controls are made in a timely matter. Repairs may include re-grading the traveled surface to eliminate ruts as well as those repairs required by each erosion and sedimentation measure used.

### Structure Replacement/Installation

Replacement structures will often be replaced within a few feet of the original structure to maintain the required distances and line sags between other existing structures. Therefore, options for relocating proposed replacement structures are limited. Pole replacement will also require placement of construction mats in wetlands to provide a safe work pad for the required structure replacement activities. Usually, there are no alternatives that allow for this work to be conducted from nearby upland areas or to install the replacement structures in upland areas. Each structure replacement area should be assessed to determine the required footprint needed for construction mat work pads. Typical installation is as follows:

- At each pole location, remove wetland topsoil with an excavator and stockpile. Segregate wetland soils as necessary.
- If a borehole is drilled, collect and dispose of drilling spoils in an upland area.
- A galvanized steel casing is then driven into place at least 12 inches below the ground surface. The new pole is installed within the casing with a crane. The casing is then backfilled with crushed rock and compacted.
- Stockpiled wetland topsoil is placed above the casing to the ground surface. No net fill in wetlands occur, as the original poles are removed.
- Following installation of the new structures, the old structures are removed. Each pole is cut with a chainsaw and allowed to fall to the ground, which in wetland areas is protected by construction mats. If the pole is to be bucked into sections, conduct sawing activities in uplands when feasible. Pole butts will remain in place; if removing the pole butt will cause more damage than if left in place.
- Remove the pole and all appurtenant accessories (e.g., cross-arms, insulators) and properly dispose off-site. Remove each pole butt by pulling with an excavator positioned on a construction mat. If it is apparent that pole removal will compromise the integrity of the new pole installation, or that removal will result in additional disturbance to wetland areas, cut off the old pole at least 12 inches below ground level and backfill to match adjacent grades.

### Guy Wire Anchor Installation

Guy wire anchors supporting the structures may also require replacing. There are two types of anchors: 1) helical and 2) plate type. Helical anchors are preferred over plate anchor because the installation of the helical anchor results in less disturbance to the wetland.

- Load test the existing anchor to determine whether it will support the pole structure. Consult with Eversource Engineering to determine load testing requirements. In the event the existing anchor cannot be re-used, remove it and install a new anchor.
- Screw in place a special triple helix ("screw type") anchor with an anchor installation rig operated from the matting area. Add rod sections as needed until proper holding capacity of the anchor is achieved. Consult with Eversource Engineering to determine anchor installation requirements.
  - Helical anchors are turned into the ground with only the rods protruding. Disturbance to the wetland from the helical anchor is minimal.

- Plate anchors are used in wetlands when proper holding cannot be achieved with screw anchors. To install a plate anchor, a pit is excavated to a sufficient depth and if necessary, a concrete footing would be installed several feet below surface grade. Consult with Eversource Engineering to determine plate anchor installation requirements.
  - When excavating to install plate anchors, segregate the top 12 inches of wetland topsoil from the underlying material. When the plate anchor has been set, backfill the excavation with underlying material. Utilize segregated wetland topsoil to restore pre-construction grades.

### **Counterpoise Installation/Grounding**

To install grounding equipment in wetlands, use hand digging or minimally invasive methods to dig around the structure and restore soil to previous grades. In some cases, grounding rods can be driven directly into the ground with hand tools. Where work is occurring in the vicinity of wetland areas, sedimentation and erosion controls will be used to limit disturbance to wetlands.

### **Underground Facility Repair/Replacement**

Underground facilities such as cables and conduits may be present beneath wetland areas. In the event underground facilities require repair, BMPs are required for both access and construction. Construction mats are used for access where warranted, and sedimentation and erosion controls are used to isolate the work area. During excavation activities, excavate wetland topsoil and stockpile separately from subsurface soils. Dewatering is often required during excavation and repair activities.

An alternative to repairing a subsurface line by excavation is to install a new line via trenching or horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The decision to use one of these alternatives is made on a case by case basis. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting to determine if any permits will be needed.

### **Pole Butt Removal**

When transmission poles are decommissioned or otherwise taken out of service, in most cases the entire pole shall be removed. Treated wood pole butts shall be removed completely from the ground and properly disposed at an off-site location. Locations where the removal of pole butts may cause significant disturbance to wetlands or other sensitive environmental areas will be considered for exception to this practice on a site-by-site basis. The Transmission Line Construction and Maintenance Manager, in consultation with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting, will be responsible for determining if a pole butt can be removed if located in a sensitive environmental area.

All pole butt holes must be backfilled and compacted (every 3 feet) with appropriate fill material. Existing material on-site can be reused if it does not include materials that can rot (e.g., vegetation) and cause settling.

### **Disposal**

Treated and non-treated wood products owned by the Transmission Group shall be stored in an area(s) designated by the Transmission Line Construction/Contract Field Services Supervisor until collected by an approved disposal vendor.

### Concrete Wash Outs

Concrete wash outs shall be used for the management of concrete waste. Concrete and concrete wash out water shall not be deposited or discharged directly on the ground, in sensitive environmental areas, or in catch basins or other drainage structures. Where possible, concrete wash outs shall be located away from sensitive environmental areas, including buffer zones. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting to determine concrete wash out locations prior to their use. Following the completion of concrete pouring operations, the wash outs shall be properly disposed of off-site with other construction debris.

## 3.13 Underground Cable and Gas Piping-Related Work

Gas piping-related activities will typically occur within roadways or along roadway shoulders. There may be some instances where wetland permitting is required when wetlands are located adjacent to or in the vicinity of roadways. However, when work is performed within the roadway/shoulder, permitting is typically not required. Verify permitting requirements with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting. In all cases, BMPs should be followed to ensure environmental compliance.

Typical examples of underground cable and conduits include:

**High-Pressure, Fluid-Filled Pipe-Type Cable:** A high-pressure, fluid-filled (HPFF) pipe-type of underground transmission line, consists of a steel pipe that contains three high-voltage conductors. The fluid also transfers heat away from the conductors. The fluid is usually static and removes heat by conduction.

**XLPE Cable (cross-linked polyethylene):** Hydronic tubing that is manufactured from polyethylene plastic with a three-dimensional molecular bond that is created within the structure of the plastic. The cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) underground transmission line is often called solid dielectric cable. The solid dielectric material replaces the pressurized liquid or gas of the pipe-type cables. XLPE cable has become the national standard for underground electric transmission lines less than 200 kV.

### Roadways and Shoulders

When working in roadways, particularly in residential areas, the following activities should be performed in addition to standard construction BMPs:

- Repave disturbed paved areas and return to original elevations on the same day that construction is performed.
- Restore all non-paved areas to pre-existing (or improved) conditions. Replace any sod or other plantings in kind or with an acceptable alternative.
- Employ dust control as necessary to minimize airborne dust.
- Streets should be swept daily or as necessary to remove dirt and debris from resulting from construction from the roadway surface. Dirt and debris swept from the roadway surface should be collected and properly disposed of as construction waste. Under no circumstances should dirt and debris be swept off of the roadway surface to the road shoulder or deposited in any catch basins.
- Discharge trench dewatering volumes to an appropriate dewatering structure setup on adjacent undeveloped, unimproved uplands away from wetlands (refer to Appendix A). Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting staff

- to determine appropriate locations for placement of dewatering structures.
- Trench dewatering may also be discharged to areas of open trench to allow for infiltration.
  - For minor volumes or short-term duration dewatering needs, trench dewatering may be pumped to frac tanks for transport off-site and discharge to an appropriate dewatering structure located at a contractor yard or similar location.
  - Trench dewatering may only be discharged to stormwater catch basins after all necessary federal, state and local permits have been obtained to do so (this typically requires design and implementation of an effective treatment system to remove all potential contaminants, such as suspended solids or other chemical contaminants). Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting if discharge to catch basins is required.

Under certain circumstances, gas piping must be installed beneath existing culverts within roadways. Take care to ensure that any saturated material excavated from the trench be properly stored and disposed as to not cause sedimentation issues. Implement dewatering methodologies, as required.

There may be cases where a drainage ditch or swale must be crossed to gain construction access from paved roads onto ROWs along the roadway shoulder. Install construction mats, mat bridges, or temporary culverts, as necessary, to facilitate access. Culverts should be for temporary use, sized for peak flow, and removed after construction is complete. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting prior to installation.

### Bridges and Culverts

Attachment of gas piping to bridges or culverts is the environmentally preferable method for crossing a wetland or watercourse. Consult with the appropriate people (engineers, the Department of Transportation (DOT), etc.) to determine if attachment to a bridge or culvert is a technically feasible option at the desired crossing location. Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting should also evaluate the impacts to FEMA flood storage quantities and potential Coast Guard permitting requirements. Ensure that proper erosion and sedimentation controls are in place on either side of the bridge or culvert throughout construction.

### Rivers and Streams

There are two primary approaches for crossing a river or stream with a gas pipeline: direct bury (open trenching) and trenchless methods (e.g., HDD, standard bore/pipe jacking).

**Direct bury methods** involve erecting a coffer dam to isolate the work area and redirecting water flow using gravity or pumping to move water from one side of the work area to the other. Direct bury methods have larger direct environmental impacts than trenchless methods. Typical coffer dam examples are included in Figures A42 and A43 in Appendix A.

**Trenchless methods** use specialized equipment to install piping beneath a waterbody (or a major roadway, railroad, etc.). The most common method used for gas piping is HDD which uses remote controlled, steerable drilling equipment to install pipe along a long arc alignment. The drilling process can be divided into three steps: pilot, reaming, and pull-in. The first step is to drill a pilot bore-hole. Next, a larger diameter fly cutter is used to



enlarge the opening. A specialized bentonite slurry drilling fluid is injected into the bore-hole to stabilize the surrounding soil and to lubricate and cool the drill bit. For the final step, a barrel reamer is used to further enlarge the bore-hole and to pull the pipe into place.

A notable environmental concern with HDD is called “frac-out.” This occurs when drilling fluid breaks through the soil surface and into the waterbody. Regulatory agencies may require a “frac-out plan” which details preventative controls and response measures should frac-out occur. A typical frac out plan is included in Appendix D; however, HDD contractors should be required to provide a detailed frac-out plan specific to the project and their practices. These plans may be subject to environmental regulatory agency review. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting for permit requirements.

### **3.14 Construction Material along the ROW**

Once a site is prepared by clearing and/or installing erosion and sediment controls, materials may be stored along the ROW prior to the start of construction. Such materials may include the following: piping, poles, cross-arms, cable, insulators, stone, and other engineered backfill materials. In general, the stockpiling of stone and other unconsolidated material on construction mats should be avoided. If it is determined necessary due to access and work pad constraints, the material should be placed on a geotextile fabric and be properly contained with a sedimentation barrier such as straw wattle or bales. No construction materials should be placed in wetlands or other sensitive resource areas.

### **3.15 Winter Construction**

#### **3.15.1 Snow Management**

Snow should not be stockpiled or disposed in any waterbody or near water supply sources. These include wetlands, rivers/streams, the ocean, reservoirs, ponds, stormwater catch basins, wellhead protection area, in high or medium yield aquifer, or within 200 feet of a private well. In addition to water quality impacts and flooding, snow disposed in surface water can cause navigational hazards when it freezes into ice blocks. Maintain a minimum buffer of 25 feet between any snow disposal area and the high water mark of any surface water. A silt fence or equivalent barrier should be installed between the snow storage area and the high water mark of rivers, streams, ponds, or the ocean. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting regarding any specific state and local snow management requirements.

Avoid disposing of snow on top of storm drain catch basins or in storm water drainage swales or ditches. Snow combined with sand and debris may block a storm drainage system and cause localized flooding. A high volume of sand, sediment, and litter released from melting snow also may be quickly transported through the system into surface water and could also result in fines or a violation.

All debris in a snow storage area should be cleared from the site and properly disposed of no later than May 15 of each year. Care shall be taken not to plow road materials away when removing snow.

### 3.15.2 De-Icing

Where permitted, calcium chloride is the preferred de-icing agent when applied according to manufacturer's guidelines in upland areas. Sand should be used on construction mats through wetland areas. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting on de-icing agents when working in a facility or substation near resource areas. Many municipalities have specific de-icing agent requirements for work within 100 feet of wetlands and other sensitive environmental areas.

### 3.15.3 Snow and Ice Management on Construction Mats

Promptly and properly remove snow from construction mats to avoid ice formation. Remove snow from construction mats before applying sand to avoid forming ice. A round street sweeping brush mounted on the front of a truck may be an effective way to remove snow from construction mats. Propane heaters may also be suitable solutions for snow removal and/or de-icing of construction mats. Sand should be collected from the construction mats and disposed of in an upland area prior to removing construction mats from wetlands. Once construction mats are removed, wetlands shall be inspected for sand buildup that may have fallen through construction mats. Sand deposited in wetlands or other sensitive environmental areas shall be completely removed by the contractor. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting prior to commencing work in wetlands or other sensitive environmental areas.

## 3.16 Dust Control

Dust control measures are used to reduce surface and air movement of dust from exposed soil surfaces during land disturbance, demolition, and construction activities. These practices reduce the amount of dust in the air and decrease the potential for accidents, respiratory problems, and airborne sedimentation. Construction activities should be scheduled appropriately to minimize the amount of site surface exposed at one time in order to reduce the amount of areas requiring dust control. Use dust control measures on disturbed soil surfaces and exposed soil surfaces, especially during hot or dry weather periods and in areas with excessively well-drained soils. Repetitive treatments should be used as needed, or required by permits, and until the surface is permanently stabilized.

Type	Description/Use
Vegetative Cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most effective and practical method.</li> <li>Use in disturbed areas not subject to traffic.</li> <li>Follow seeding requirements as directed by local guidelines or permit requirements.</li> </ul>
Stone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cover soil surface with crushed stone/coarse gravel.</li> </ul>
Water/Sprinkling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sprinkle exposed soils until wet (Water trucks may be used depending on size of the site).</li> <li>Do not excessively wet the soil as this causes run-off and also wastes water.</li> </ul>

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Barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board fences, wind fences, and sediment fences control air currents and blowing soil.</li><li>• Wind barriers protect soil downgradient for a distance of ten times the barrier height.</li><li>• Perennial grasses and stands of existing trees also serve as wind barriers, stressing the importance of planning work phasing properly and minimizing the amount of exposed soil.</li></ul>
Plastic Covering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cover soil piles with sheets of plastic/tarp to minimize dust.</li></ul>
Calcium Chloride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loose, dry granules of calcium chloride may be applied with a mechanical spreader.</li><li>• Apply at a rate that keeps the surface moist but not high enough to cause water pollution or plant damage. This method should be done under consultation with an expert in order to maintain this balance and to determine if the site is applicable.</li></ul>

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### 3.16.1 Soil Stockpile Management

Some projects may involve excavation and stockpiling of soil. Stockpiles should be located outside sensitive areas to the extent practicable and managed to prevent erosion and sedimentation of adjacent areas. Typical measures include the installation of protective measures (e.g., siltation fence and/or straw bales) around the perimeter of the stockpile. The stockpile must be seeded if left in place for more than 30 days. No snow or soil piles, construction materials, or equipment should be stored in the immediate vicinity at the top of a terrace escarpment slope.

### 3.16.2 Stockpiles on Construction Mats

When soil (or gravel) stockpiles must be staged on construction mat work pads in wetlands, stockpiles should be placed atop areas of matting underlain with non-woven geotextile (either directly atop the mats or between layers of matting) to minimize the potential for material to filter through gaps in matting and deposit in wetlands. Use of construction mat stringers as physical barriers at the edge of the work pad should also be considered. These barriers are recommended to minimize the potential for stockpiled material to get pushed off the work pad into wetlands. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting for site-specific guidance.

### 3.16.3 Regulated Soils Management

When polluted/contaminated soil is encountered, it must be handled in accordance with the appropriate regulatory requirements. In addition to the measures discussed above, contaminated soils should be stockpiled on and covered by polyethylene sheeting. Shheeting used to cover the stockpile should be weighted down to prevent the wind migration of contaminated dust.

For soil stockpiles in substations, contact Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting. If soil/water must be stored and/or disposed, comply with existing soil and groundwater management guidelines. Coordinate with the Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) to ensure appropriate procedures are followed.

### 3.16.4 Best Management Practices – Soil Stockpile Management

The following BMP is applicable to soil stockpile management and is described at:

Soil Stockpile Management (see Figure A19 in Appendix A)

## 3.17 Anti-Idling Laws

Connecticut and Massachusetts have promulgated anti-idling laws for the purpose of improving air quality by reducing unnecessary air pollution from idling vehicles.

State	Idling Time Limit (in minutes)
Connecticut	3
Massachusetts	5

Details of these laws and the statutory exceptions to the limits noted above are presented in the following sections.

### 3.17.1 Connecticut

The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) section 22a-174-18(b)(3) states: a mobile source shall not operate for more than three (3) consecutive minutes when such mobile source is not in motion except if the vehicle is operating for one of the conditions exempted in the regulation.

These exemptions for mobile sources not in motion include:

- When a mobile source is forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the operator has no control.
- When it is necessary to operate defrosting, heating or cooling equipment to ensure the safety or health of the driver or passengers.
- When it is necessary to operate auxiliary equipment that is located in or on the mobile source to accomplish the intended use of the mobile source.
- To bring the mobile source to the manufacturer's recommended operating temperature.
- When the outdoor temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit.
- When the mobile source is undergoing maintenance that requires such mobile source be operated for more than three (3) consecutive minutes.
- When a mobile source is in queue to be inspected by U.S. military personnel prior to gaining access to a U.S. military installation.

### 3.17.2 Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Anti-Idling Law (M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 16A and its implementing regulations set forth at 310 CMR 7.11 applies to all vehicles and limits unnecessary engine idling of stopped vehicles to five (5) minutes.

This law shall not apply to:

- Vehicles being serviced, provided that operation of the engine is essential to the proper repair thereof.

- Vehicles engaged in the delivery or acceptance of goods, wares, or merchandise for which engine assisted power is necessary and substitute alternate means cannot be made available.
- Vehicles engaged in an operation for which the engine power is necessary for an associate power need other than movement, and substitute alternate power means cannot be made available provided that such operation does not cause or contribute to a condition of air pollution.

## SECTION 4

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# Inspection and Maintenance

A pre-construction meeting will be held to discuss how often and who is responsible for monitoring erosion and sediment controls to document their condition and recommend maintenance or other corrective actions, as necessary. All BMPs will be inspected at least once per week during active construction and until disturbed areas have stabilized following post-construction site restoration. Construction sites will be inspected after major storm events (rainfall events greater than 0.25 inches (MA) or 0.50 inches (CT)), or as directed by Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting.

### 4.1 During Construction

Construction sites, construction access roads, and the associated erosion and sediment controls should be inspected by the person(s) designated at the pre-construction meeting, as required by permit conditions. Any damage observed must be repaired in a timely manner, at least within 48 hours of observation. Repairs may include re-grading and/or top dressing the surface with additional aggregate to eliminate ruts as well as those repairs required by each erosion and sediment measure used.

All inspections will be documented in a written report submitted to Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting and saved to the project folder. Copies will be distributed to the relevant contractors if/as directed by Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting.

#### 4.1.1 Maintenance of Erosion and Sedimentation Controls

Spare erosion and sedimentation control materials such as straw wattles, straw bales and silt fencing should be kept on site or be readily available so they may be replaced if they become non-functional due to deterioration or damaged during a storm, extreme water or wind, or other unexpected events.

#### 4.1.2 Rapid Wetland Response Restoration

In the event of unintended discharges of sediment into wetlands, Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting will direct the contractor(s) to quickly control, contain and remove sediment using non- or marginally invasive methods. Responding quickly to unintended discharges minimizes the difficulty and cost of restoration if the sediment is left in place for an extended period of time. Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting will direct sediment removal activities at the time of discharge and will notify the appropriate regulators of the discharge and the recommended corrective actions.

#### 4.1.3 Vehicle Storage and Refueling

All storage and refueling of vehicles and other equipment must occur outside of and as far away as practical from sensitive environmental areas such as wetlands, unless specifically authorized by Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting and an alternate protocol is developed and approved internally.

The recommended minimum distance from wetlands for storage of fuel and refueling is 100 feet. Additionally, equipment should be checked regularly for evidence of leaks. Construction material storage should also be located at least 100 feet from wetlands.



Storage of larger, less mobile equipment such as drill rigs or large cranes, may be permitting within wetlands subject to prior approval from Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting. Secondary containment shall be in place at each piece of equipment during non-working hours.

Refueling of larger, less mobile equipment such as drill rigs or large cranes, may be allowed within wetlands only with prior approval from Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting and if specified precautions and protocols are followed. A proper location for refueling should be identified and designated before site work begins. At a minimum, if refueling must be conducted in wetlands, the contractor shall provide adequate secondary containment during refueling operations and shall maintain a spill kit on-site at all times.

#### **4.1.4 Spills**

Spill kits consist of emergency cleanup and spill containment materials that can be used in the event of a fuel or other chemical spill. Spill kits must be kept on site and accessible at all times in case of an emergency spill. Such kits should generally contain multiple absorbent socks and/or pillows and wipes and temporary disposal bags. Follow the applicable Eversource Contractor Work Rules.

#### **4.1.5 Post-Construction**

Post-construction inspections of restored areas will be conducted at regular intervals throughout the growing season, as required by any applicable permits, and/or after major storm events. Sites should be inspected for success or failure of revegetation, invasive species colonization, and erosion and sedimentation. In the event additional measures are required to achieve site restoration and stabilization, corrective actions shall be identified and implemented.

All information collected during inspections, regular maintenance, and repair procedures should be documented in project folders. In addition, photographic or diagrammatic logs may be kept to record certain events and for documentation of project progress and any noteworthy observations.

The construction work is not complete until all areas are restored.

## SECTION 5

## Section 5

# Rehabilitation and Restoration

### 5.1 Restoration

All areas disturbed by construction, repair, and maintenance activities shall be substantially restored to pre-construction conditions. Please refer to Appendix A for photos and typical details for loaming, seeding, and mulching. Prompt restoration minimizes the extent and duration of soil exposure and protects disturbed areas from erosion due to stormwater runoff, ice, wind and gravity. Stabilization should be conducted as soon as practicable. Where appropriate, it is preferable to allow sensitive environmental areas, such as wetlands and rare species habitat to revegetate naturally.

Consult Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting for project-specific restoration requirements.

#### 5.1.1 Seed Mixes

Several different seed mixes are available for upland and wetland restoration. State-specific comprehensive summaries of seed mixes for both temporary and permanent seeding of disturbed sites can be found within the following documents:

- Massachusetts: Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Urban and Suburban Areas, page 157: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/complete-erosion-and-sedimentation-control-guidelines-a-guide-for-planners-designers-and/download>
- Connecticut: 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil and Erosion Sediment Control, page 5-3-8: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water/Soil-Erosion-and-Sediment-Control-Guidelines/Guidelines-for-Soil-Erosion-and-Sediment-Control>

**Upland Seed Mix:** If significant grading or upland alteration has occurred, annual rye grass seed shall be placed for temporary stabilization following manufacturer's recommendations after re-grading activities.

**Wetland Seed Mix:** If significant grading or wetland alteration has occurred, a wetland seed mix shall be placed following manufacture's recommendations after re-grading activities.

#### 5.1.2 Upland

The following restoration techniques apply to restoration projects in upland areas.

- Soil excavated during construction and not used as backfill must be evenly spread across disturbed areas to restore grades. Topsoil shall be stripped and separated to the extent practicable for re-use. Permanent soil protection shall be provided for all areas disturbed by construction activities. All areas will be seeded either by hydroseeding or broadcast seeding. Interim stabilization measures are required if areas cannot be seeded due to the time of year. Interim measures may include the application of mulch.
- Topsoil removed during construction activities will be replaced, seeded, and mulched.
- All areas that are broadcast seeded shall be treated with a layer of mulch, such as

- straw, up to one (1) inch thick to enhance moisture retention, dissipate disturbance from precipitation, and detract birds foraging on broadcast seed.
- Rehabilitation of access routes and other areas must be performed as soon as practicable after construction is completed, including reestablishment of water bars or other BMPs to control erosion of the access road, and the removal and restoration of temporary wetland or waterway crossings.
    - Temporary breaks in construction activities may warrant seeding and mulching of disturbed areas as interim erosion control measures. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting to determine project-specific requirements.
  - Erosion control measures shall remain in place until soils are adequately stabilized, as confirmed by Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting. Once soils are stable, erosion controls – especially silt fence, which presents an obstacle to movement of small animals, shall be removed and properly disposed off-site. Stakes should be removed from straw bales and spread as mulch to remove barriers to wildlife movement.
  - The use of hay and/or hay products is strictly prohibited to prevent the spread of invasive plant species seed stock.
  - If a grading operation at a site is suspended for a period of more than twenty-nine (29) consecutive days, the disturbed area shall be stabilized by seeding, mulching, and/or other appropriate means within the first seven (7) days of the suspension of grading.
  - Within seven (7) days after a final grade is established in any grading operation, the disturbed area shall be stabilized by seeding, loaming, and/or other appropriate means.

### 5.1.3 Wetland/Watercourses

**Re-grading of Ruts:** Upon removal of construction mats, or other BMPs, the wetland/watercourse should be inspected for rutting or disturbance from eroded upland soils. Any rutting should be re-graded to pre-existing contours and upland soils removed from wetland areas while taking care not to compact soils.

The following restoration techniques apply to restoration projects in wetlands:

#### **Maintenance, Repair, and Emergency Projects (When No Permit is Required)**

- Remove mats by “backing” out of the site and removing mats one at a time. Re-grade soils to pre-existing contours while taking care not to compact soils.
- Soils excavated from wetland areas shall be segregated and stockpiled separately (i.e., topsoil/muck apart from mineral subsoil) in a dry/upland area at least 100 feet from wetland boundaries unless other provisions have been made to facilitate restoration activities.
- Excavated wetland soils that have been stockpiled during underground utility installations within wetlands shall be replaced in the same order (i.e., mineral subsoil beneath organic topsoil/muck) to the extent practicable and restored to pre-disturbance grades.
  - Grading activities should include the elimination of ruts within the

area to be restored.

- If replacement of soil associated with temporary wetland or watercourse crossings for access roads is necessary, disturbed areas must be restored to pre-disturbance grades, either seeded and mulched, or allowed to revegetate from the natural seed bank.
- Disturbed wetland areas shall generally be allowed to revegetate from the natural seed bank. Measures to discourage the establishment or spread of plant species identified as non-native, invasive species by federal or state agencies shall be utilized. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting to evaluate means and methods of wetland vegetate re-establishment.
- Any restoration plantings or seed mixes used in restoration shall consist of species native to the project area and, if feasible, from local nursery stock.
- Any stream banks and beds damaged shall be restored through use of 100 percent natural fiber geotextile erosion control blankets and/or coir logs. The use of erosion control products containing plastic and/or nylon is strictly prohibited.
- All seeded areas shall be treated with a layer of mulch (i.e., straw; the use of hay and/or hay products is strictly prohibited) up to one (1) inch thick to enhance moisture retention, dissipate disturbance from precipitation, and detract songbirds foraging on broadcast seed.

## 5.2 Private Property

### 5.2.1 Improved Areas

If access is over an off-ROW property, then it is the responsibility of a construction representative to determine if legal access rights are available to cross the property.

Access to and along the ROW over private property must be improved to the extent necessary to ensure suitable passage for construction equipment, provide erosion control, and maintain proper drainage. Upon completion of construction activities, altered yards, lawns, agricultural areas, and other improved areas must be restored to a condition equal to or better than before their use for the construction project.

### 5.2.2 Overall Work Site

Construction personnel should remove all work-related trailers, buildings, rubbish, waste soil, temporary structures, and unused materials upon satisfactory completion of work. All areas should be left clean, without any litter or equipment (e.g., wire, pole butts, anchors, insulators, cross-arms, cardboard, coffee cups, water bottles) and stabilized to match pre-construction conditions to the maximum extent practicable. Debris and spent equipment should be returned to the operating facility or contractor staging area for disposal or recycling as appropriate.

### 5.2.3 Material Storage/Staging and Parking Areas

Upon completion of all work, all material storage yards, staging areas, and parking areas shall be completely cleared of all waste and debris. Unless otherwise directed or unless other arrangements have been made with an off-ROW or off-property owner, material storage yards and staging areas shall be returned to the condition that existed prior to the installation of the material storage yard or staging area. Regardless of arrangements

made with a landowner, all areas shall be restored to their pre-construction condition or better. Any temporary structures erected by the contractor, including fences, shall be removed by the contractor and the area restored as near as possible to its original condition, including seeding and mulching as needed.

### **5.3 Work in Agricultural Lands**

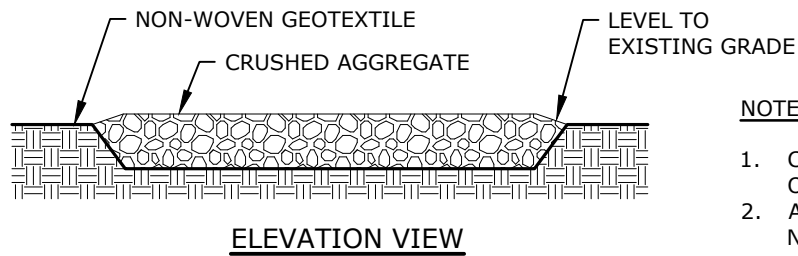
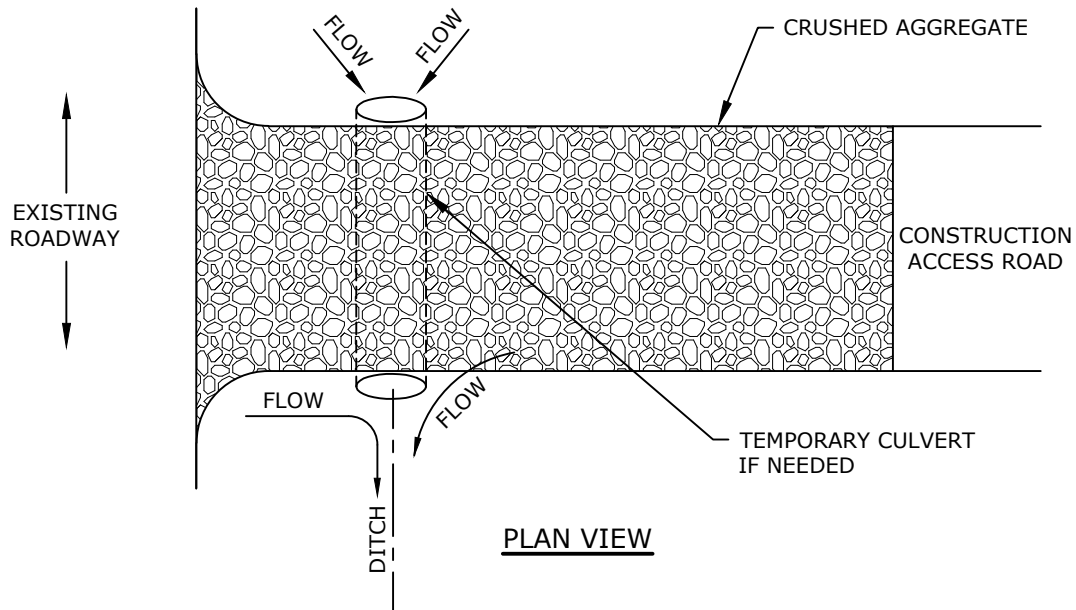
Transmission lines often cross agricultural lands. In some instances, this may affect ongoing agricultural activities in and around the ROWs. If a construction or maintenance project occurs within agricultural lands, Eversource will work closely with landowners, licensees and stakeholders to minimize agricultural impacts. Whenever practical, Eversource will make reasonable efforts to coordinate the schedule of construction-related activities around the growing and harvest seasons to minimize the impacts on agricultural operations. When this is not practical, Eversource will pursue reasonable measures to mitigate any impacts.

Eversource recognizes that disturbed soils, or soils compacted by heavy construction equipment, may affect the soil's ability to support certain agricultural activities. Eversource will take reasonable steps to avoid or minimize soil compaction and will restore soils that are compacted by construction equipment. Typical measures to avoid or minimize soil compaction include the use of construction mats for access to, and work pads at, structures within the project scope.

Eversource will also work with affected landowners to determine the appropriate method for restoring the soils and is open to discussing and implementing the landowners' alternative restoration suggestions. After the transmission improvement is complete, Eversource will remove all construction-related equipment and debris from the ROW.

## APPENDIX A





NOTES:

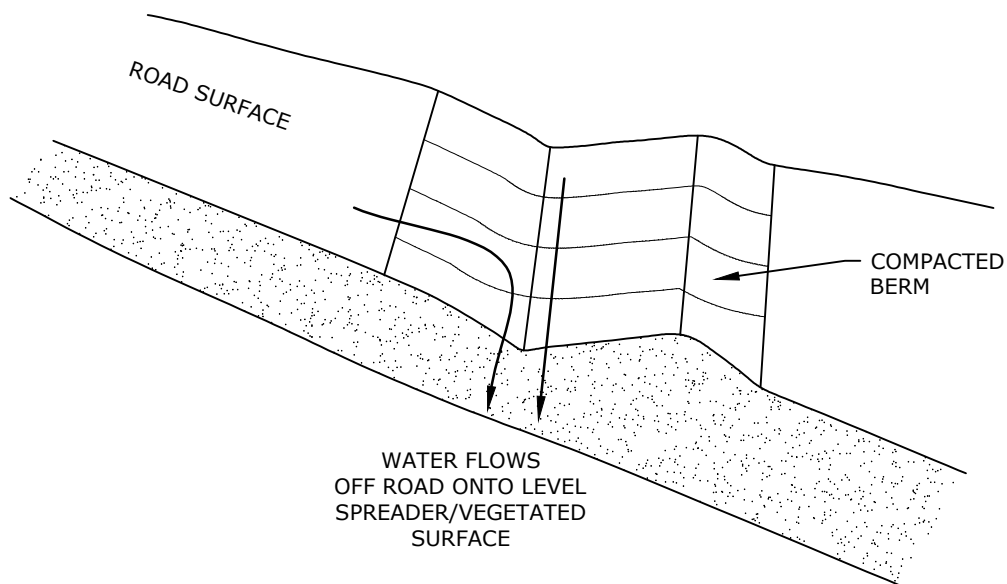
1. CRUSHED AGGREGATE TO CONSIST OF 3-INCH TO 6-INCH STONE.
2. AGGREGATE TO BE UNDERLAIN WITH NON-WOVEN GEOTEXTILE FABRIC.



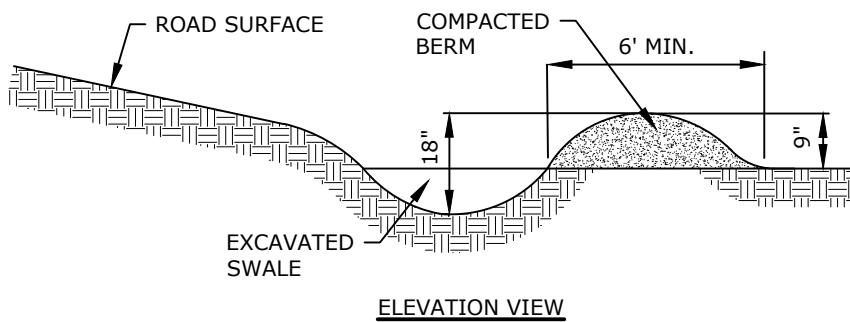
CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE TRACK PAD

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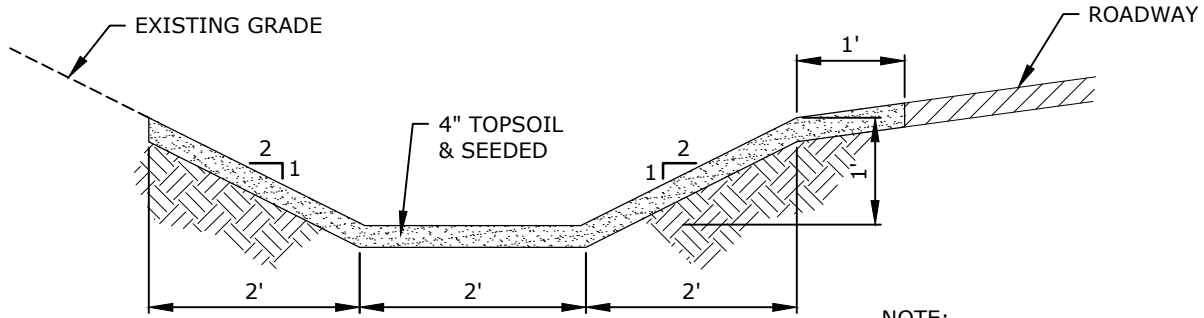
**NOTE:**  
 FILL FOR BERMS SHALL BE A COMBINATION OF GRAVEL, SAND AND SILT TO ENSURE WATER TIGHTNESS AND STABILITY.



## WATER BARS

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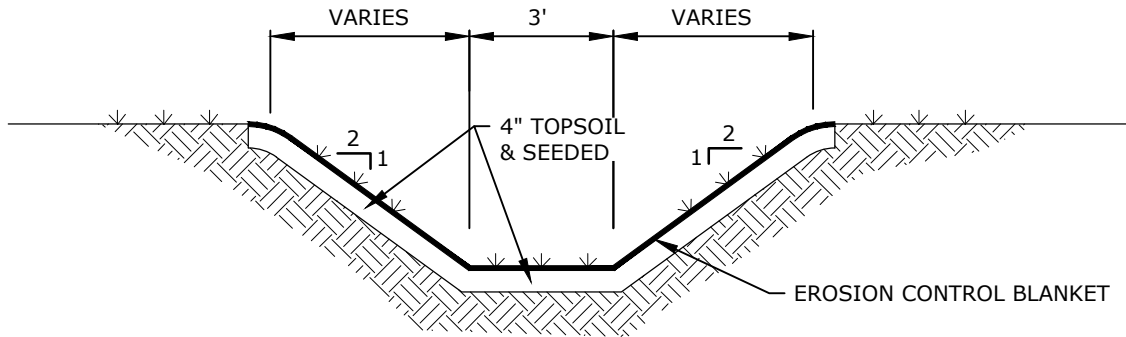
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DRAINAGE SWALE AT ROADWAY

NOTE:

1. USE OF PRODUCTS WITH PLASTIC AND/OR NYLON NETTING IS PROHIBITED.



GRASS-LINED CHANNEL

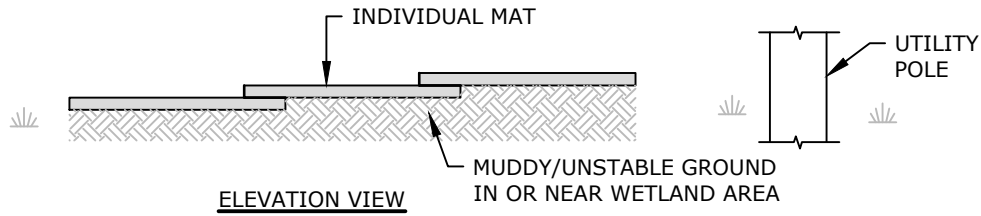
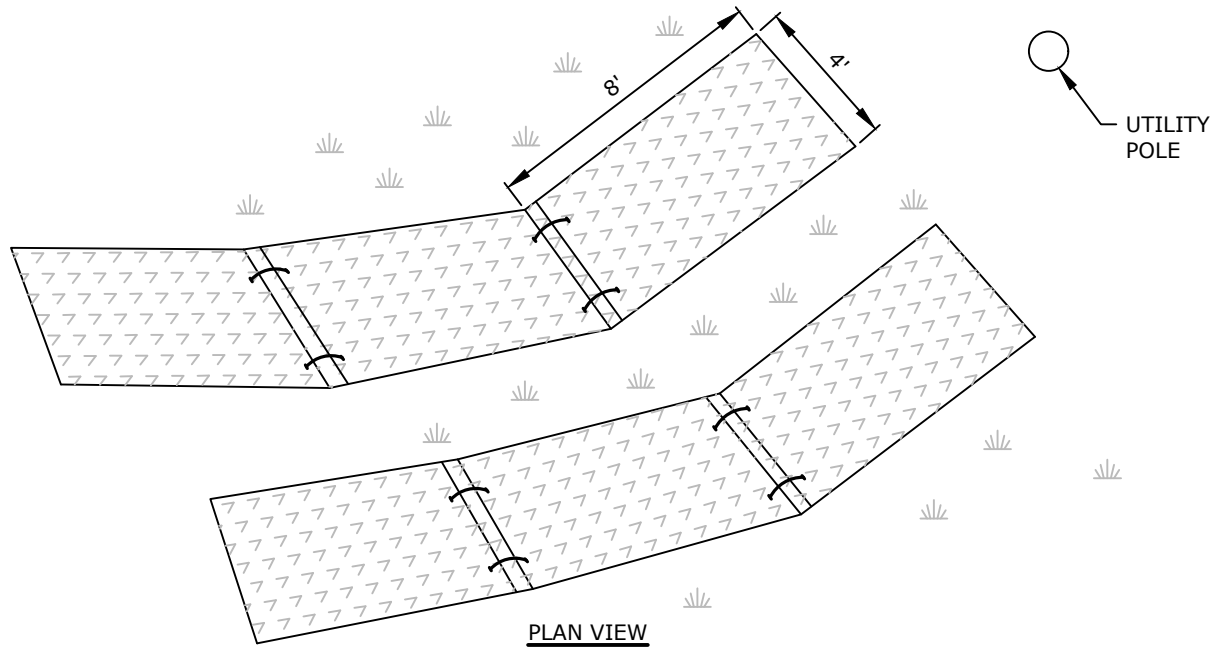


VEGETATED SWALES

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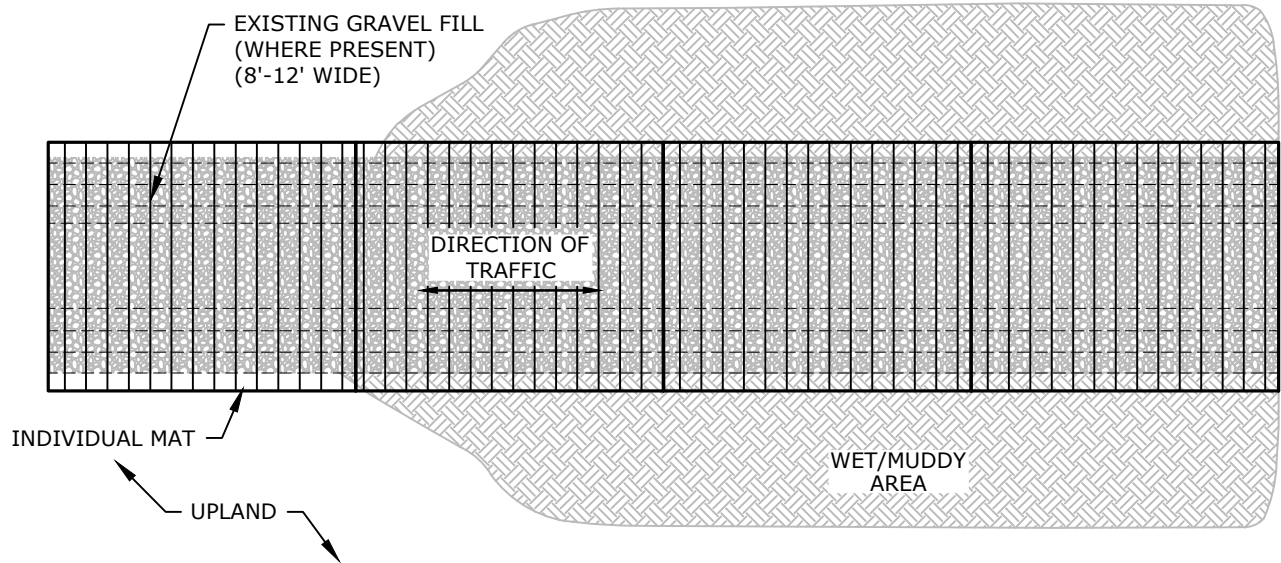




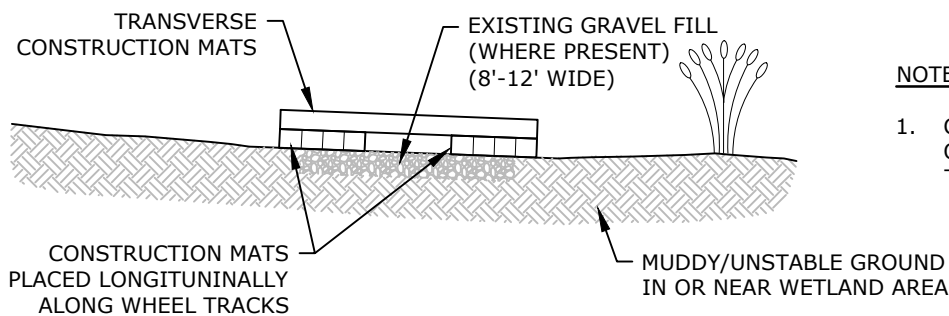
ALTURNAMAT®

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FIGURE: A04

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PLAN VIEW



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NOTES:

1. CONSTRUCTION MAT DIMENSIONS OF 12'x4'x8", 16'x4'x8" OR OTHER TO BE USED.

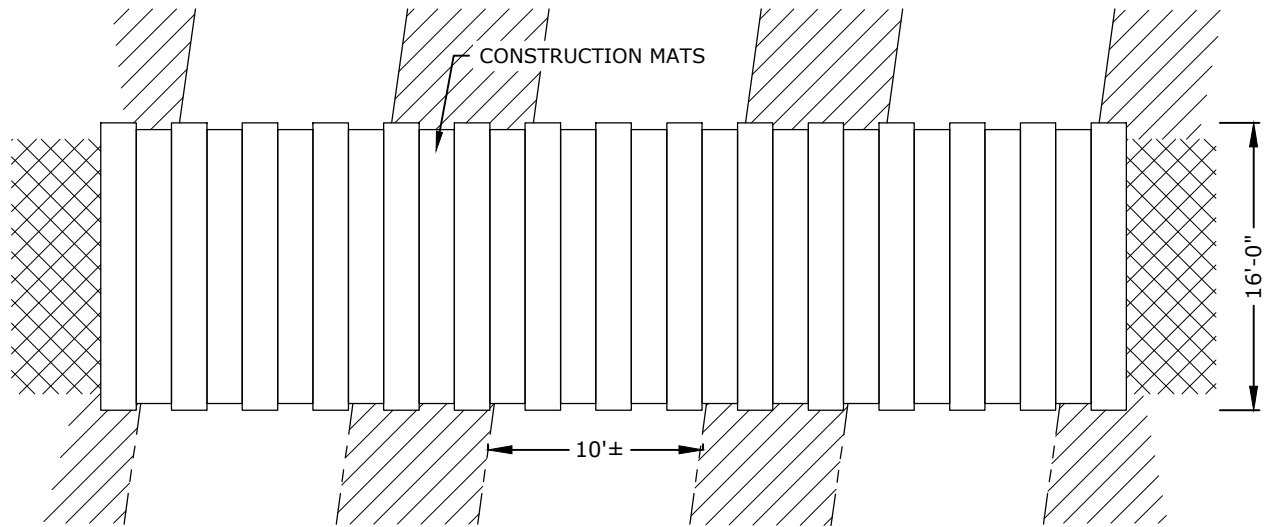


CONSTRUCTION MAT  
(WETLAND CROSSING)

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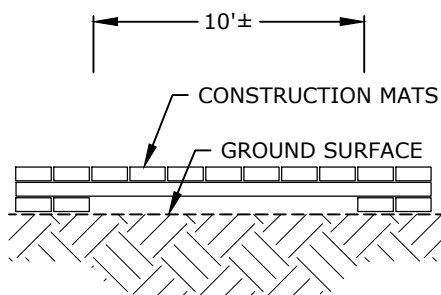




PLAN VIEW

NOTES

1. CONSTRUCTION MATS SHOULD BE PLACED CLOSELY TOGETHER SO THERE ARE NO GAPS BETWEEN EACH MAT SECTION.
2. CONSTRUCTION MAT DIMENSIONS OF 12'x4'x8", 16'x4'x8" OR OTHER TO BE USED.
3. AIR BRIDGING MAY ALSO BE USED TO AVOID IMPACTS TO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, STONE WALLS, RARE PLANTS OR OTHER SENSITIVE FEATURES. CONSULT WITH EVERSOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL.
4. ADDITIONAL MEASURES MAY BE REQUIRED.



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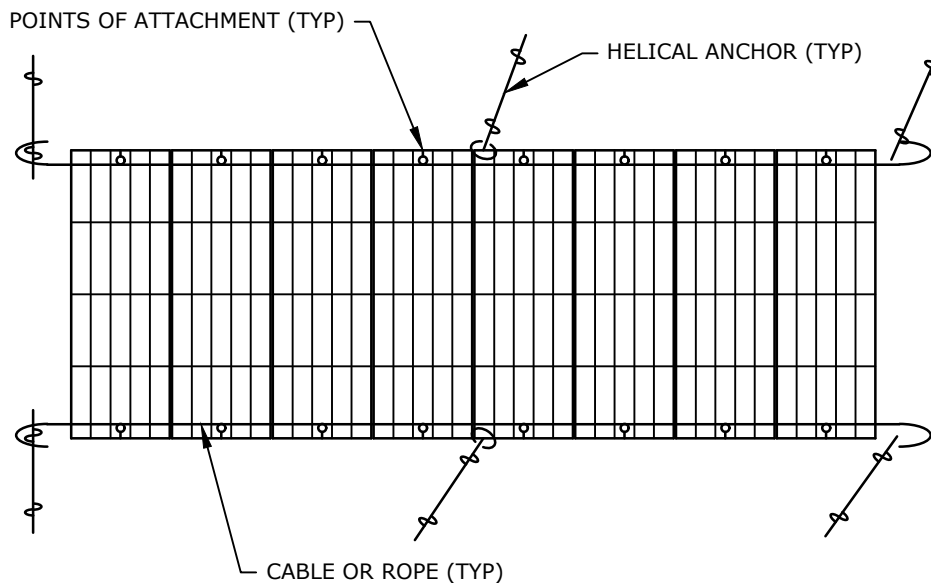


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CONSTRUCTION MAT  
(AIR BRIDGE)

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FIGURE: A06

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### PLAN VIEW

#### NOTES:

1. TYPICAL HELICAL ANCHOR AND CABLE CONFIGURATION FOR MAT CONTAINMENT IN FLOODPLAINS/LAND SUBJECT TO FLOODING.
2. TYPICAL POINT OF ATTACHMENT HEAVY STAPLES, EYEBOLTS OR OTHER SUITABLE HARDWARE TO SECURE ATTACHMENT OF MAT TO LINEAR CABLE. IF CHAIN POCKETS ARE PRESENT IN THE MATS CABLE OR ROPE CAN BE LOOPED THROUGH RODS.



#### CONSTRUCTION MAT ANCHORING

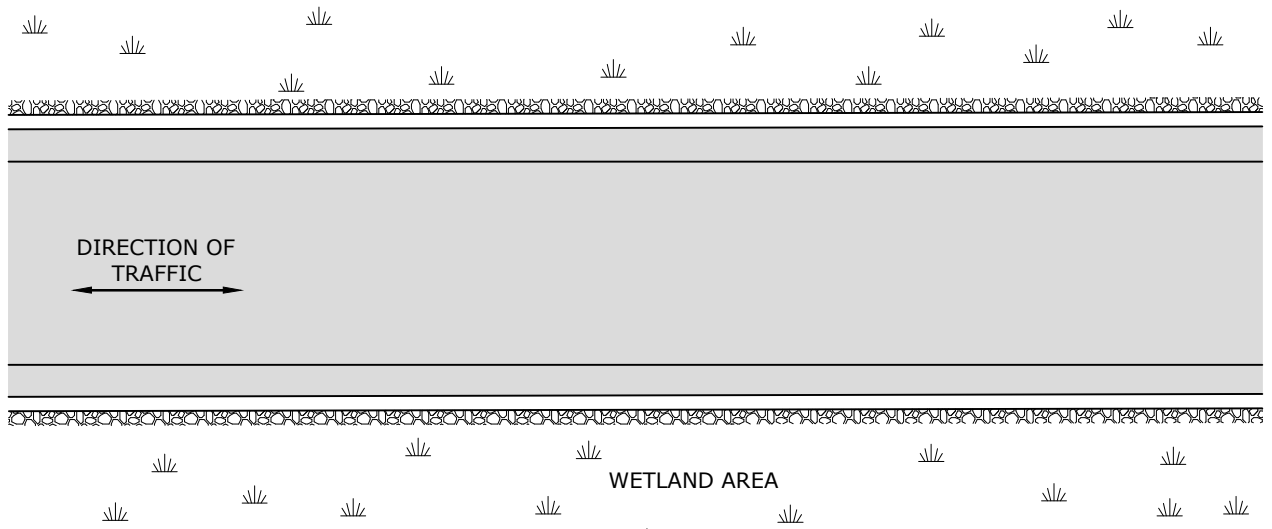
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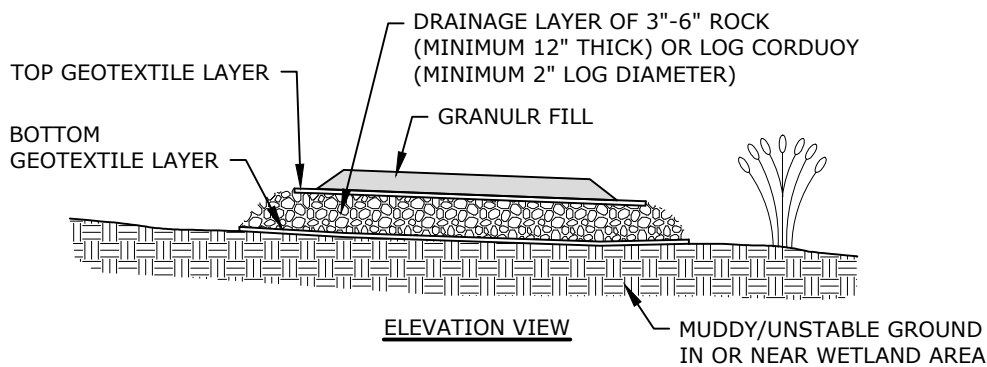
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PLAN VIEW



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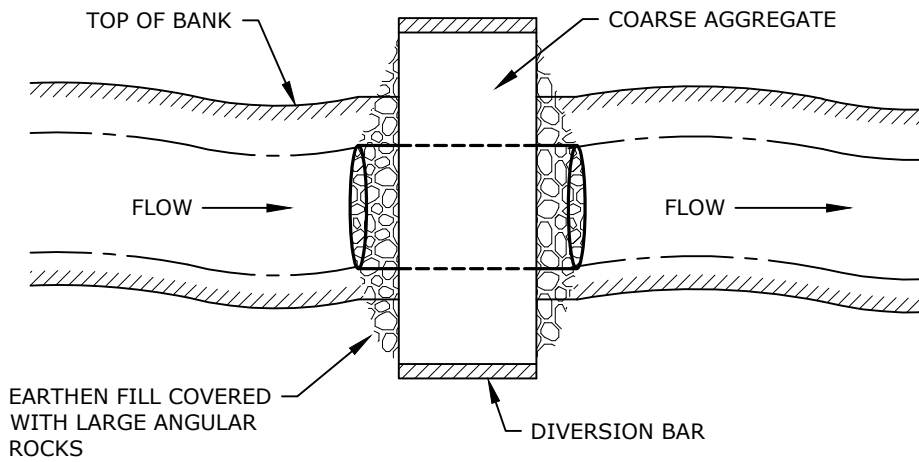
NOTES:

1. DRAINAGE LAYERS MAY BE USED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CULVERTS, OR IN COMBINATION WITH CULVERTS, TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE CROSS-DRAINAGE.
2. FILTER FABRIC "JOINTS" SHOULD OVERLAP AT LEAST 18" (WHERE ONE PIECE OF FILTER FABRIC ENDS AND A NEW PIECE OF FABRIC IS ADDED TO CONTINUE THE ROAD).
3. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROLS MAY BE INSTALLED ADJACENT TO THE SIDES OF THE ROAD WHEN CONDITIONS WARRANT.

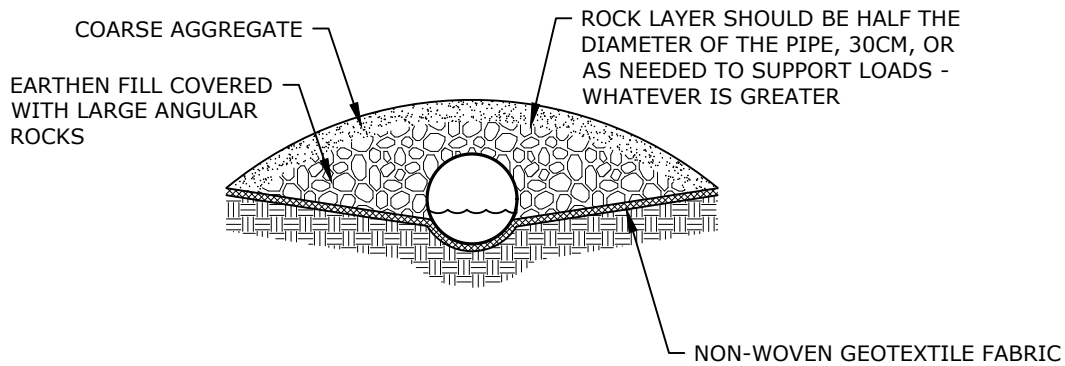
PERMEABLE ROAD

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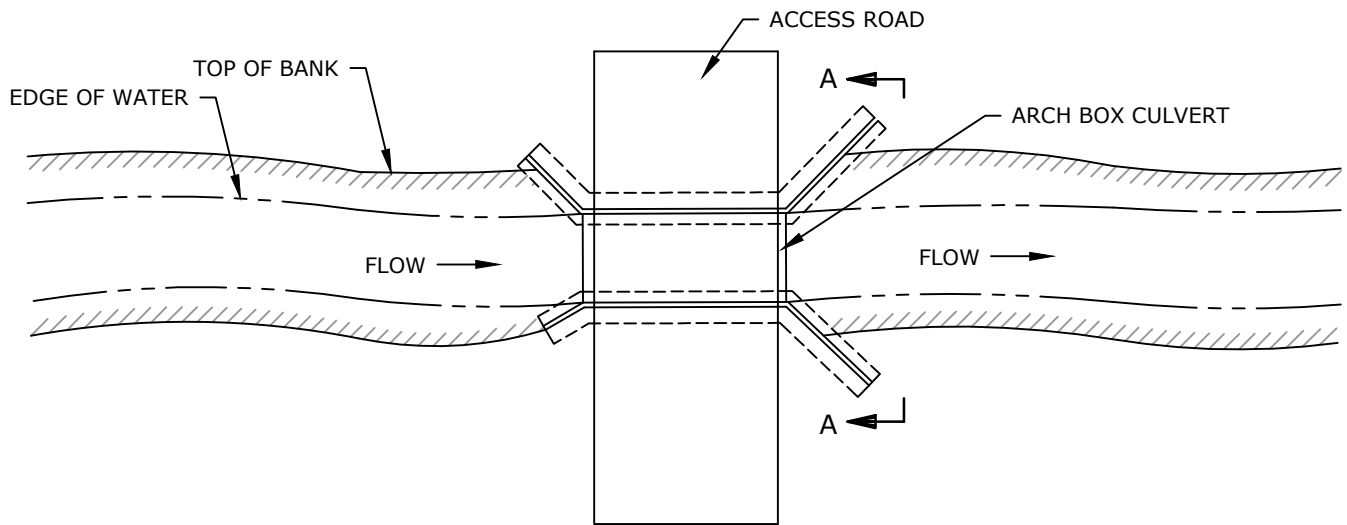
1. CAPACITY OF PIPES COMBINED SHOULD ACCOUNT FOR SIGNIFICANT STORM EVENTS.
2. INSTALLATION OF NEW CULVERTS MAY REQUIRE PERMITS. CONSULT WITH EVERSOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND PERMITTING PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.



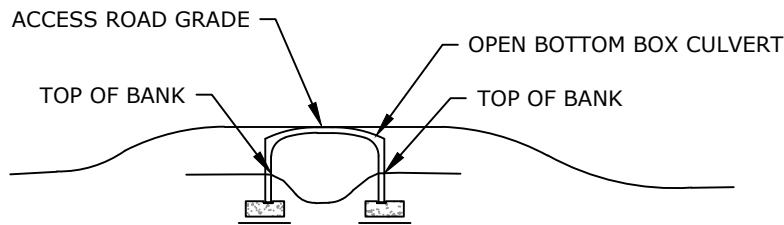
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION CULVERT

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FIGURE: A09

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PLAN VIEW



SECTION A-A

NOTE:

1. INSTALLATION OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT STREAM CROSSINGS, INCLUDING BOX CULVERTS, IS SUBJECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING. CONSULT WITH EVERSOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND PERMITTING.

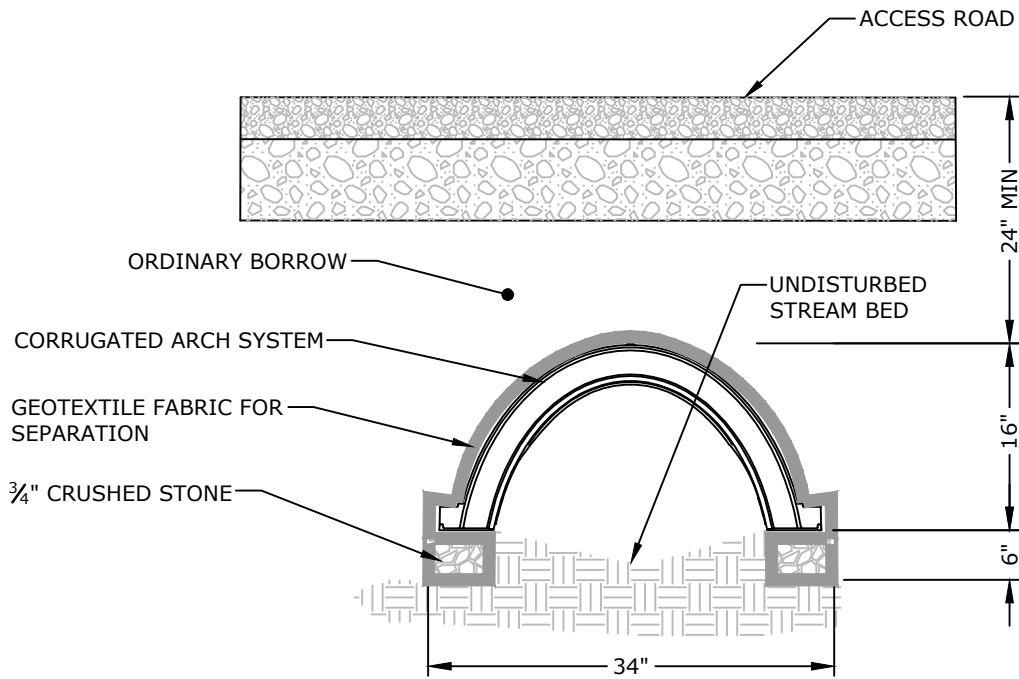


PERMANENT OPEN BOTTOM  
BOX CULVERT

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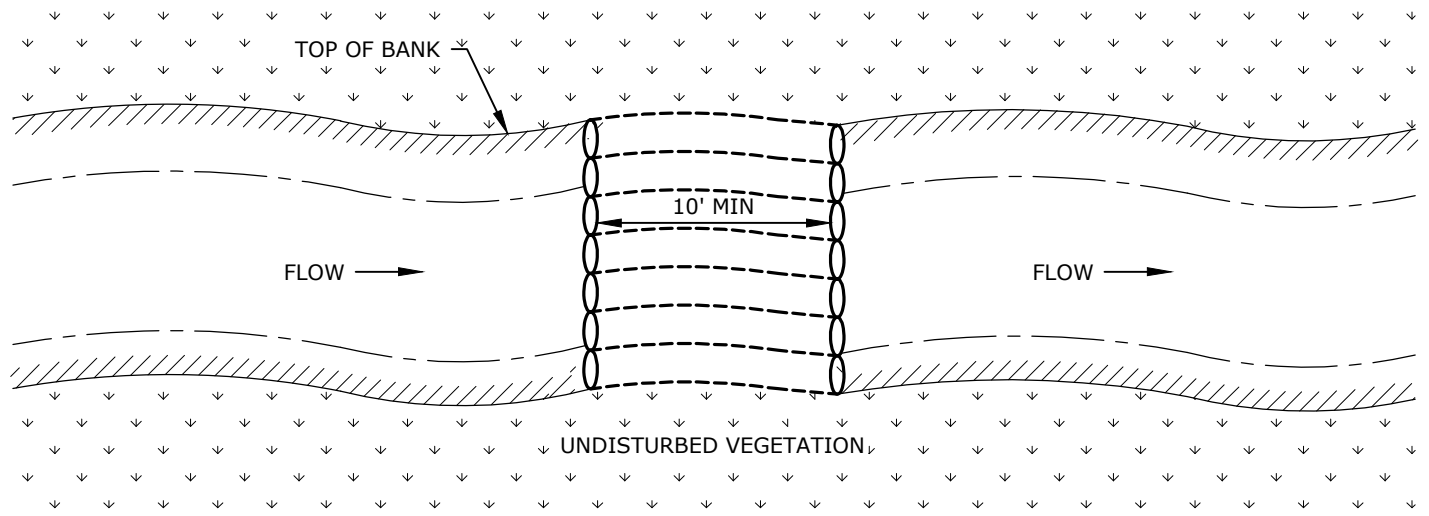
1. CHAMBERS SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ASTM F2418 "STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR POLYPROPYLENE (PP) CORRUGATED WALL STORMWATER COLLECTION CHAMBERS", OR ASTM F2922 "STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR POLYETHYLENE (PE) CORRUGATED WALL STORMWATER COLLECTION CHAMBERS".
2. CHAMBERS SHALL BE DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM F2787 "STANDARD PRACTICE FOR STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF THERMOPLASTIC CORRUGATED WALL STORMWATER COLLECTION CHAMBERS".



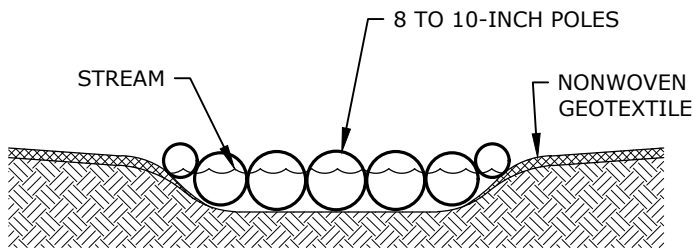
**ARCH CULVERT**

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PLAN VIEW



ELEVATION VIEW

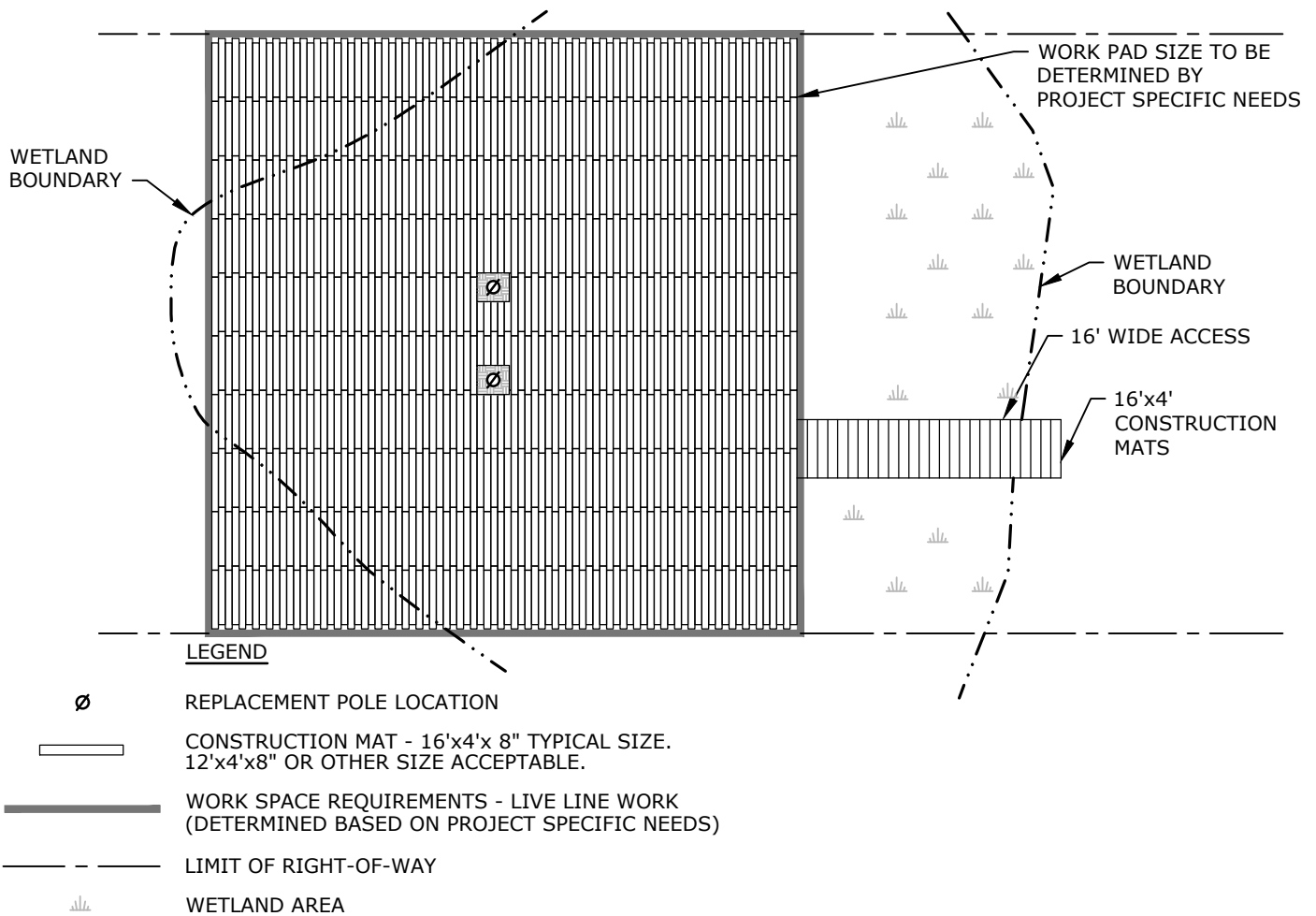
NOTES:

1. POLES AND NONWOVEN GEOTEXTILE MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER USE.
2. LENGTH OF POLES SHALL BE AT LEAST 10 FEET.
3. USE OF HARDWOODS PROHIBITED.
4. CONSULT WITH EVERSOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND PERMITTING PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF POLED FORDS.

POLE FORD

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FIGURE: A12





### CONSTRUCTION MAT LAYOUT (LIVE LINE WORK)

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FIGURE: A13

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WORK PAD SIZE TO BE  
DETERMINED BY  
PROJECT SPECIFIC NEEDS

WETLAND  
BOUNDARY

16' WIDE ACCESS

16'x4'  
CONSTRUCTION  
MATS

# LEGEND

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REPLACEMENT POLE LOCATION

CONSTRUCTION MAT - 16'x4'x 8" TYPICAL SIZE.  
12'x4'x8" OR OTHER SIZE ACCEPTABLE.

WORK SPACE REQUIREMENTS - DE-ENERGIZED WORK  
(DETERMINED BASED ON PROJECT SPECIFIC NEEDS)

LIMIT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

WETLAND AREA



## CONSTRUCTION MAT LAYOUT (DE-ENERGIZED LINE WORK)

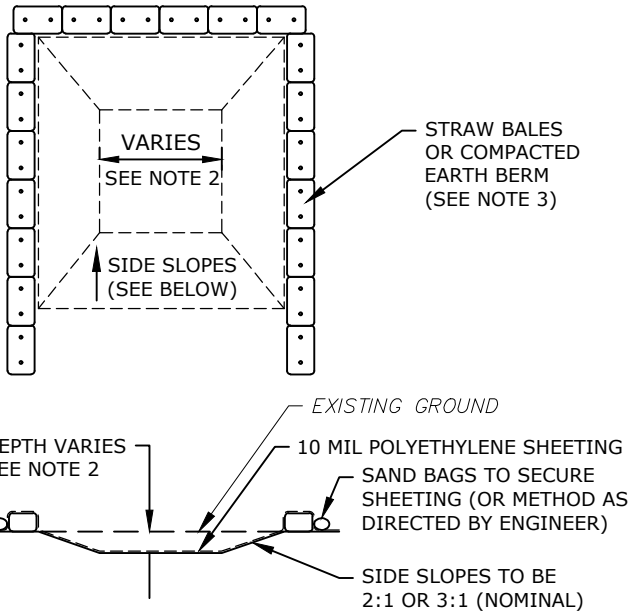
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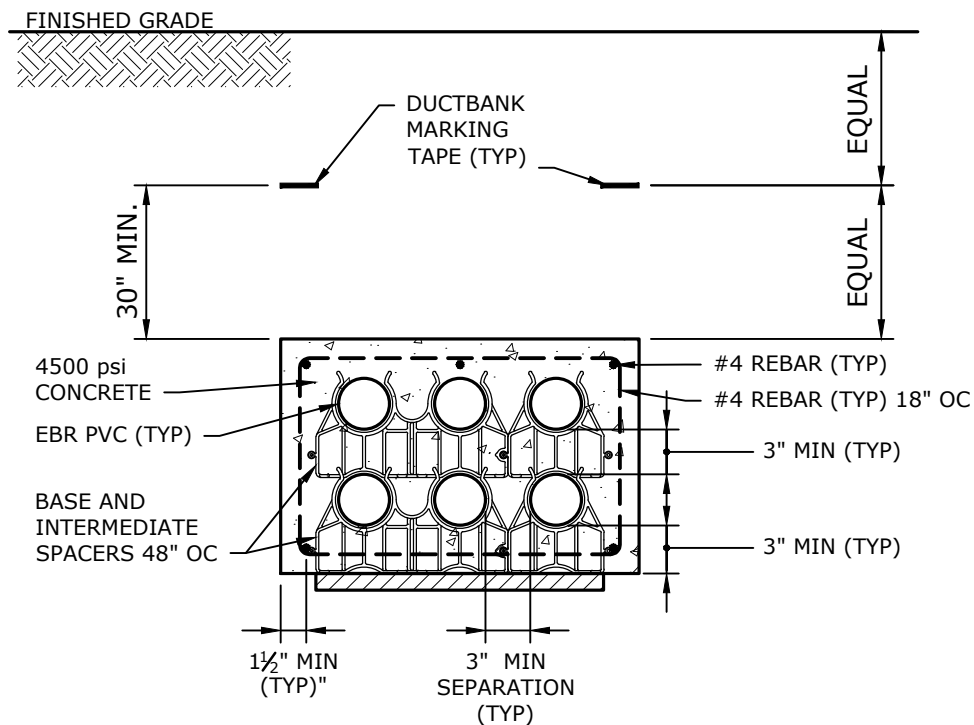
1. CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA(S) SHALL BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO CONCRETE PLACEMENT ON SITE. THE CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA SHALL BE ENTIRELY SELF-CONTAINED.
2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT THE DESIGN, LOCATION AND SIZING OF THE CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA(S) WITH THE PROJECT'S EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN.
3. **LOCATION:** WASHOUT AREA(S) ARE TO BE LOCATED AT LEAST 50 FEET FROM ANY STREAM, WETLAND, STORM DRAINS, OR OTHER SENSITIVE RESOURCE. THE FLOOD CONTINGENCY PLAN MUST ADDRESS THE CONCRETE WASHOUT IF THE WASHOUT IS TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN.  
**SIZE:** THE WASHOUT MUST HAVE SUFFICIENT VOLUME TO CONTAIN ALL LIQUID AND CONCRETE WASTE GENERATED BY WASHOUT OPERATIONS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH GROUT AND MORTAR.
4. SURFACE DISCHARGE IS UNACCEPTABLE. THEREFORE, STRAW BALES OR OTHER CONTROL MEASURES, SHOULD BE USED AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA FOR CONTAINMENT.
5. SIGNS SHOULD BE PLACED AT THE CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE, AT THE CONCRETE AREA(S) AND ELSEWHERE AS NECESSARY TO CLEARLY INDICATE THE LOCATION OF THE CONCRETE WASHOUT TO OPERATORS OF CONCRETE TRUCKS AND PUMP RIGS. WASHOUT AREA(S) SHOULD BE FLAGGED WITH SAFETY FENCING OR OTHER APPROVED METHOD.
6. WASHOUT AREA(S) ARE TO BE INSPECTED AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK FOR STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY, ADEQUATE HOLDING CAPACITY AND CHECKED FOR LEAKS, TEARS OR OVERFLOWS. (AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTRUCTION SITE ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT) WASHOUT AREA(S) SHOULD BE CHECKED AFTER HEAVY RAINS.
7. HARDENED CONCRETE WASTE SHOULD BE REMOVED AND DISPOSED OF WHEN THE WASTE HAS ACCUMULATED TO HALF OF THE CONCRETE WASHOUT'S HEIGHT. THE WASTE CAN BE STORED AT AN UPLAND LOCATION. ALL CONCRETE WASTE SHALL BE DISPOSED OF IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES.



#### CONCRETE WASH OUT

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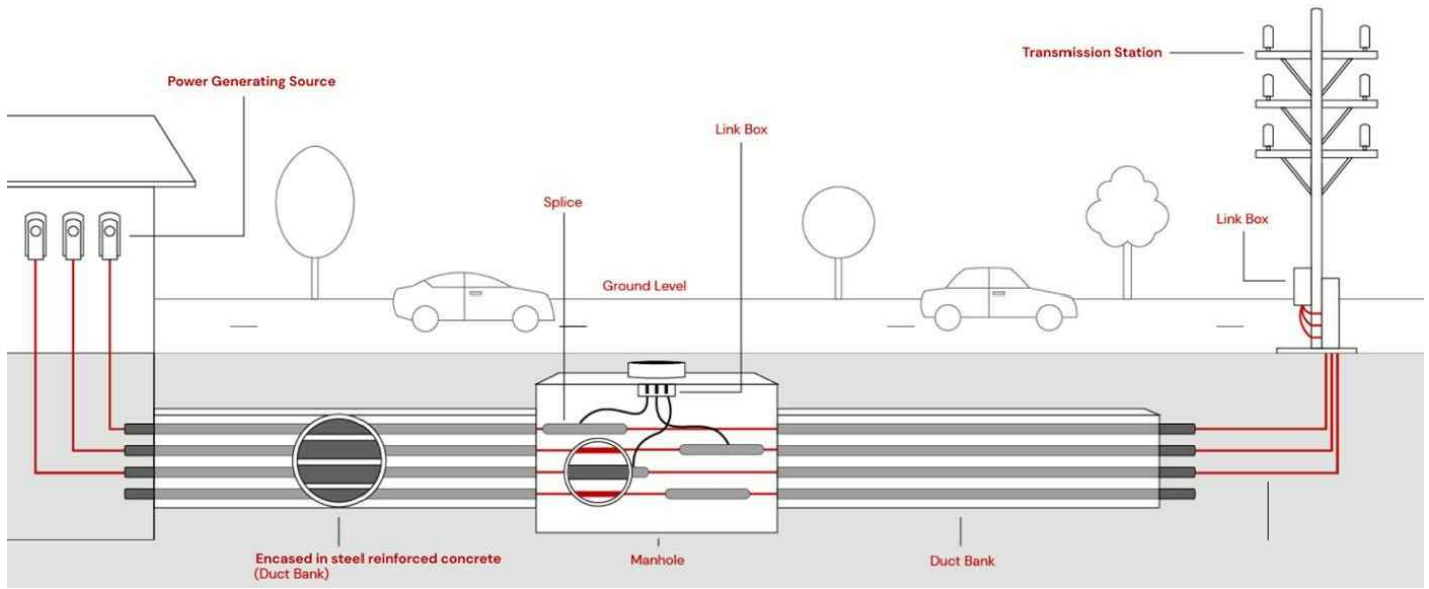
1. GEOTECH TEST, IN ACCORD WITH ASTM D608, THE BOTTOM OF EXCAVATION TO ACHIEVE 85% OF MAXIMUM DRY DENSITY, PRIOR TO CONCRETE PLACEMENT.

#### ROAD TRENCH (DUCT BANK)

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FIGURE: A16

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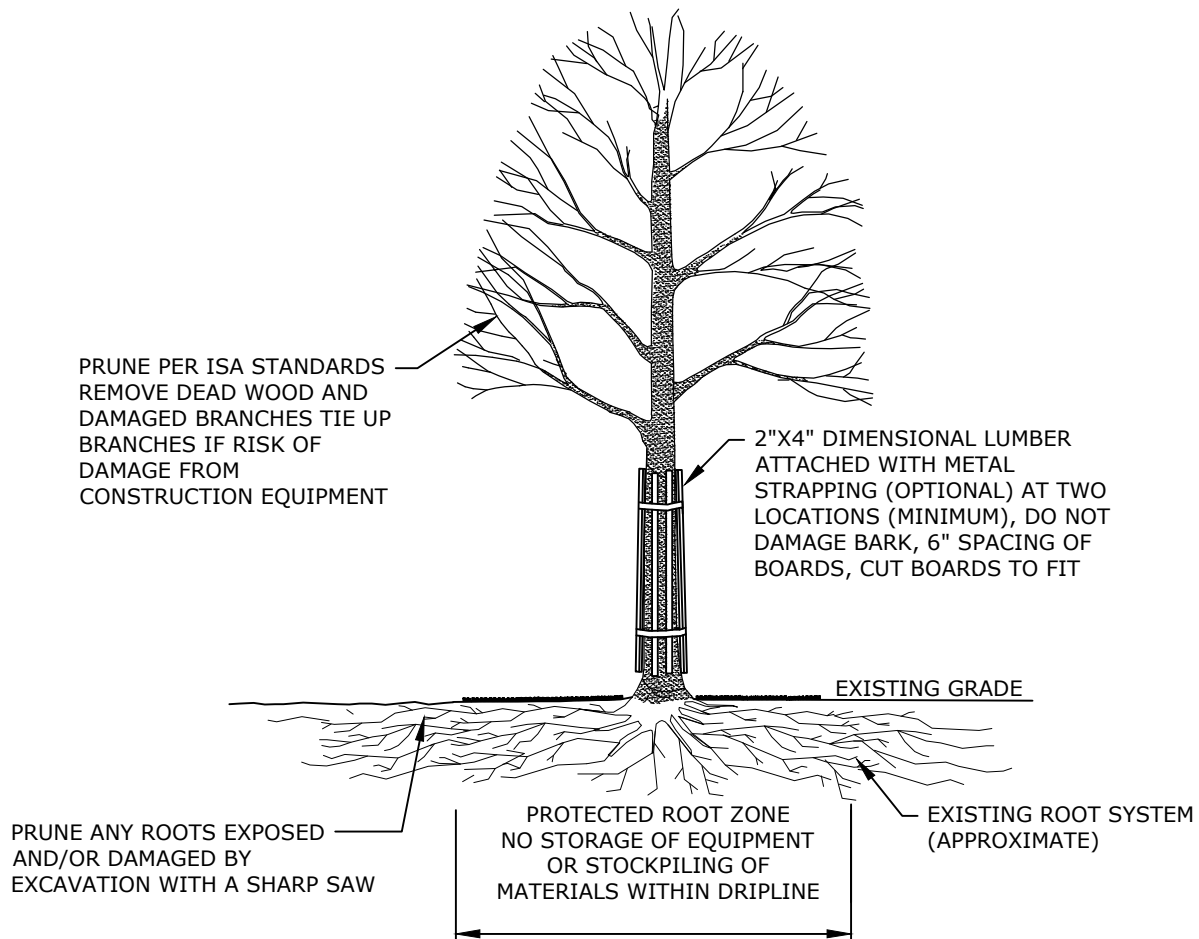


ROAD TRENCH  
(6-WAY DUCT BANK)

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FIGURE:	A17

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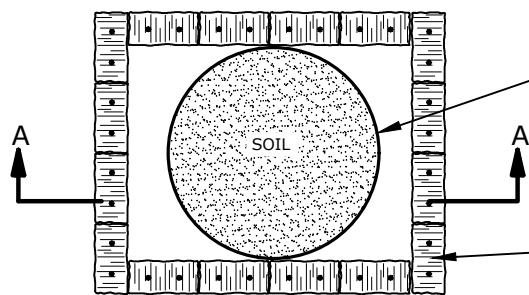


#### TREE PROTECTION

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FIGURE: A18

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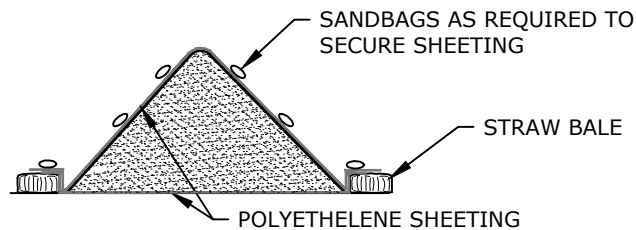




CONTAMINATED SOILS MUST BE ON AND COVERED WITH POLYETHYLENE SHEETING TO LIMIT EROSION. SHEETING NOT REQUIRED FOR NON-CONTAMINATED SOILS IF SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION CONTROLS COMPLETELY ENCLOSE STOCKPILE.

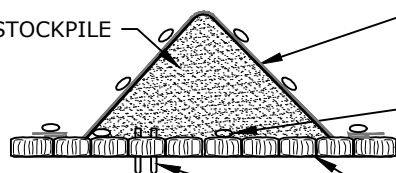
STRAW BALES AND/OR SILT FENCE

PLAN VIEW



SECTION A-A

SOIL STOCKPILE



ELEVATION VIEW

CONTAMINATED SOILS MUST BE ON AND COVERED WITH POLYETHYLENE SHEETING TO LIMIT EROSION. SHEETING NOT REQUIRED FOR NON-CONTAMINATED SOILS IF SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION CONTROLS COMPLETELY ENCLOSE STOCKPILE.

SANDBAG EACH BALE IN PAVED AREAS (TYP)  
STRAW BALES AND/OR SILT FENCE

BALES TO BUTT TOGETHER

2 STAKES EACH BALE IN UNPAVED AREAS (TYP)

NOTE:

1. SANDBAGS (OR SIMILAR) MAY BE USED TO SECURE POLYETHYLENE SHEETING ON TOP OF THE STOCKPILE.
2. STRAW PRODUCTS ONLY; THE USE OF HAY OR HAY PRODUCTS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.



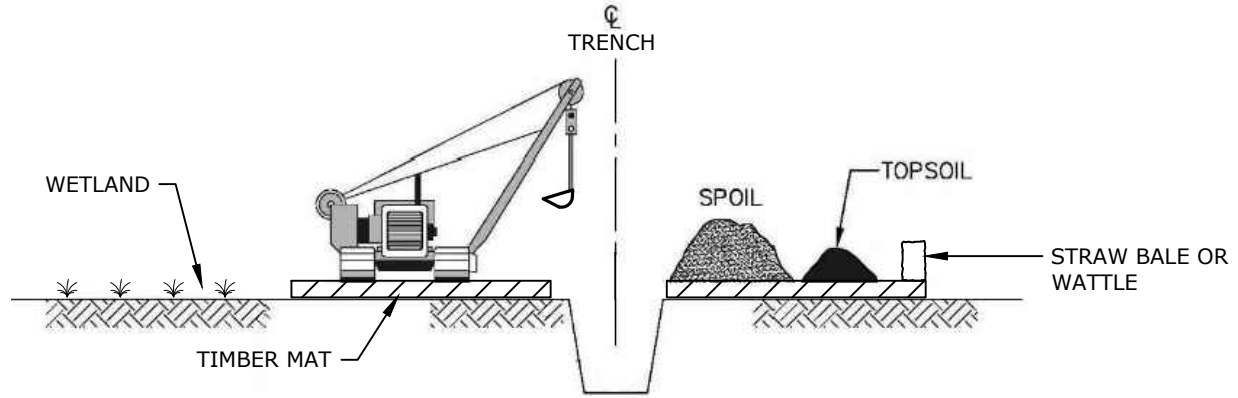
SOIL STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT

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FIGURE: A19

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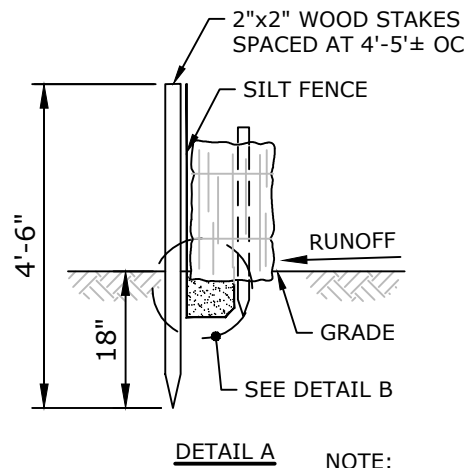
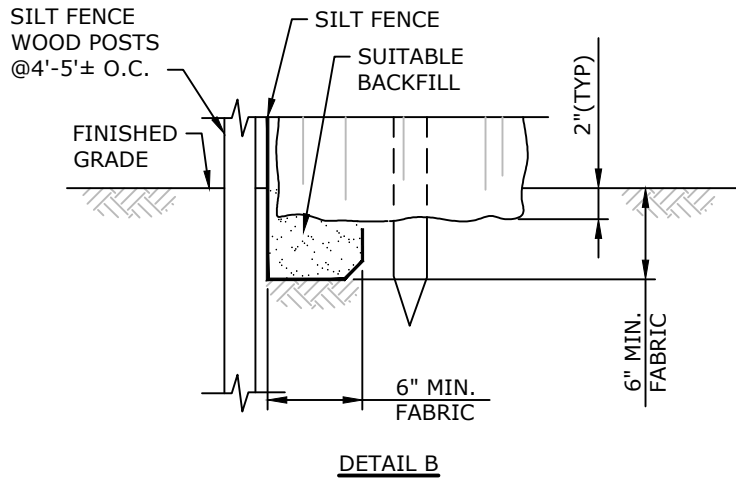
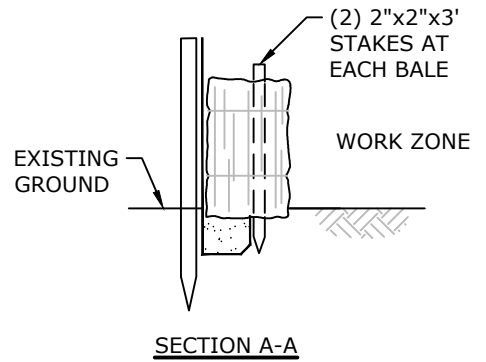
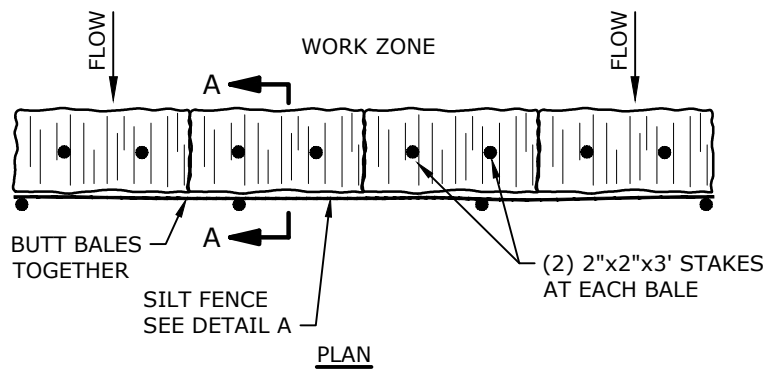
1. TOPSOIL SEGREGATION TO BE USED IN WETLANDS AND AGRICULTURAL LAND.
2. IF WORKING WITHIN WETLANDS, MATTING BENEATH STOCKPILES MUST BE LINED OR UNDERLAIN BY GEOTEXTILE FABRIC.
3. STOCKPILES SHOULD BE ENCLOSED BY STRAW BALES OR WATTLES.



TOPSOIL SEGREGATION

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FIGURE: A20

**EVERSOURCE**



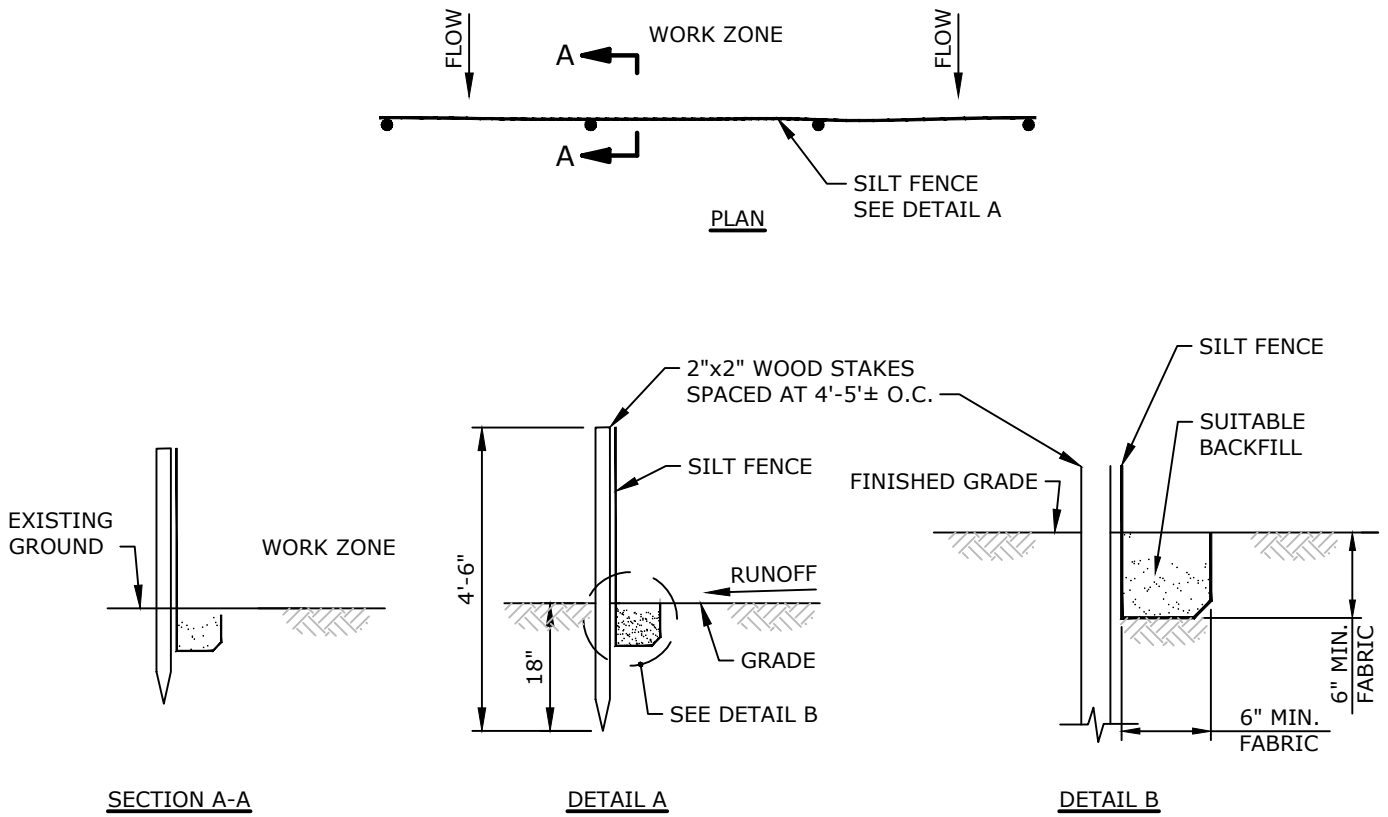
**NOTE:**  
USE OF HAY AND/OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING WEED SEED IS PROHIBITED.



# STRAW BALE BARRIER

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FIGURE: A21

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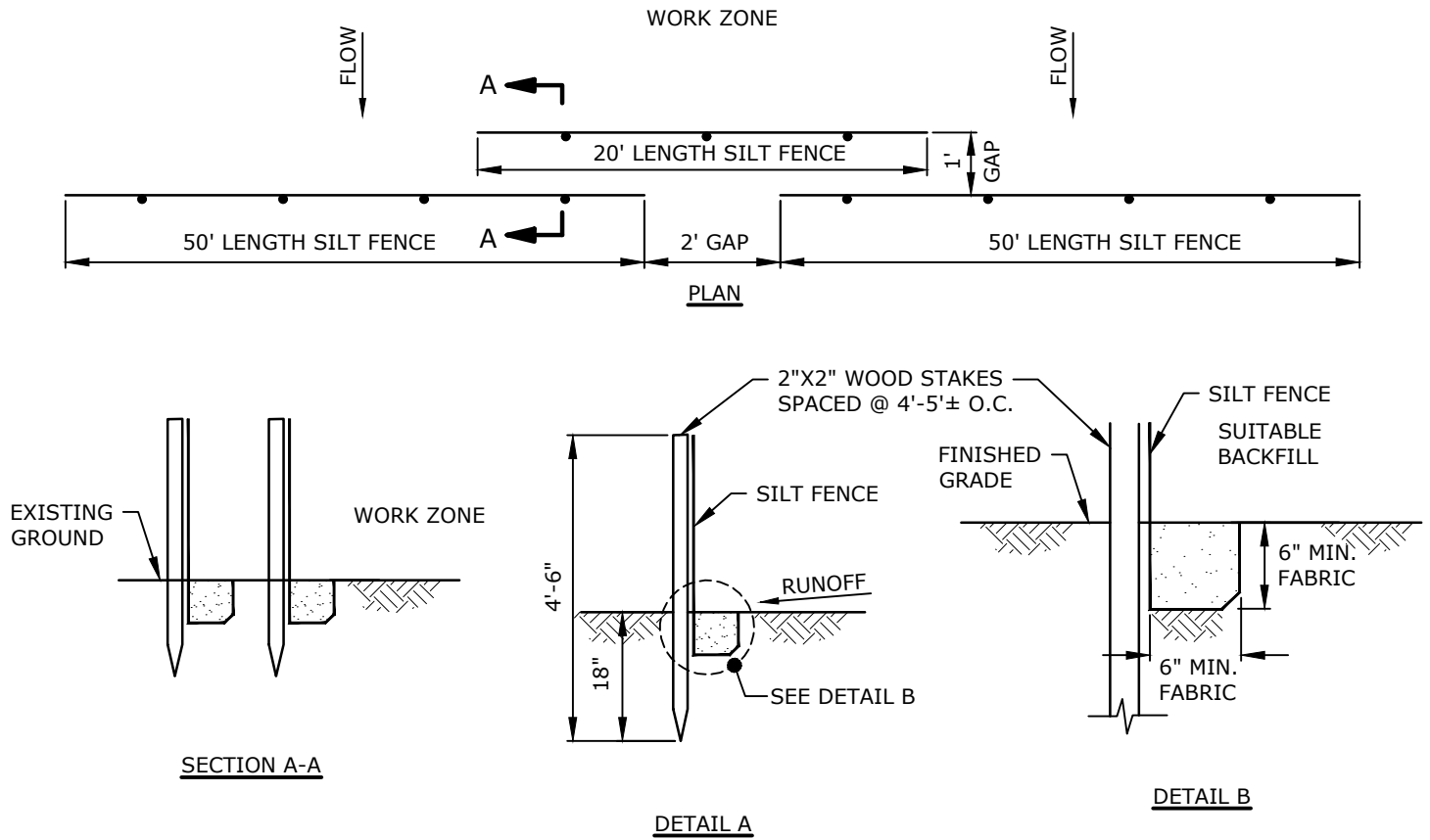


# SILT FENCE

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FIGURE: A22

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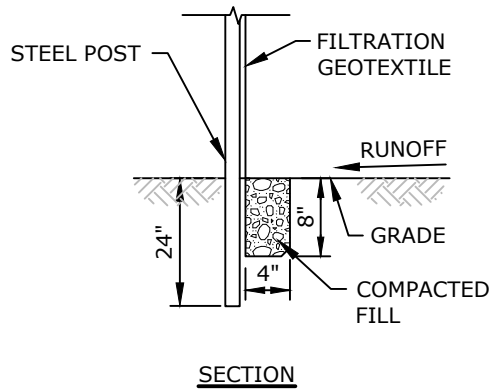
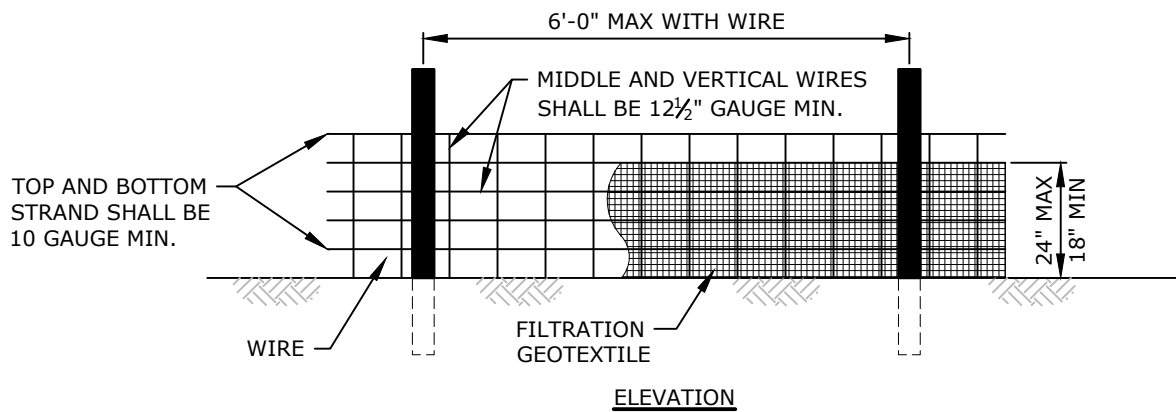




# SYNCOATED SILT FENCE

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FIGURE: A23

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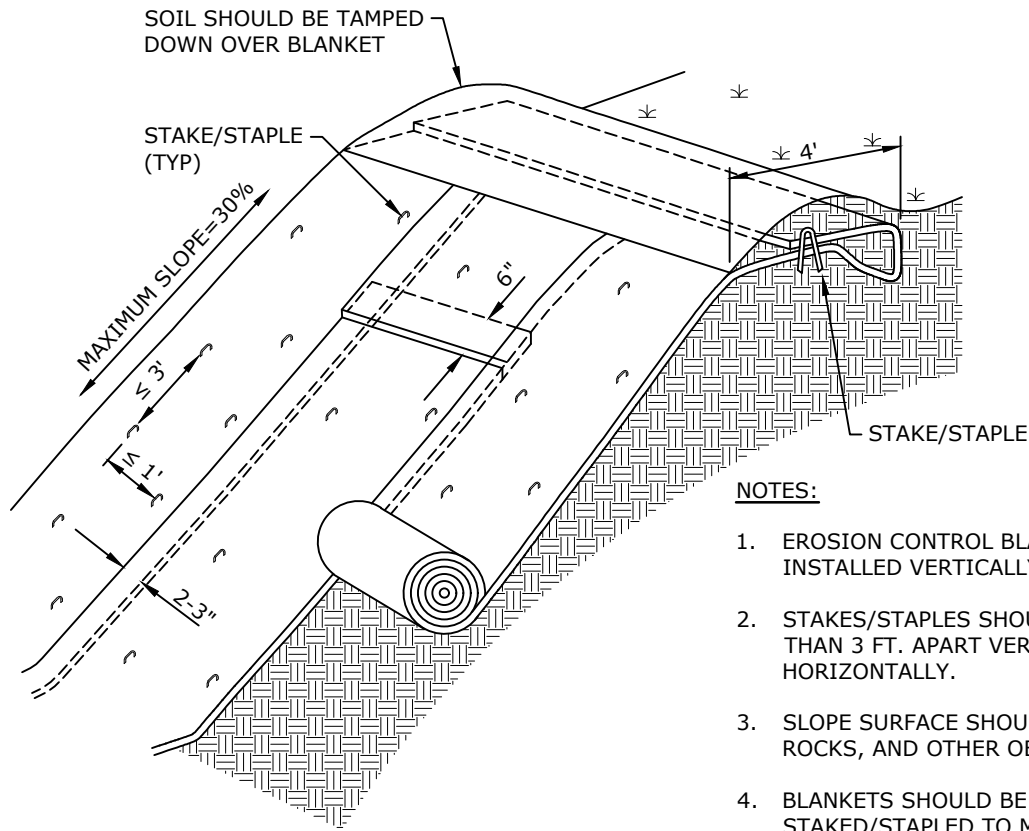
1. USE FILTRATION GEOTEXTILE A MINIMUM OF 36" IN WIDTH AND FASTEN ADEQUATELY TO THE POSTS AND WIRES AS DIRECTED.
2. USE A WIRE A MINIMUM OF 32" IN WIDTH AND WITH A MINIMUM OF 6 LINE WIRES WITH 12" STAY SPACING.
3. PROVIDE 5'-0" STEEL POST OF THE SELF-FASTENER ANGLE STEEL TYPE.
4. FOR MECHANICAL SLICING METHOD INSTALLATION, GEOTEXTILE SHALL BE A MAXIMUM OF 18" ABOVE GROUND SURFACE.
5. EXTEND GEOTEXTILE AND WIRE INTO TRENCH.



REINFORCED SILT FENCE

DATE: 12/2021  
SCALE: NO SCALE  
FIGURE: A24

**EVERSOURCE**



**NOTES:**

1. EROSION CONTROL BLANKET SHOULD BE INSTALLED VERTICALLY DOWNSLOPE.
2. STAKES/STAPLES SHOULD BE PLACED NO MORE THAN 3 FT. APART VERTICALLY, AND 1 FT. APART HORIZONTALLY.
3. SLOPE SURFACE SHOULD BE FREE OF STICKS, ROCKS, AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS.
4. BLANKETS SHOULD BE ROLLED OUT LOOSELY AND STAKED/STAPLED TO MAINTAIN DIRECT SOIL CONTACT. DO NOT STRETCH THE BLANKETS.
5. USE OF PRODUCTS WITH PLASTIC AND/OR NYLON NETTING IS PROHIBITED.

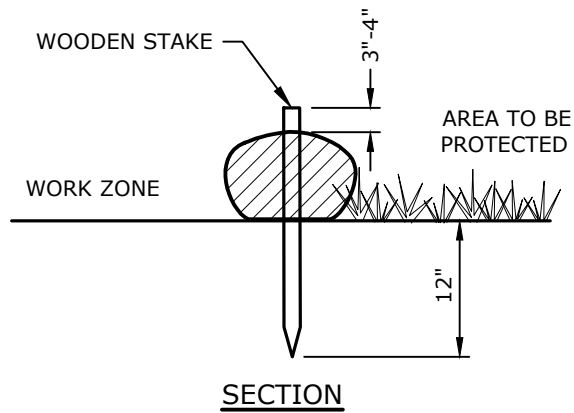
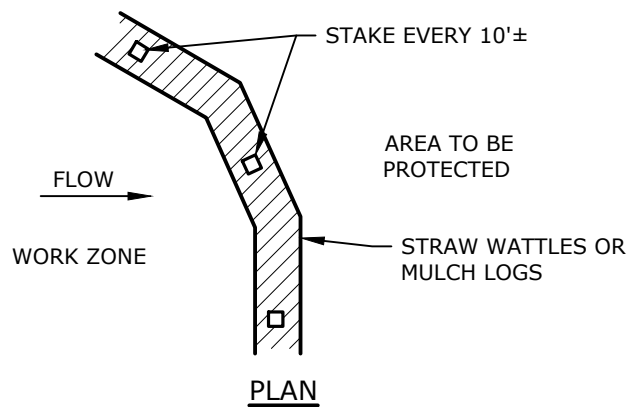


**EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS**

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FIGURE: A25

**EVERSOURCE**





**NOTE:**

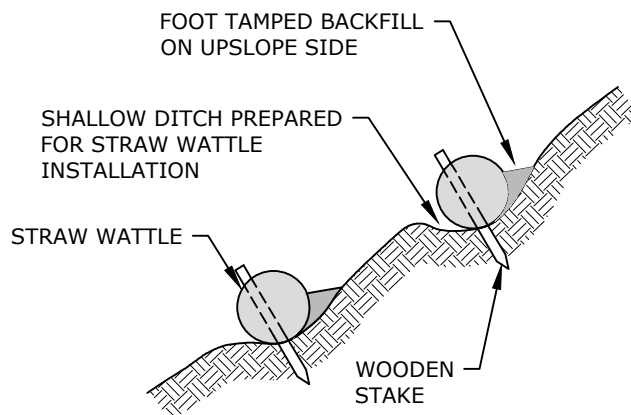
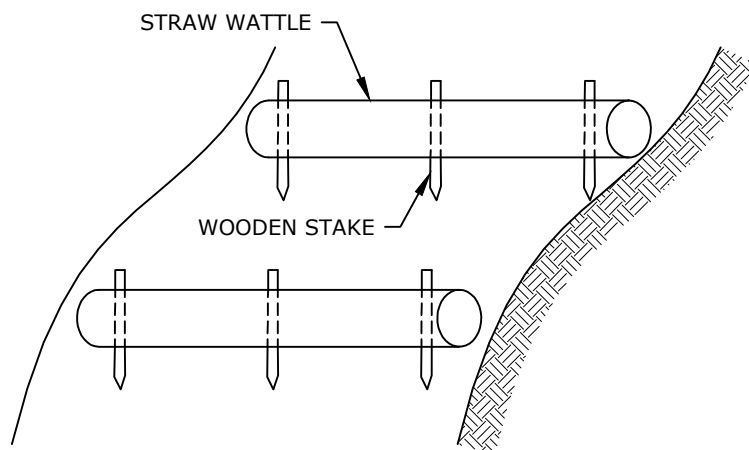
1. USE OF PRODUCTS WITH PLASTIC AND/OR NYLON NETTING IS PROHIBITED.



**STRAW WATTLE/MULCH LOG**

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FIGURE:	A26

**EVERSOURCE**



ELEVATION VIEW

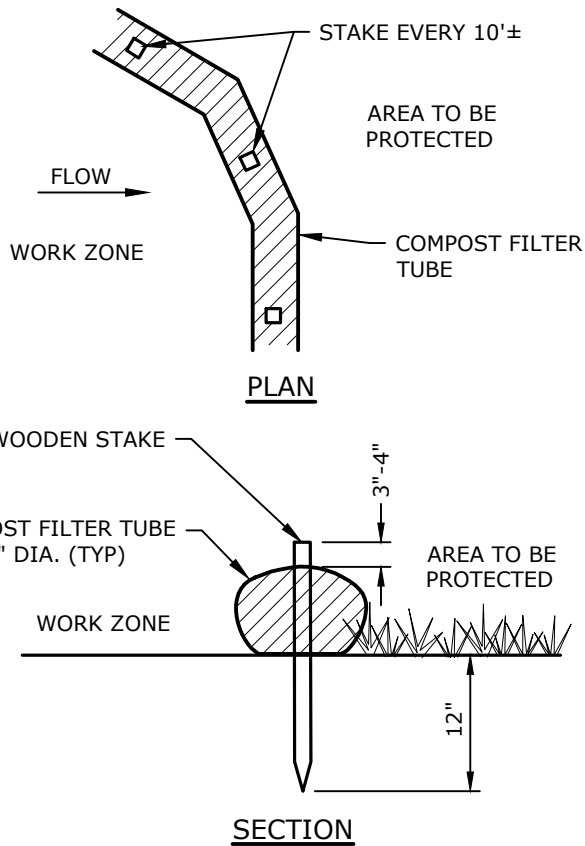
NOTES:

1. USE OF PRODUCTS WITH PLASTIC AND/OR NYLON NETTING IS PROHIBITED.
2. VERTICAL SPACING FOR SLOPE INSTALLATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY SITE CONDITIONS: SLOPE GRADIENT AND SOIL TYPE. CONFIRM SPACING PER MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS. SEE BELOW FOR TYPICAL REQUIREMENTS. COORDINATE SPACING AND LOCATION WITH EVERSOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND PERMITTING.
  - 1:1 SLOPES = 10 FEET APART
  - 2:1 SLOPES = 20 FEET APART
  - 3:1 SLOPES = 30 FEET APART
3. MINIMUM 12" DIAMETER WATTLES SHOULD BE USED FOR HIGHLY DISTURBED AREAS (E.G. HEAVILY USED ACCESS ROADS WITH ADJACENT WETLANDS). MINIMUM 8" DIAMETER WATTLES SHOULD BE USED FOR LESS DISTURBED SOILS.

STRAW WATTLE  
(ON SLOPE)

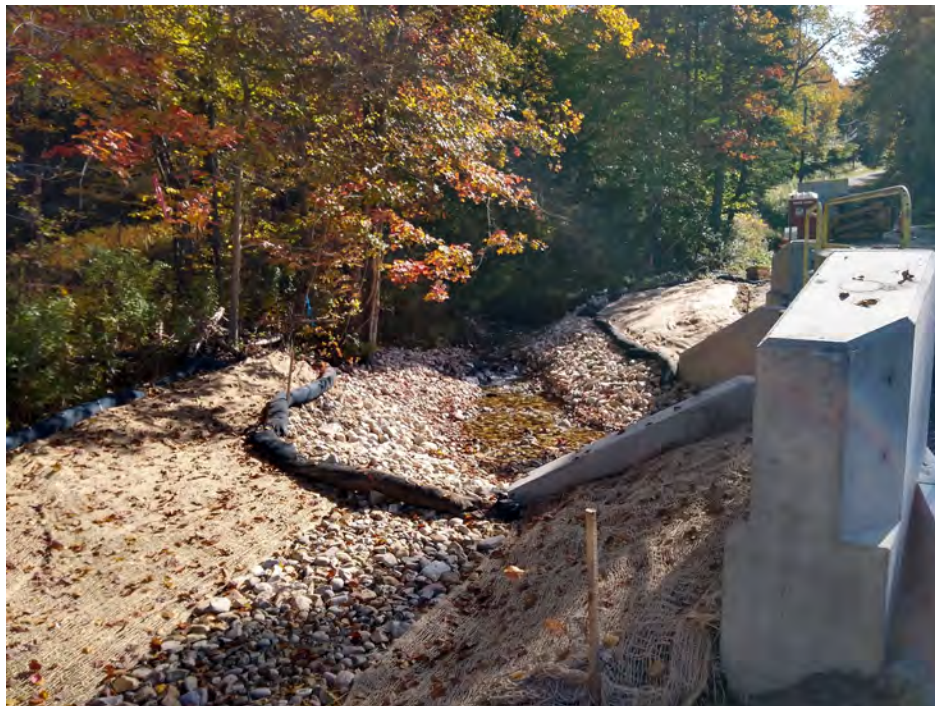
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**EVERSOURCE**



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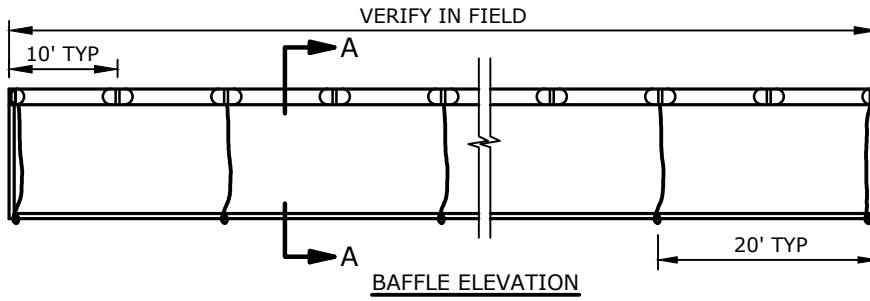
1. TUBES FOR COMPOST FILTERS SHALL BE JUTE MESH OR APPROVED BIODEGRADABLE MATERIAL.
2. TAMP TUBES IN PLACE TO ENSURE GOOD CONTACT WITH SOIL SURFACE.
3. PROVIDE 3' MINIMUM OVERLAP AT ENDS OF TUBES TO JOIN IN A CONTINUOUS BARRIER AND MINIMIZE UNIMPEDED FLOW.
4. COMPOST MATERIAL SHALL BE DISPERSED ON SITE WITHIN LIMITS OF WORK, AS DIRECTED.
5. INSTALL TUBES ALONG CONTOURS AND PERPENDICULAR TO SHEET OR CONCENTRATED FLOW.
6. DO NOT INSTALL IN PERENNIAL, EPHEMERAL, OR INTERMITTENT STREAMS.
7. CONFIGURE TUBES AROUND EXISTING SITE FEATURES TO MINIMIZE SITE DISTURBANCE AND MAXIMIZE CAPTURE AREA OF STORMWATER RUN-OFF.



#### COMPOST FILTER TUBE

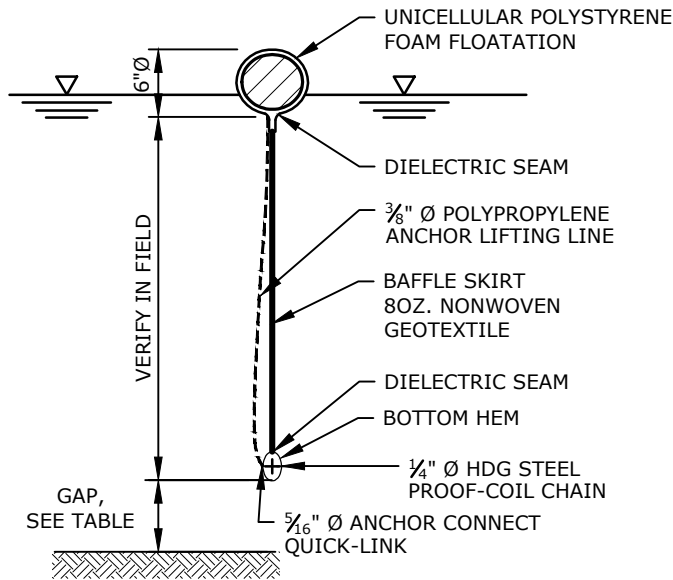
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FIGURE: A28

**EVERSOURCE**



**NOTES:**

1. TURBIDITY CURTAIN BY ENVIRONETICS, INC. OR APPROVED EQUAL.
2. TURBIDITY CURTAIN SHALL NOT BE EXTENDED ACROSS CHANNEL FLOWS.
3. TURBIDITY CURTAIN MATERIAL SHALL BE ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT RESISTANT.



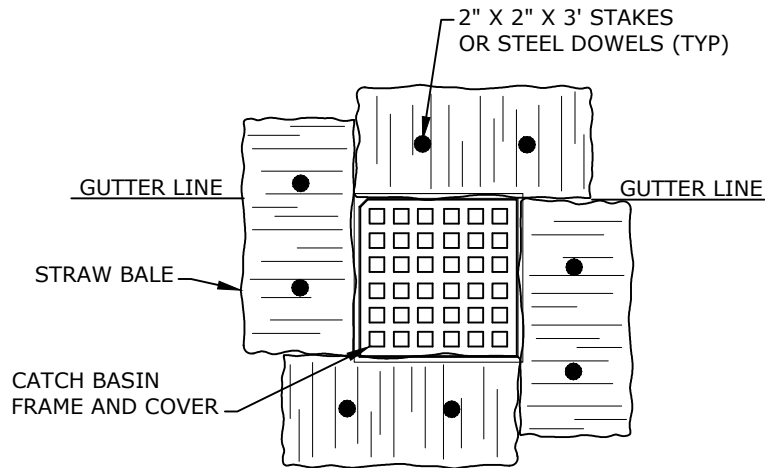
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TYPE	DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS	GAP (IN.)
I	FLATWATER	CALM AND PROTECTED	0
II	LIGHTWEIGHT	SEMI-PROTECTED AREA, CURRENTS UP TO 2 FT/S	12
III	MIDDLEWEIGHT	EXPOSED AREA, CURRENTS UP TO 5 FT/S	12
IV	HEAVYWEIGHT	EXPOSED TO WIND, CURRENT, AND TIDES	0

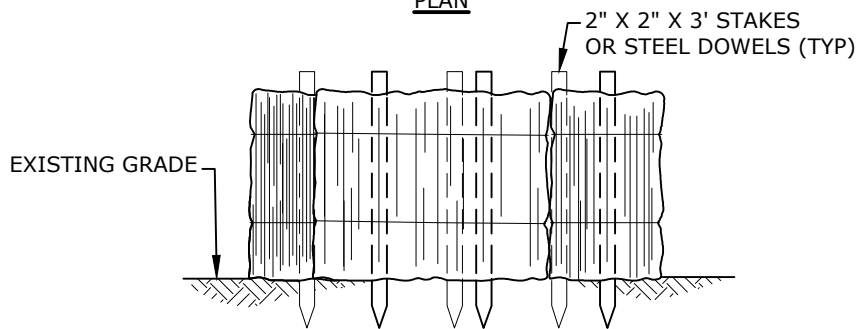
**TURBIDITY CURTAIN**

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FIGURE: A29

**EVERSOURCE**



PLAN



ELEVATION

NOTES:

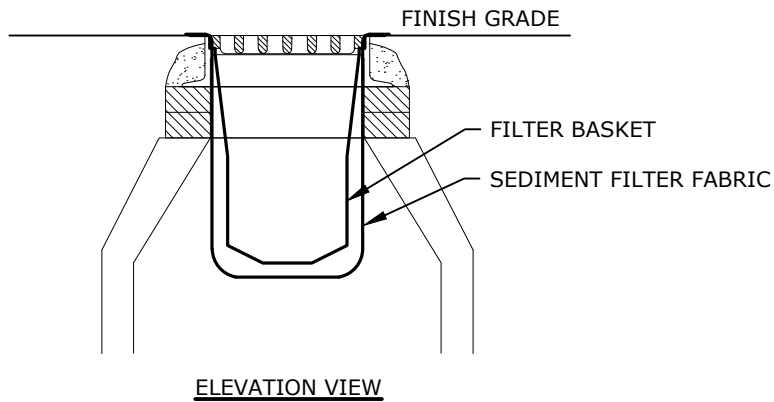
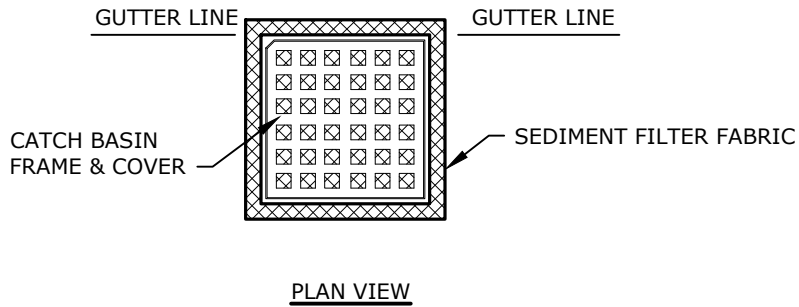
1. A MINIMUM OF TWO WOOD STAKES ARE REQUIRED PER STRAW BALE.
2. STEEL DOWELS MAY BE USED WHERE WOOD STAKES CANNOT BE DRIVEN INTO THE GROUND.
3. "SILT SACKS", "DANDY BAG II" OR OTHER SIMILAR SILT RETENTION DEVICES SHALL BE INSTALLED IN LIEU OF STRAW BALES FOR CATCH BASINS LOCATED IN EXISTING PAVED AREAS.
4. STRAW PRODUCTS ONLY; THE USE OF HAY OR HAY PRODUCTS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

CATCH BASIN INLET PROTECTION  
(STRAW BALES)

DATE: 12/2021  
SCALE: NO SCALE  
FIGURE: A30

**EVERSOURCE**





NOTES:

1. FILTER BASKET SHALL BE "SILT SAK" BY JENNIAN, MELROSE, MA; "DANDY BAG" BY DANDY PRODUCTS (1-800-591-2284); DRAIN PAC (91-800-272-2832); OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH EVERSOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND PERMITTING.
2. FILTER BASKETS SHOULD BE USED IN COMBINATION WITH ANOTHER INLET PROTECTION MEASURE SUCH AS SEDIMENT FILTER FABRIC IF DRAINAGE AREA IS SMALL WITH SHALLOW FLOWS.



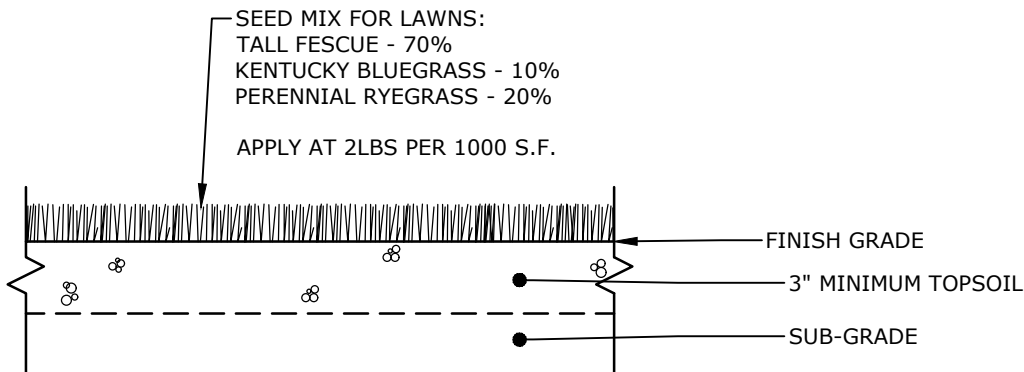
**CATCH BASIN INLET PROTECTION  
(SILT SACK)**

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FIGURE:	A31

**EVERSOURCE**

NOTE:

THE SEED MIX UTILIZED SHALL CONSIST OF QUICK GROWING, DROUGHT TOLERANT, NATIVE GRASSES, SUCH AS RYES. THE SEED MIX UTILIZED WITHIN THE BUFFER ZONE TO WETLAND RESOURCE AREAS MAY CONSIST OF QUICK GROWING, DROUGHT TOLERANT, NATIVE GRASSES BUT MUST CONTAIN AT LEAST 50% OF A NATIVE SEED MIX WITH HIGH HABITAT VALUE, SUCH AS ONES WHICH CONTAIN PERENNIAL SHRUBS, WILDFLOWERS. CONSULT WITH EVERSOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND PERMITTING FOR PROJECT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.



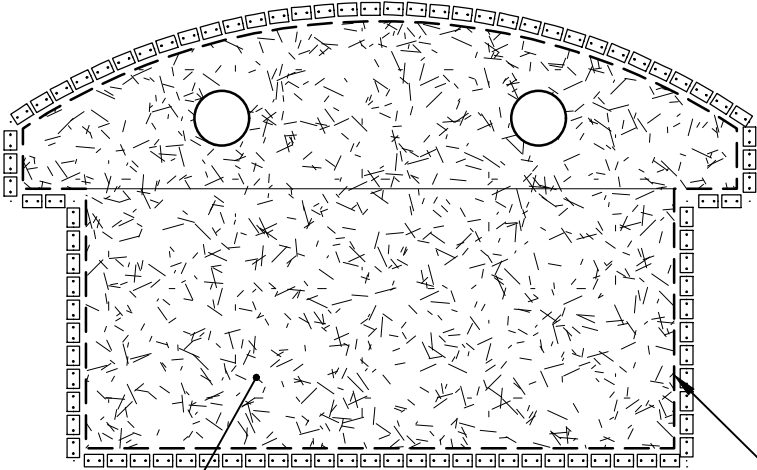
LOAM AND SEED

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FIGURE: A32



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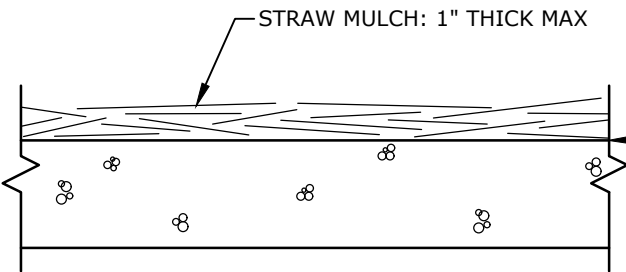
1. STRAW PRODUCTS ONLY; THE USE OF HAY OR HAY PRODUCTS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
2. MULCH APPLICATION SHALL NOT EXCEED 1" IN THICKNESS.
3. WOOD CHIPS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR STRAW MULCH SUBJECT TO EVERSOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND PERMITTING APPROVAL.
4. CONSULT WITH EVERSOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND PERMITTING FOR PROJECT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.



STRAW MULCH

**PLAN VIEW**

LIMIT OF SOIL DISTURBANCE



UNSTABLE SOILS

**ELEVATION VIEW**

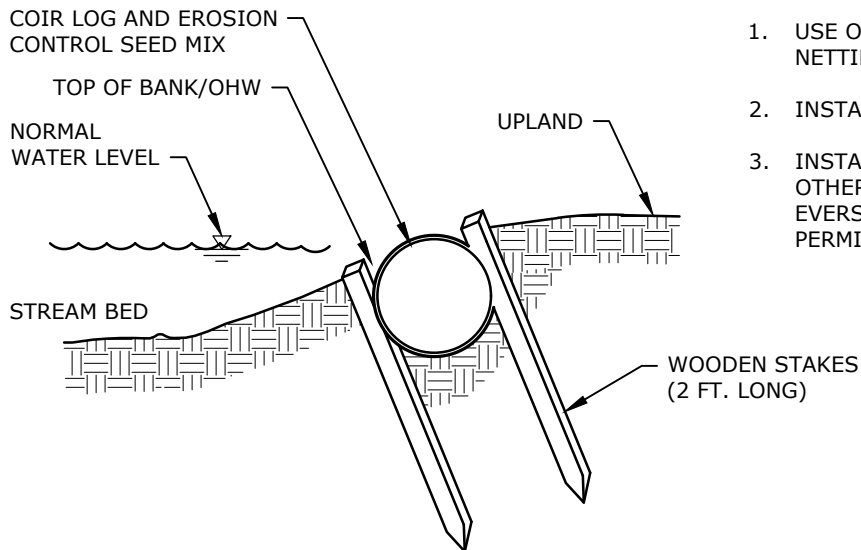


**STRAW MULCH**

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FIGURE:	A33

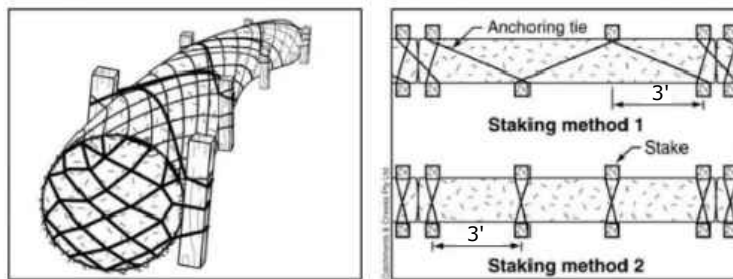






#### NOTES:

1. USE OF PRODUCTS WITH PLASTIC AND/OR NYLON NETTING IS PROHIBITED.
2. INSTALL PER MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.
3. INSTALLATION MAY INCLUDE SEEDING AND/OR OTHER NATIVE PLANT INSTALLATION. CONSULT EVERSOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND PERMITTING.



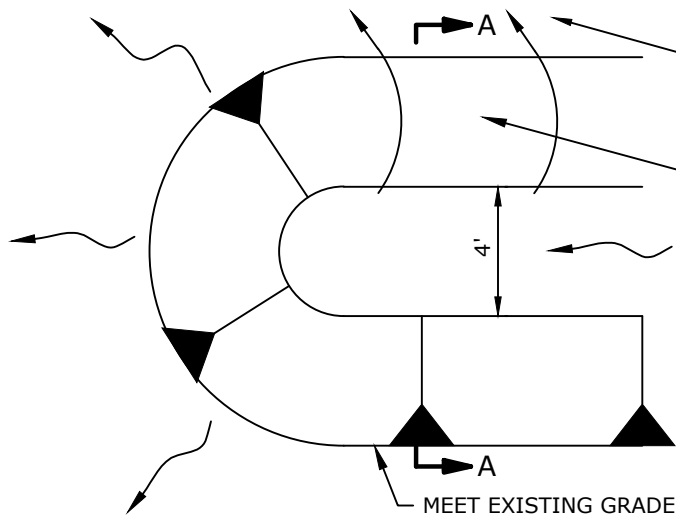
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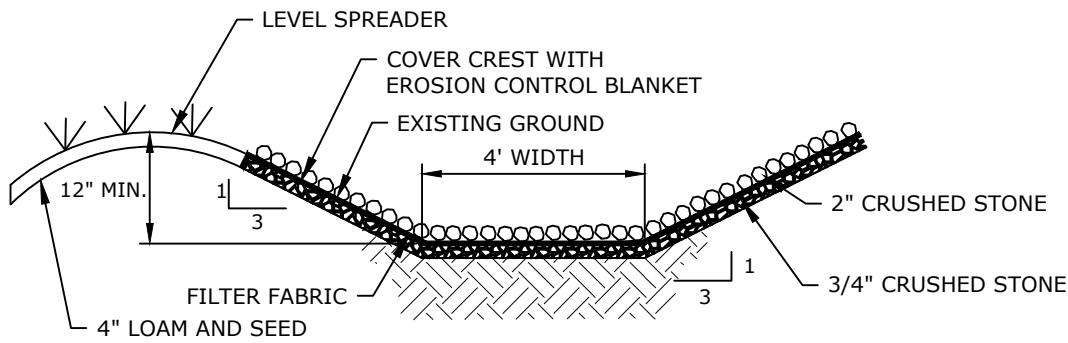
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**EVERSOURCE**



PLAN VIEW

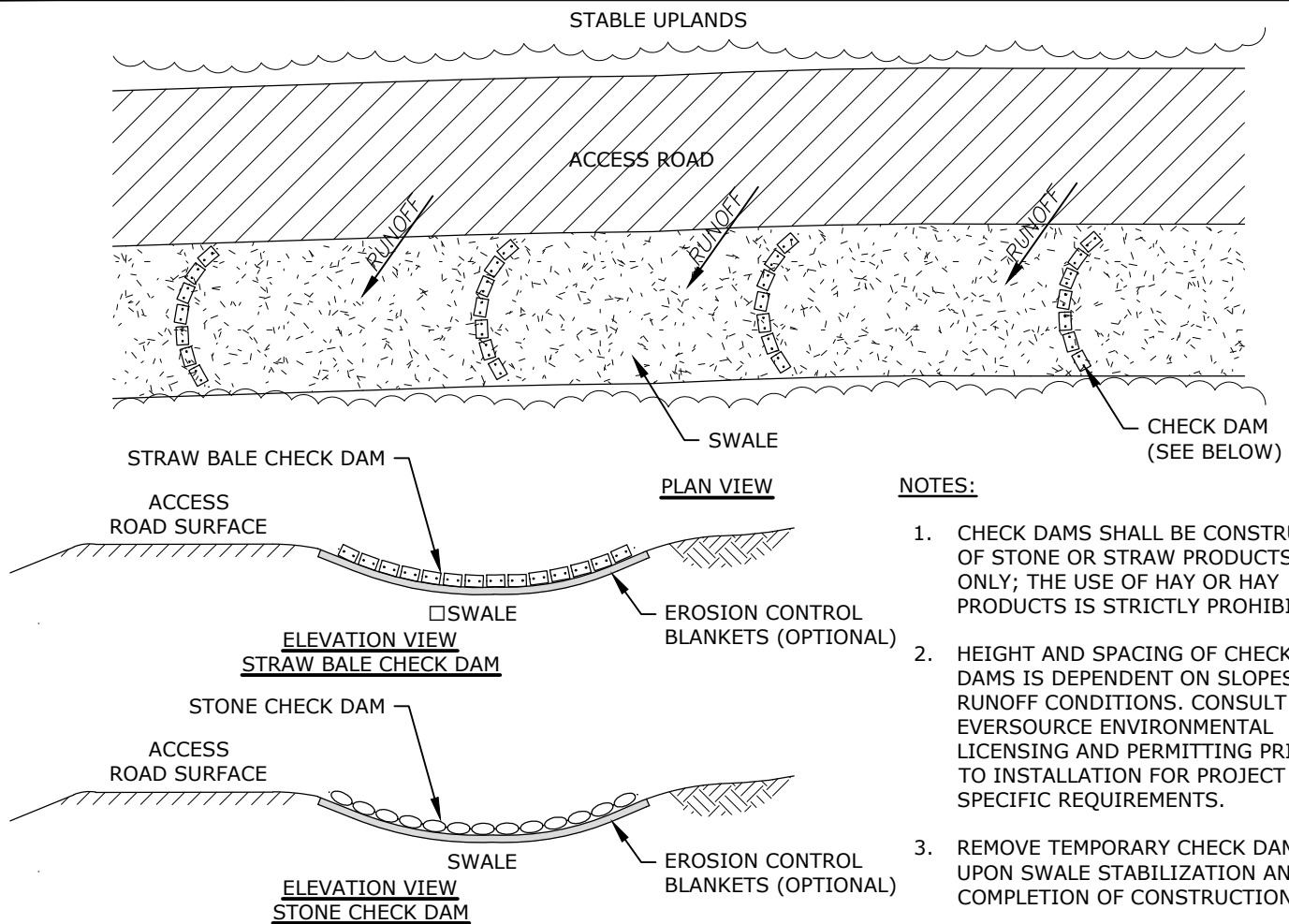


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LEVEL SPREADER

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FIGURE: A35

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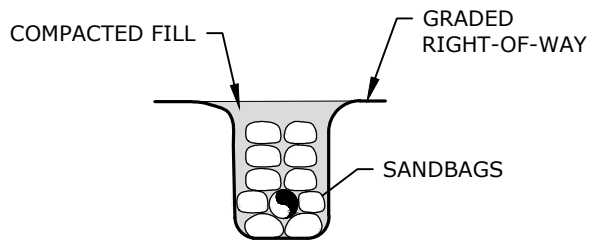


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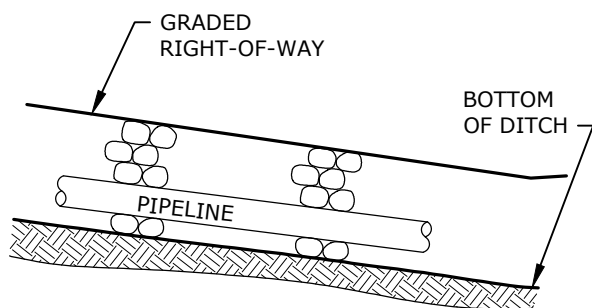
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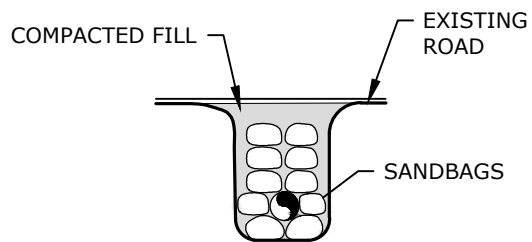


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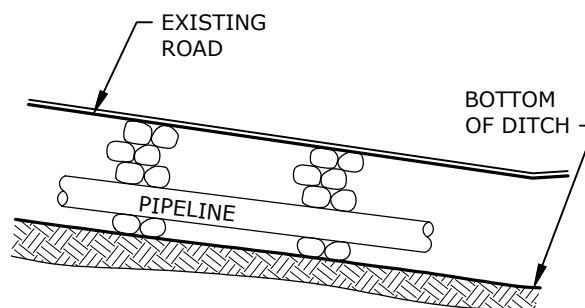


ELEVATION

CROSS-COUNTRY BURIED PIPELINE



SECTION



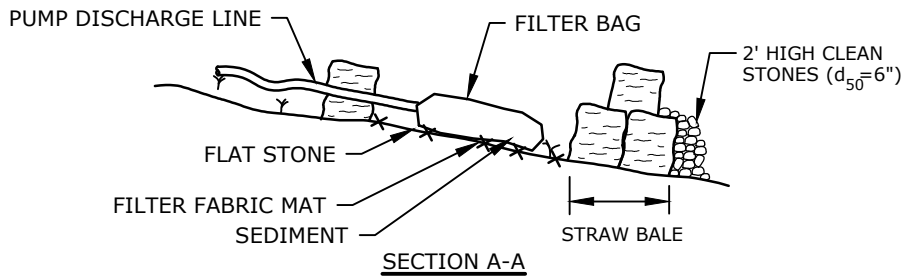
ELEVATION

IN-ROAD BURIED PIPELINE

TRENCH BREAKER

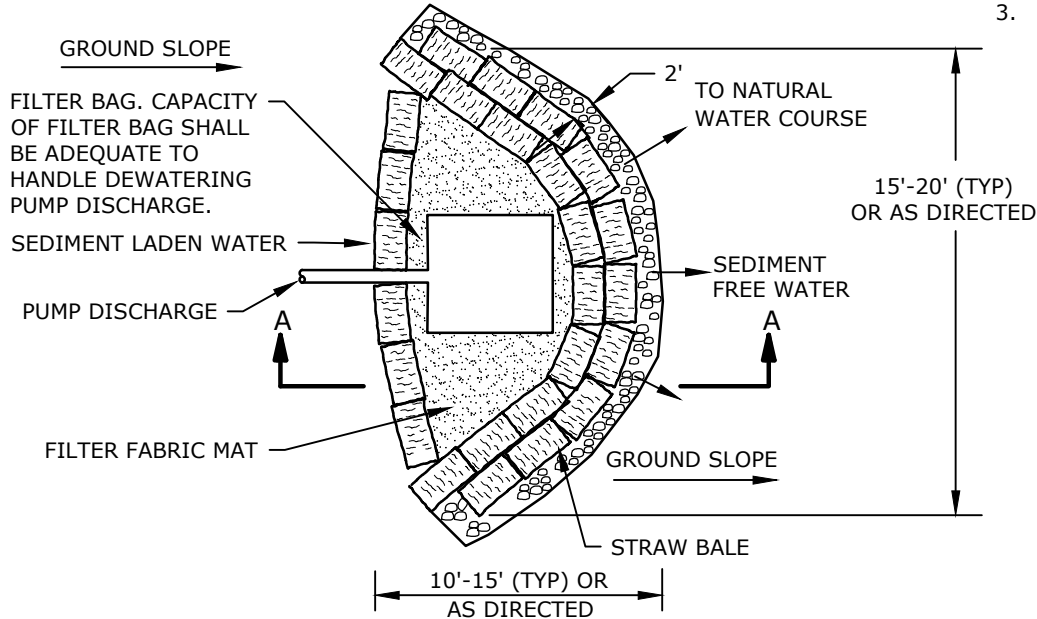
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FIGURE: A37





#### NOTES:

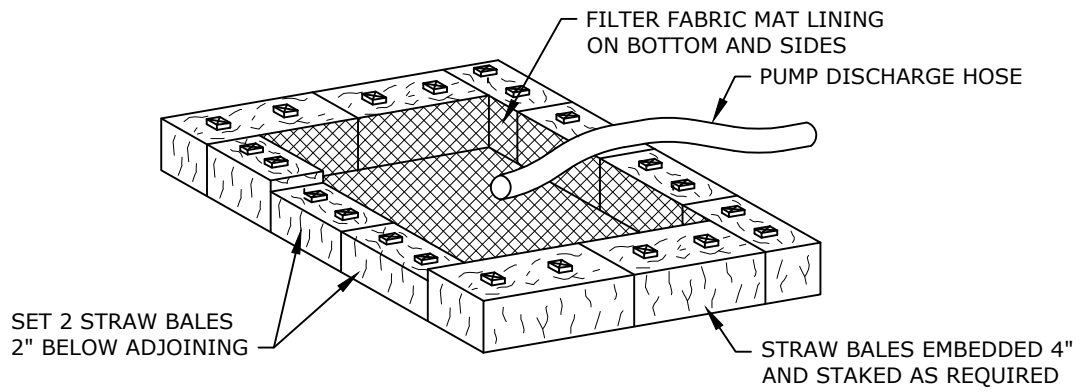
1. LOCATION OF SEDIMENT TRAP SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH EVERSOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND PERMITTING.
2. SEDIMENT TRAPS OR SETTLING BASINS SHALL BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION DEWATERING.
3. DISCHARGE AWAY FROM WORK AREA/DEWATERING AREA.



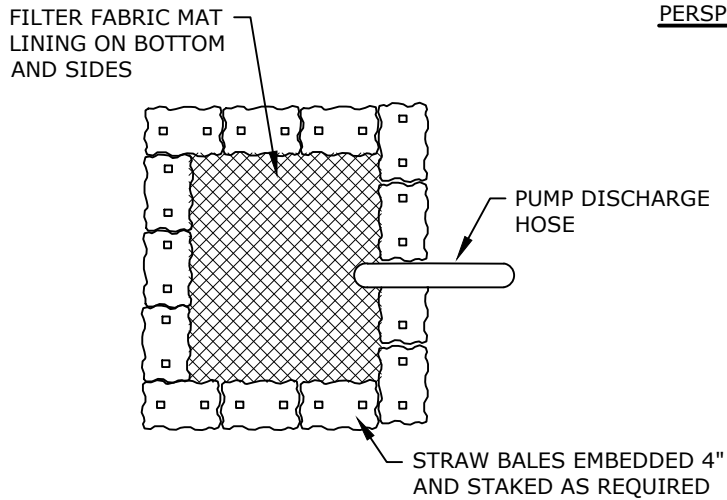
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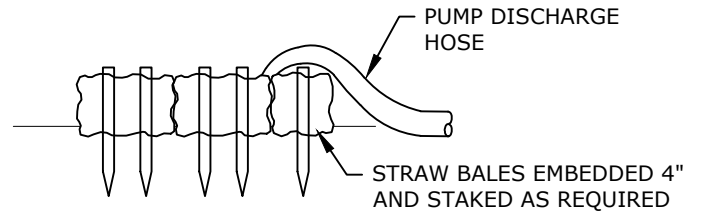
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PERSPECTIVE



PLAN VIEW



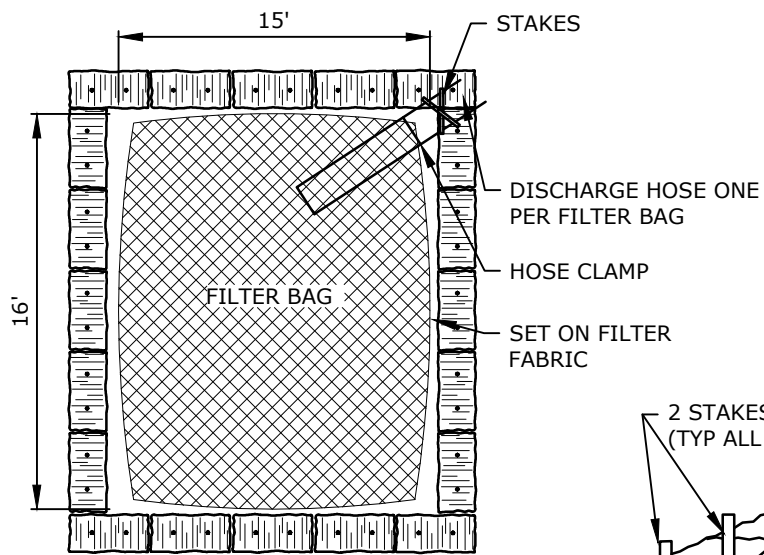
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NOTE:  
PLACE DEWATERING/PUMPING SETTLING BASINS IN A WELL-VEGETATED AREA, OUTSIDE OF WETLANDS WHENEVER PRACTICABLE.

# DEWATERING BASIN

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FIGURE: A39

**EVERSOURCE**



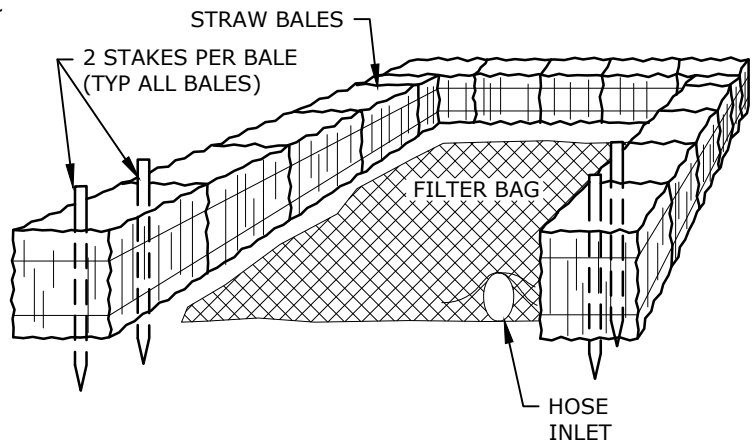
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NOTE:

PLACE FILTER BASINS IN A WELL-VEGETATED AREA, OUTSIDE OF WETLANDS WHENEVER PRACTICABLE.



PERSPECTIVE

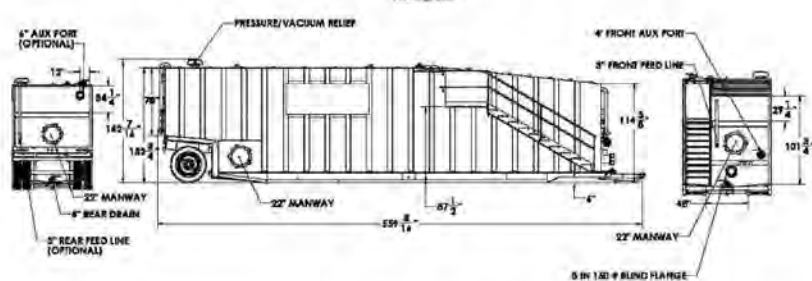
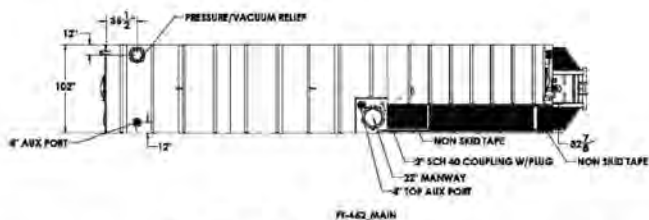
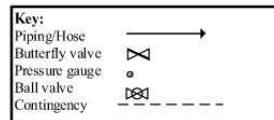
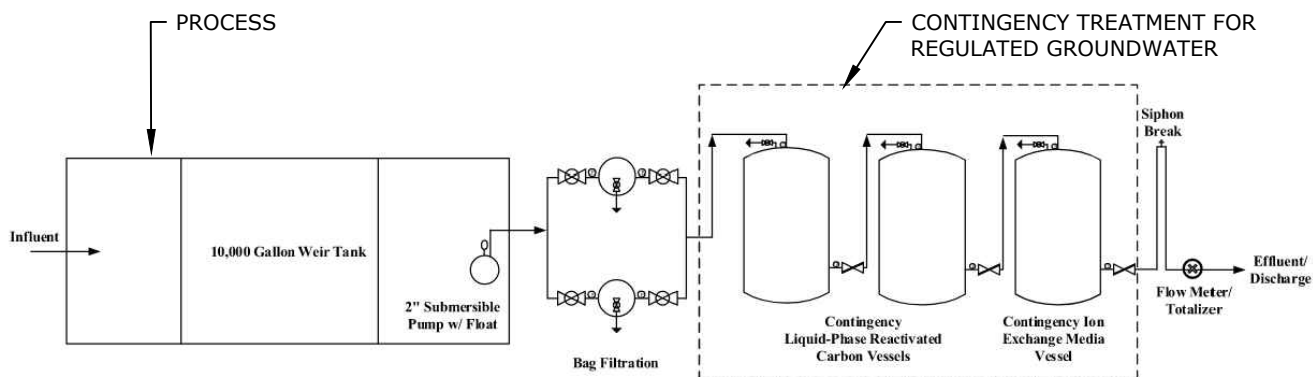


DEWATERING BASIN  
(FILTER BAG)

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FIGURE: A40

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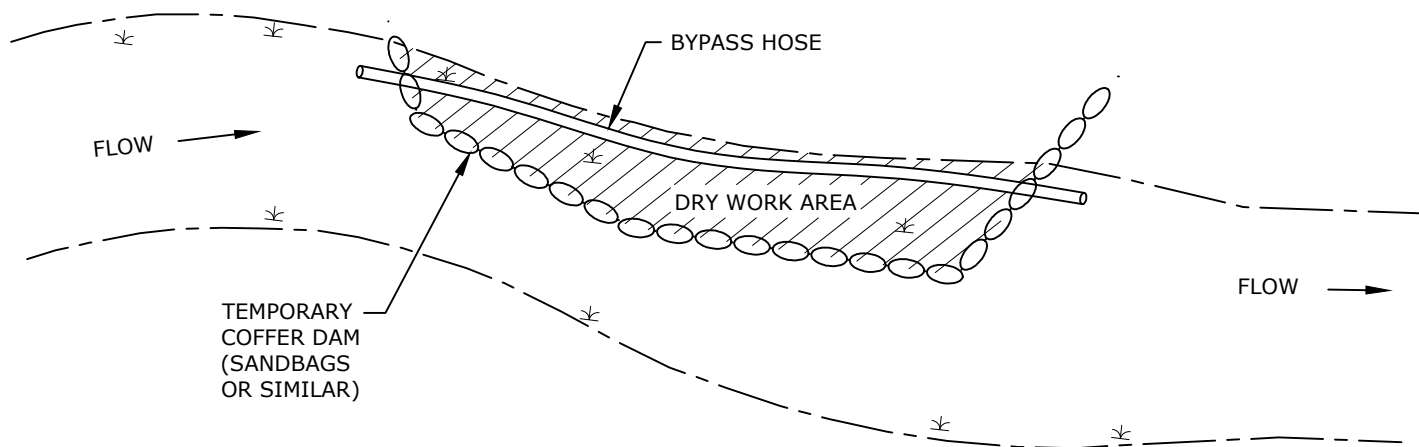




# DEWATERING BASIN (FRAC TANK)

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FIGURE: A41

**EVERSOURCE**



PLAN VIEW - GRAVITY COFFER DAM

COFFER DAM AND STREAM  
FLOW BYPASS (GRAVITY)

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FIGURE: A42

**EVERSOURCE**





## APPENDIX B

Appendix B

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## Appendix B

### B.1 Applicable Laws/Regulations

In Connecticut, there are no fewer than eight potentially pertinent regulatory programs associated with activities proposed in environmentally sensitive areas. The following list of laws and regulations are most likely to apply to electrical utility projects in the State.

- Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act (C.G.S. §§ 22a-36 through 22a-45a)
- Municipal inland wetland and zoning regulations
- Connecticut General Permit for Water Resource Construction Activities (C.G.S. §§ 22a-6, 22a-45a and 22a-378a)
- Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (C.G.S. §§ 22a-1a through 22a-1h)
- Connecticut Coastal Management Act (C.G.S. §§ 22a-359 through 22a-363; 22a-28 through 22a-35; 22a-90 through 22a-112; 33 U.S.C. § 1314)
- Connecticut Water Diversion Policy Act (C.G.S. §§ 22a-365 through 22a-379)
- Connecticut Endangered Species Act (C.G.S. §§ 26-303 through 26-315)
- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (C.G.S. §§ 22a-426; 33 U.S.C. § 403)
- Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251)
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344)

### B.2 Geographic Areas Subject to Jurisdiction

The following areas are subject to regulatory jurisdiction by at least one of the regulatory programs discussed in this section: It is important to note that more than one jurisdictional resource type may be present at any given location.

- Inland wetlands, watercourses (rivers, streams, lakes, ponds), and floodplains
- Areas subject to municipal wetlands bylaws or ordinances (these vary by town)
- Coastal Resource Areas (beaches, dunes, bluffs, escarpments, coastal hazard areas, coastal waters, nearshore waters, offshore waters, estuarine embayments, developed shorefront, intertidal flats, islands, rocky shorefronts, shellfish concentration areas, shorelands, and tidal wetlands)
- Navigable waters
- Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)
- Rare species habitat as mapped by the Connecticut Natural Diversity Database (NDDDB)
- Historic/cultural Resources including archaeological resources and above-ground historic resources

### B.3 Applicable Regulatory Agencies

Activities subject to jurisdiction under the above-referenced programs will generally be subject to review by one or more regulatory agencies (refer to list below). Most stream and wetland crossings will require notification or consultation with municipal Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agencies, and may require permitting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) under Sections 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act. Coordination with CT DEEP may also be required for projects located within areas mapped by the Connecticut Natural Diversity Database.

- Municipal Conservation Commissions
- Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) Land and Water Resources Division (LWRD)
- CT DEEP Wildlife Division
- CT DEEP Office of Environmental Review
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) New England District
- CT State Historic Preservation Office (CT SHPO)

The State of Connecticut and the Federal Government define wetlands differently. According to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act, inland wetlands are defined as "land, including submerged land, not regulated pursuant to Sections 22a-28 through 22a-35 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, which consists of any of the soil types designated as poorly drained, very poorly drained, alluvial, and floodplain by the National Cooperative Soil Survey, as it may be amended from time to time by the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service. Such areas may include filled, graded, or excavated sites which possess an aquic (saturated) soil moisture regime as defined by the National Cooperative Soil Survey." State wetland identification is based solely on the presence of these soil types.

"Watercourses" means rivers, streams, brooks, waterways, lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, bogs and all other bodies of water, natural or artificial, vernal or intermittent, public or private, which are contained within, flow through or border upon this state or any portion thereof. Intermittent watercourses shall be delineated by a defined permanent channel and bank and the occurrence of two or more of the following characteristics: (A) Evidence of scour or deposits of recent alluvium or detritus, (B) the presence of standing or flowing water for a duration longer than a particular storm incident, and (C) the presence of hydrophytic vegetation.

The Federal Government defines wetlands as "Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions." Federal wetland identification is based on a three-parameter approach, where a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology is used to make a wetland determination.

## **B.4 Maintenance, Repair, or Emergency Projects**

Most regulatory programs contain provisions that allow normal maintenance of existing structures and/or response to emergency situations that require immediate attention.

Prior to commencement of new construction, all jurisdictional wetland areas within the work corridor should be delineated by a qualified wetland and soil scientist. The specialist shall delineate areas in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut (revised January 1, 2007) as set forth at Title 22a Chapter 440 "Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act", the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual, and any local inland wetland regulations, ordinances or bylaws that may exist. Refer to each set of regulations regarding applicable wetland definitions. Wetland areas shall be clearly demarcated using appropriate flagging tape or similar means. It is important to note that certain jurisdictional wetland areas in Connecticut can actually occur in uplands, such as floodplains. In addition, Upland Review Areas generally apply to work activities and vary in each community. This makes consultation with a wetland specialist particularly important.

### **B.4.1 Maintain, Repair and/or Replace**

Exemptions or considerations for maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of existing electrical utility structures exist in some environmental regulations, but not all. The exemptions are limited to work related to existing and lawfully located structures where no change in the original structure or footprint is proposed. It is not for the selected contractor of a particular project to make a determination as to whether an activity is exempt. This determination will be made prior to work by the Eversource project manager, in consultation with Eversource environmental staff.

These exemptions/considerations are afforded at:

- CT Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Act (RCSA § 22a-39-4)
- CT General Permit (Section 3)
- CT Coastal Management Act (RCSA § 22a-363b)
- CT GP [33 CFR 323.4(a)(2)]
- CT Water Diversion Policy Act (RCSA § 22a-377(b)1)

### **B.4.2 Emergency Projects**

Emergency provisions are generally afforded to activities that need to abate conditions that pose a threat to public health or safety. These provisions generally do not allow work beyond what is necessary to abate the emergency condition and will generally require an after-the-fact permit. It is not for the selected contractor of a particular project to make a determination as to whether an activity is an emergency. This determination will be made prior to work by the Eversource project manager, in consultation with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting.

It is important to note that invocation of an emergency provision does not release the project proponent from reporting requirements.

Emergency provisions are afforded at:

- CEPA (RCSA § 22a-1a-3)
- CT Coastal Management Act (RCSA § 22a-29)
- CT GP [33 CFR Part 323.4(a)(2)]



## B.5 Municipal Permitting

Work within wetlands, watercourses and designated Upland Review Areas typically requires notification to municipal staff, (Department of Public Works and/or the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Agency staff). In October 1996 the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control opened a docket (Docket Number 95-08-34) to conduct a generic investigation on the allocation of siting jurisdiction over utility plant facilities. This included an investigation as to whether local authorities (including local Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agencies) have jurisdiction over public utility projects.

The investigation resulted in several orders which provide guidance on how public utility companies should coordinate with municipalities on the construction of new facilities, upgrades, significant maintenance activities, and routine maintenance activities.

- For the construction of new facilities, alterations to existing facilities (including upgrades) or significant maintenance involving substantial disturbance of soil, water or vegetation which would regularly fall under the review requirements of certain local authorities (ie. Planning and Zoning Authority; Inland Wetlands Commission; Public Works Department; Historic District Commission), the utility shall at least notify and consult with such local authority, or its designated agent or staff, toward the development of mutually agreeable schedules and procedures for the proposed activity.
- For routine maintenance activities or alterations to existing facilities (including upgrades) involving minor disturbance of soil, water or vegetation which would regularly fall under the review and approval requirements of certain local authorities, the utility shall make local authorities or their designated agent or staff aware of such ongoing activities.

## B.6 CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

If the project requires formal permitting with the ACOE (Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) or Individual Permit), copies of the application should be forwarded to CT DEEP for review under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The CT DEEP requires that a GP Addendum form be completed and submitted along with the ACOE application. If the project qualifies for Self-Verification Notification (SVNF) under the ACOE GP, the project also is granted authorization (Water Quality Certification, WQC) with no formal application under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, provided the project meets the additional WQC general conditions. The general conditions commonly applicable to utility projects include:

- Prohibiting dumping of any quantity of oil, chemicals, or other deleterious material on the ground;
- Immediately informing the CT DEEP Oil and Chemical Spill Response Division at (860) 424-3338 (24 hours) of any adverse impact or hazard to the environment including any discharge or spillage of oil or chemical liquids or solids;
- Separating staging areas at the site from the regulated areas by silt fences or stray/hay bales at all times;
- Prohibiting storage of any fuel and refueling of equipment within 25 feet from any wetland or watercourse;
- Following the document "Connecticut Guidelines for Soil and Erosion Control," inspecting employed controls at least once per week, after each rainfall, and at least daily during prolonged rainfall, and correcting any deficiencies within 48 hours of being found.

- Prohibiting the storage of any materials at the site which are buoyant, hazardous, flammable, explosive, soluble, expansive, radioactive, or which could in the event of a flood be injurious to human, animal or plant life, below the elevation of the
- 500 year flood. Any other material or equipment stored at the site below this elevation must be firmly anchored, restrained or enclosed to prevent flotation. The quantity of fuel for equipment at the site stored below such elevation shall not exceed the quantity of fuel that is expected to be used by such equipment in one day.
- Immediately informing CT DEEP at (860) 424-3019 and the ACOE at (617) 647-8674 of the occurrence of pollution or other environmental damage in violation of the WQC, and within 48 hours support a written report including information specified in the general conditions.

If the project falls within areas mapped by the Connecticut Natural Diversity Database, or is less than 0.50 miles upstream or downstream of a mapped area, a data request and possible coordination will be required with the Natural Diversity Database.

If a project is located within tidal, coastal or navigable waters of the state or in tidal wetlands, permitting may be required with the CT DEEP LWRD. For the routine maintenance of previously permitted structures or structures that were in place prior to June 24, 1939, no permitting is required. For significant maintenance of previously permitted structures or structures that were in place prior to June 24, 1939, a Certificate of Permission is required. For new projects a Structures, Dredging and Fill Permit and/or a Tidal Wetlands Permit may be required. The CT DEEP LWRD should be consulted prior to preparing permits to conduct a pre-application meeting and determine the appropriate permitting route.

## **B.7 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

Work within wetlands and waters of the United States is subject to jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which is administered by the ACOE. Work within navigable waters is also administered by the ACOE under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. The ACOE has issued Department of the Army General Permits for the State of Connecticut and Land Located within the Boundaries of an Indian Reservation (CT GPs) which establishes categories for projects based on their nature of impacts. The current permit was issued on December 15, 2021, and expires on December 15, 2026.

Applications are not required for Self-Verification (SV) projects, but submittal of a Self-Verification Notification Form (SVNF) before the work occurs and submittal of a Compliance Certification Form within one month after the work is completed is required. The SVNF and Compliance Certification Form entail self-certification by applicants that their project complies with the terms and conditions of SV under the CT GPs. Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) projects require the submittal of an application to the ACOE, followed by a screening of the application by the ACOE, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and CT DEEP, and consultation with the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs). PCN projects may not proceed until written approval from the ACOE is received. Written approval is generally provided within 45 days of the multi-agency screening. After written approval is received, a Work-Start Notification Form must be submitted before the work occurs, and a Compliance Certification Form must be submitted within one month after the work is completed.

For work proposed within a FEMA floodway or floodplain, the ACOE recommends that the applicant apply for and receive a Flood Management Certification (if required), prior to applying to the ACOE. Additionally, applications for PCN inland projects that propose fill in ACOE jurisdiction must include an Invasive Species Control Plan (ISCP), unless otherwise directed by the ACOE.

An Individual Permit (IP) requires a formal permit application to be submitted to the ACOE. The application is reviewed in detail by both state and federal agencies, and a Public Notice is released for public comment. Projects which trigger an IP generally result in significant impacts to wetlands and/or watercourses.

Stream and wetland crossings are only subject to jurisdiction under the ACOE if there is **a discharge of dredge or fill material into wetlands or waters of the United States**. Equipment access through a stream or wetland with no structural BMP is not regulated by the ACOE if there is no discharge of dredge or fill material (note that equipment rutting as a result of not using an appropriate BMP can be considered a “discharge of dredge material”). Similarly, the use of a timber or rail car bridge that extends from bank to bank with no stream impacts is not regulated by the ACOE. Additionally, the use of timber mats and stone is considered “fill material” by the ACOE, and must be calculated to determine overall impacts. Temporary mats are not counted towards the 1-acre PCN threshold if they are adequately cleaned after previous use, removed immediately after completion of construction and disposed of at an upland site.

Maintenance, including emergency reconstruction of currently serviceable structures, is exempt from ACOE jurisdiction and does not require formal permitting. Maintenance does not include any modification that changes the character, scope, or size of the original fill design. Emergency reconstruction must occur within a reasonable period of time after damage occurs to qualify for this exemption.

Stream and wetland crossings that involve the discharge of dredge and fill material may be conducted under SV if the work complies with the general conditions and SV criteria of the CT GPs. The following are SV criteria that are commonly applicable to stream and wetland crossings in utility rights of way. See Section 1.8 for additional criteria for culvert crossings:

- The work results in less than 5,000 square feet of impacts to wetlands or Waters of the United States. Replacement of utility line projects with impacts solely within wetlands greater than 5,000 square feet may be eligible for SV Authorization after consultation with the ACOE about the specific project;
- Temporary fill, with the exceptions of swamp and timber mats, discharged to wetlands shall be placed on geotextile fabric laid on the pre-construction wetland grade. Unconfined temporary fill discharged into flowing water (rivers and streams) shall consist only of clean stone. All temporary fill shall be removed as soon as it is no longer needed, and disposed of at an appropriate upland site.
- Any unconfined in-stream work, including construction, installation or removal of sheet pile cofferdam structures, is conducted during the low-flow period between July 1 and September 30. However, installation of coffer dams, other than sheet pile cofferdams, is not restricted to the low-flow period and must be installed between July 1 and March 31 and must not encroach > 25% of the stream width measured from OHW during the prohibited work window;
- No work will occur in the main stem or tributary streams of the Connecticut River watershed that are being managed for Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*). (Work of this

nature requires screening for potential impacts to designated Essential Fish Habitat.);

- The work does not result in direct or secondary impacts to Special Wetlands, Threatened, Endangered or Special Concern Species, or Significant Natural Communities identified by the Connecticut Natural Diversity Database. Work within 750 feet of vernal pools shall be minimized;
- The project does not require an ACOE permit with associated construction activities within 100 feet of Special Wetlands;
- The project does not result in fill placed within a FEMA established floodway, unless the applicant has a State of Connecticut Flood Management Certification pursuant to Section 25-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes;
- The project does not result in fill placed within a FEMA established floodplain that would adversely affect the hydraulic characteristics of the floodplain;
- The project does not entail stormwater detention or retention in inland waters or wetlands;
- The project is not located in a segment of a National Wild and Scenic River System (includes rivers officially designated by Congress as active study status rivers for possible inclusion) or within 0.25 miles upstream or downstream of the main stem or tributaries to such a system;
- The project has no potential for an effect on a historic property which is listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
- The project does not impinge upon the value of any National Wildlife Refuge, National Forest, or any other area administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service or National Park Service;
- Section 106 needs to be taken into account for all work that requires federal permitting – including SV;
- The project does not use slip lining, plastic pipes, or High Density Polyethylene Pipes (HDPP).
- Appropriate BMPs are employed in regard to heavy equipment in wetlands (General Condition 16) and sedimentation and erosion controls (General Condition 20).
- Disturbed inland wetland areas are restored in accordance with General Condition 18.

Stream and wetland crossings that involve the discharge of dredge and fill material may be conducted under PCN if the work complies with the general conditions and PCN criteria of the CT GPs. The following are PCN criteria that are commonly applicable to stream and wetland crossings in utility ROWs. See Section 1.8 for additional criteria for culvert crossings:

- The work results in less than one acre of impacts to wetlands or Waters of the United States;
- The project does not result in fill placed within a FEMA established floodplain that would adversely affect the hydraulic characteristics of the floodplain;
- The project does not entail stormwater detention or retention in inland waters or wetlands.
- Temporary fill, with the exceptions of swamp and timber mats, discharged to

wetlands shall be placed on geotextile fabric laid on the pre-construction wetland grade. Unconfined temporary fill discharged into flowing water (rivers and streams) shall consist only of clean stone. All temporary fill shall be removed as soon as it is no longer needed, and disposed of at an appropriate upland site.

- Appropriate BMPs are employed in regard to heavy equipment in wetlands (General Condition 16) and sedimentation and erosion controls (General Condition 20).
- Disturbed inland wetland areas are restored in accordance with General Condition 18.

Stream and wetland crossings that cannot meet SV or PCN criteria may require review under an IP. The ACOE should be consulted before assuming an IP will be required, as exceptions can be made under certain circumstances.

- GP1. Aids to navigation & temporary recreational structures (Coastal only)
- GP2. *Repair or maintenance of existing currently serviceable, authorized or grandfathered structures/fills and removal of structures (Coastal and Inland)*
- GP3. *Moorings (Coastal only)*
- GP4. **Pile-supported structures & floats, including boat lifts/hoists & other miscellaneous structures & work** (Coastal only)
- GP5. **Boat ramps and marine railways** (Coastal and Inland)
- GP6. *Utilities including lines, outfall and intake structures and appurtenant structures (Coastal and Inland)*
- GP7. **Dredging, transport & disposal of dredged material, beach nourishment & rock removal and rock relocation** (Coastal only)
- GP8. **Discharges of dredged or fill material incidental to the construction of bridges** (Coastal only)
- GP9. **New shoreline and bank stabilization projects and Living Shorelines** (Coastal and Inland)
- GP10. **Aquatic habitat restoration, establishment and enhancement activities** (Coastal and Inland)
- GP11. **Fish and wildlife harvesting activities** (Coastal and Inland)
- GP12. **Oil spill and hazardous material response operations** (Coastal and Inland)
- GP13. **Cleanup of hazardous and toxic waste and removal of contaminated soil** (Coastal and Inland)
- GP14. **Scientific measurement and monitoring devices** (Coastal and Inland)
- GP15. **Survey and exploratory survey activities** (Coastal and Inland)
- GP16. **Aquaculture & Mariculture Activities** (Coastal only)
- GP17. **New and expansion of recreational, residential, institutional, and commercial developments** (Inland only)
- GP18. *Wetland crossings for linear transportation projects (Inland only)*
- GP19. *Stream, river and brook crossings (not including wetland crossings)* (Coastal and Inland)
- GP20. **Energy generation and renewable energy generation facilities and hydropower projects** (Coastal and Inland)
- GP21. **Temporary fill not associated with a regulated General Permit activity** (Inland only)
- GP22. **Modification and Improvement of Existing Minor drainage features and Mosquito Control** (Coastal only)
- GP23. **Agricultural Activities** (Inland only)

## B.8 Culvert Installation

New culvert installation or existing culvert replacements will require notification or consultation with municipal staffers which might include the Department of Public Works and/or the inland wetlands officer, and may require permitting with the ACOE under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and the CT DEEP under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Coordination with CT DEEP may also be required for projects located within areas mapped by the Connecticut Natural Diversity Database. For work within tidal, coastal or navigable waters or in tidal wetlands, permitting will be required with the CT DEEP LWRD.

### B.8.1 Municipal Permitting

See Section 1.5 for general local permitting guidance.

- For the installation of new culverts and the replacement of culverts that involve substantial disturbance of soil, water or vegetation which would regularly fall under the review and approval requirements of certain local authorities (i.e., Planning and Zoning Authority; Inland Wetlands Commission; Public Works Department; Historic District Commission), the utility shall at least notify and consult with such local authority, or its designated agent or staff, toward the development of mutually agreeable schedules and procedures for the proposed activity.
- For the replacement of culverts involving only minor disturbance of soil, water or vegetation which would regularly fall under the review and approval requirements of certain local authorities, the utility shall make local authorities or their designated agent or staff aware of such ongoing activities.

### B.8.2 CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

If the project requires formal permitting with the ACOE, copies of the application should be forwarded to CT DEEP for review under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. CT DEEP requires that a PGP Addendum form be completed and submitted along with the ACOE application.

If a culvert project falls within areas mapped by the Connecticut Natural Diversity Database or falls within 0.50 miles upstream or downstream of a mapped area, a data request and possible coordination will be required with the Natural Diversity Database.

If a culvert project is located within tidal, coastal or navigable waters of the state or in tidal wetlands, permitting will be required with the CT DEEP LWRD. For new projects a Structures, Dredging and Fill Permit and/or a Tidal Wetlands Permit will be required. For replacement structures which were previously permitted, or which were in place prior to June 24, 1939, a Certificate of Permission may only be required, which entails a shorter permitting process.

### B.8.3 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

See Section 1.7 for general ACOE permitting requirements. Open bottom arches, bridge spans or embedded culverts are preferred over traditional culverts and are required for SV projects. However, where site constraints make these approaches impractical, the ACOE should be consulted.

New bridge or open-bottom structure crossings may be conducted under SV or PCN if the following criteria are met in addition to meeting any applicable general criteria listed in section 1.7 of this manual:

- The work spans at least 1.2 times the watercourse bank full width;



- The structure has an openness ratio equal to or greater than 0.25 meters;
- The structure allows for continuous flow of the 50-year frequency storm flows.

New culvert installations may be conducted under SV if the work complies with the general conditions and SV criteria of the CT GPs. The following are SV criteria that are commonly applicable to new culvert installations in utility right of ways:

- Work is conducted in accordance with the design requirements listed in Section 3.1.3 of the BMP Manual; Plastic and High Density Polyethylene Pipes (HDPE) are not used;
- The work results in less than 5,000 square feet of impacts to wetlands or Waters of the United States;
- Any unconfined in-stream work, including construction, installation or removal of sheet pile coffer dam structures, is conducted during the low-flow period between July 1 and September 30, except in instances where a specific written exception has been issued by the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection. However, installation of coffer dams, other than sheet pile coffer dams, is not restricted to the low-flow period;
- No open trench excavation is conducted within flowing waters. Work within flowing waters can be avoided by using temporary flume pipes, culverts, coffer dams, etc. to isolate work areas and maintain normal flows;
- The tributary watershed to the culvert does not exceed 1.0 square mile (640 acres);
- The culvert gradient (slope) is not steeper than the streambed gradient immediately upstream or downstream of the culvert;
- For a single box or pipe arch culvert crossing, the inverts are set not less than 12 inches below the streambed elevation;
- For a multiple box or pipe arch culvert crossing, the inverts of one of the boxes or pipe arch culverts are set not less than 12 inches below the elevation of the streambed;
- For a pipe culvert crossing, the inverts are set such that not less than 25% of the pipe diameter or 12 inches, whichever is less, is set below the streambed elevation;
- The culvert is backfilled with natural substrate material matching upstream and downstream streambed substrate;
- The structure does not otherwise impede the passage of fish and other aquatic organisms;
- The structure allows for continuous flow of the 50-year frequency storm flows;
- The work does not result in direct or secondary impacts to Special Wetlands, Threatened, Endangered or Special Concern Species, or Significant Natural Communities identified by the Connecticut Natural Diversity Database. Work within 750 feet of vernal pools shall be minimized;
- The project does not require an ACOE permit with associated construction activities within 100 feet of Special Wetlands;
- The project does not result in fill placed within a FEMA established floodway, unless the applicant has a State of Connecticut Flood Management Certification pursuant to section 25-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes;

- The project does not result in fill placed within a FEMA established floodplain that would adversely affect the hydraulic characteristics of the floodplain;
- The project does not entail stormwater detention or retention in inland waters or wetlands;
- The project is not located in a segment of a National Wild and Scenic River System (includes rivers officially designated by Congress as active study status rivers for possible inclusion) or within 0.25 miles upstream or downstream of the main stem or tributaries to such a system;
- The project has no potential for an effect on a historic property which is listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
- The project does not impinge upon the value of any National Wildlife Refuge, National Forest, or any other area administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service or National Park Service.
- Appropriate BMPs are employed with regard to sedimentation and erosion controls (General Condition 20).

New culvert installations may be conducted under PCN if the work complies with the general conditions and PCN criteria of the GP. The following are PCN criteria that are commonly applicable to new culvert installations in utility right of ways:

- Work is conducted in accordance with the design requirements listed in Section 3.1.3 of the BMP Manual;
- The work results in less than one acre of impacts to wetlands or Waters of the United States;
- The project does not result in fill placed within a FEMA established floodplain that would adversely affect the hydraulic characteristics of the floodplain;
- There is no practicable alternative location for the crossing that would have less environmental impacts;
- The use of a bridge or open-bottom structure is determined to be not practicable;
- For a single box or pipe arch culvert crossing, the inverts are set not less than 12 inches below the streambed elevation;
- For a multiple box or pipe arch culvert crossing, the inverts of one of the boxes or pipe arch culverts are set not less than 12 inches below the elevation of the streambed;
- For a pipe culvert crossing, the inverts are set such that not less than the pipe diameter or 12 inches, whichever is less, is set below the streambed elevation;
- The culvert is backfilled with natural substrate material matching upstream and downstream streambed substrate;
- The culvert has an openness ratio equal to or greater than 0.25 meters;
- The structure does not result in a change in the normal water surface elevation of the upstream waters or wetlands;
- The structure allows for continuous flow of the 50-year frequency storm flows;
- Appropriate BMPs are employed with regard to sedimentation and erosion controls (General Condition 20).

New culvert installations that cannot meet SV or PCN criteria may require review under an IP. The ACOE should be consulted before assuming an IP will be required, as exceptions can be made under certain circumstances.

In-kind replacement of culverts using the same materials is exempt from Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and does not require permitting with the ACOE. The ACOE, however, should be consulted before assuming an activity is exempt from their jurisdiction. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting.

Bridge or open-bottom structure replacements may be conducted under SV if the conditions for a new bridge or open-bottom structure replacement have been met. In addition, bridge or open-bottom structure replacements should not result in a change in the normal surface elevation of the upstream waters or wetland, and the replacement structure should have a riparian bank on one or both sides for wildlife passage. Culvert replacements may be conducted under SV if the conditions for new culvert installation are met.

Bridge or open-bottom structure replacements may be conducted under PCN if the conditions for a new bridge or open-bottom structure replacement have been met. Culvert replacements may be conducted under PCN if the following conditions are met:

- The work results in 5,000 square feet to less than one acre of impacts to wetlands or Waters of the United States;
- The use of a bridge or open-bottom structure is determined to be not practicable;
- For a single box or pipe arch culvert crossing, the inverts are set not less than 12 inches below the streambed elevation;
- For a multiple box or pipe arch culvert crossing, the inverts of one of the boxes or pipe arch culverts are set not less than 12 inches below the elevation of the streambed;
- For a pipe culvert crossing, the inverts are set such that not less than the pipe diameter or 12 inches, whichever is less, is set below the streambed elevation;
- The culvert is backfilled with natural substrate material matching upstream and downstream streambed substrate;
- The culvert has an openness ratio equal to or greater than 0.25 meters;
- The structure does not result in a change in the normal water surface elevation of the upstream waters or wetlands;
- The structure allows for continuous flow of the 50-year frequency storm flows;
- Appropriate BMPs are employed with regard to sedimentation and erosion controls (General Condition 20).

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## Appendix C – Massachusetts Environmental Regulations

### C.1 Applicable Laws/Regulations

In Massachusetts, there are no fewer than nine potentially pertinent regulatory programs associated with activities proposed in environmentally sensitive areas. The following list of laws and regulations are most likely to apply to electrical utility projects in the Commonwealth.

- Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. 131 § 40) (MA WPA)
- Municipal wetland bylaws/ordinances (varies by municipality)
- Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (M.G.L. 131A) (MESA)
- “Chapter 91” Public Waterfront Act (M.G.L. c. 91 §§ 1 through 63)
- Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (M.G.L. c. 30 §§ 61 through 62H) (MEPA)
- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 403)
- Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251; 314 CMR 9.00)
  - Administrative Consent Order (ACO)
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344)
- Massachusetts Watershed Protection Act (M.G.L. 92A §1/2) (MA WsPA)

### C.2 Geographic Areas Subject to Jurisdiction

The following areas are subject to regulatory jurisdiction by at least one of the regulatory programs discussed in this section: It is important to note that more than one jurisdictional resource area type may be present at any given location.

- Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Resource Areas:
  - (Coastal) Land Under the Ocean; Designated Port Areas; Coastal Beaches; Coastal Dunes; Barrier Beaches; Coastal Banks; Rocky Intertidal Shores; Salt Marshes; Land Under Salt Ponds; Land Containing Shellfish; Banks of or Land Under the Ocean, Ponds, Streams, Rivers, Lakes or Creeks that Underlie Anadromous/Catadromous (“Fish Run”); Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage
  - (Inland). Bank; Bordering Vegetated Wetland; Land Under Water Bodies and Waterways; Land Subject to Flooding; 200-foot Riverfront Area; and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bank and BVW
- Areas subject to municipal wetlands bylaws or ordinances (note: varies by community)
- Estimated and/or Priority Habitat of State-listed Rare Species
- Outstanding Resource Waters (ORWs; include Certified Vernal Pools, public surface water drinking supplies, tributaries to drinking water supplies and vegetated wetlands adjacent thereto)
- Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)
- Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)
- Great Ponds



- Navigable waterways
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Quabbin Reservoir, Ware River and Wachusett Reservoir watersheds

### **C.2.1 Endangered Species**

The Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP), a department of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) maintains the current list of rare and endangered species and species of special concern in Massachusetts. Publicly available data only allows for identification of designated Priority Habitats of Rare Species and Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife, not specific species information. Priority and Estimated Habitat locations are available online via the Massachusetts Geographic Information System (MassGIS) viewer.

Species specific information is provided for planned linear transmission maintenance activities which are reviewed by NHESP as part of Eversource's annual Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan. Projects/ activities which are not covered in the O&M Plan must file an independent request for information or initiate coordination with NHESP through Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting.

Applicable regulations and agency are listed below:

- Massachusetts Endangered Species Act: 321 CMR 10.00 – Division of Fisheries and Wildlife – NHESP

### **C.2.2 Vernal Pools**

NHESP maintains a database of certified and potential vernal pools in Massachusetts. These data are available on the NHESP website and MassGIS. Certified Vernal Pools (CVP) are considered Outstanding Resource Waters (ORWs).

The current version of the Department of the Army General Permits for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (MA GPs), effective date April 16, 2018 (expiration date: April 5, 2023) includes General Conditions for protection of vernal pools, regardless of whether or not the vernal pool is certified by NHESP, and including the vernal pool depression, the vernal pool envelope (area within 100 feet of the vernal pool depression's edge), and the critical terrestrial habitat (area within 100-750 feet of the vernal pool depression's edge). Temporary impacts associated with construction mats in previously disturbed areas of existing utility projects rights-of-way are exempt from GP requirements regarding work in the vernal pool envelope or critical terrestrial habitat, provided that a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) exists that avoids, minimizes and mitigates impacts to aquatic resources. Applicable regulations and agencies for Certified Vernal Pools (CVPs) are listed below:

- Wetlands Protection Act: 310 CMR 10.00 – Municipal Conservation Commissions (and MassDEP)
- 401 Water Quality Certification for Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material, Dredging, and Dredged Material Disposal in Waters of the U.S. within the Commonwealth: 314 CMR 9.00 – MassDEP
- Department of the Army General Permits for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – ACOE

### **C.2.3 Essential Fish Habitat and Wild & Scenic River Designation**

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) is a habitat essential for spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity of federally managed species. This website provides more information: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/new-england-mid-atlantic#habitat>. Consultation

with the ACO is recommended to confirm the location of Essential Fish Habitat with respect to a proposed project.

Massachusetts has approximately 8,229 miles of river, of which 147.1 miles are designated as wild & scenic, as summarized below:

- Nashua River (Main Stem from the confluence of the North and South Rivers in Lancaster, and extending north to the MA-NH border; some geographic exclusions)
- Squannacook River (from headwaters in Ash Swamp/Townsend, extending downstream to the confluence with the Nashua River in Shirley/Ayer; some geographic exclusions)
- Nissitissit River (from headwaters in Brookline (NH) to confluence with the Nashua River in Pepperell)
- Sudbury River (14.9-mile segment from Danforth Street Bridge/Framingham downstream to the Route 2 Bridge/Concord; 1.7-mile segment)
- Assabet River
- Concord River
- Westfield River (Main Stem, East Branch, Middle Branch, West Branch, and named tributaries)
- Taunton River (main stem from headwaters at the confluence of the Town and Matfield Rivers (Bridgewater) downstream 40 miles to confluence with the Quequechan River at the Route 195 Bridge (Fall River))

Currently, there are no river segments under study in Massachusetts for National Wild and Scenic designation (<https://www.rivers.gov/study.php>).

Wild and Scenic designations should be verified via the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System website (<https://www.rivers.gov/massachusetts.php>) during project planning and permitting. The ACOE reviews projects for impacts to both EFH and National Wild and Scenic Rivers.

- Department of the Army General Permits for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – ACOE

#### **C.2.4 Cold-water Fishery Resources**

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) maintains a list of waters that are known to have cold-water fishery resources (CFRs) which are waters in which the mean of the maximum daily temperature over a seven day period generally does not exceed 68°F (20°C) and, when other ecological factors are favorable (such as habitat), are capable of supporting a year round population of cold-water stenothermal aquatic life. CFRs are not currently regulated in and of themselves in Massachusetts. However, MassDEP is particularly concerned with water quality impacts to CFRs due to erosion and sedimentation as a result of construction projects.

### **C.2.5 Outstanding Resource Waters**

Outstanding Resource Waters (ORWs) include Certified Vernal Pools (CVPs), surface drinking water supplies, tributaries to surface drinking water supplies and vegetated wetlands adjacent thereto.

CVPs are designated by NHESP and locations are available through MassGIS. Locations of surface drinking water supplies and other ORWs, typically identified as Zone A, are also available through MassGIS. The applicable regulations and agency are listed below:

- 401 Water Quality Certification for Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material, Dredging, and Dredged Material Disposal in Waters of the U.S. within the Commonwealth: 314 CMR 9.00 – MassDEP

### **C.2.6 Historic/Cultural Resources**

The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) is the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) and, along with the Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources (BUAR), are the state agencies responsible for protecting the Commonwealth's historic and cultural resources. Additional stakeholders for cultural resources include the Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs, Native American tribes with interests in the state, and local historical commissions.

## **C.3 Applicable Regulatory Agencies**

Activities subject to jurisdiction under the above-referenced programs will generally be subject to review by one or more regulatory agencies (refer to list below). New stream and wetland crossings not related to maintenance will require permitting with municipal Conservation Commissions, and may require permitting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under Sections 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act. Any non-maintenance work within Land Under Water will require permitting with the MassDEP Division of Wetlands and Waterways. Coordination with NHESP may also be required for projects located within areas mapped as Priority and/or Estimated Habitat for state-listed rare species. For work within navigable waters, consultation may be required with the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (MA CZM).

- Municipal Conservation Commissions
- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Division of Wetlands and Waterways
- Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife: Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP)
- Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) New England District
- Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (MA CZM)
- Massachusetts Division of Conservation and Recreation (MA DCR)

## **C.4 Maintenance, Repair, or Emergency Projects**

Most regulatory programs contain provisions that allow normal maintenance of existing structures and/or response to emergency situations that require immediate attention.

### **C.4.1 Maintain, Repair and/or Replace**

Exemptions or considerations for maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of existing electrical utility structures exist in some environmental regulations, but not all. The exemptions are limited to work related to existing and lawfully located structures where

no change in the original structure or footprint is proposed. It is not for the selected contractor of a particular project to make a determination as to whether an activity is exempt. This determination will be made prior to the commencement of work by the Eversource project manager in consultation with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting.

These exemptions/considerations are afforded at:

- MAWPA (M.G.L Chapter 131, § 40, paragraph 1)
- MAWPA regulations for Riverfront Area (310 CMR 10.58(6))
- MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.01(2)(b)(3))
- 33 CFR Part 323.4(a)(2)
- MESA (M.G.L. Chapter 131A, § 3; 321 CMR 10.14(5-7) and (12))
- MAWPA (350 CMR 11.05(11) and (12))
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Construction General Permit (as modified effective February 16, 2012)

Certain operation and maintenance activities that will directly impact Waters of the United States through the discharge of fill (e.g., construction mats) are subject to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act.

#### **C.4.2 Emergency Projects**

Emergency provisions are generally afforded to activities that need to abate conditions that pose a threat to public health or safety. These provisions generally do not allow work beyond what is necessary to abate the emergency condition and will generally require an after-the-fact permit. It is not for the selected contractor of a particular project to make a determination as to whether an activity is an emergency. This determination will be made prior to work by the Eversource project manager, in consultation with Eversource environmental staff.

It is important to note that invocation of an emergency provision does not release the project proponent from reporting requirements.

Emergency provisions are afforded at:

- MAWPA regulations (310 CMR 10.06)
- MEPA (301 CMR 11.00)
- MA 401 WQC (314 CMR 9.12)
- Chapter 91 (310 CMR 9.20)
- MESA (321 CMR 10.15)

### **C.5 Municipal Permitting**

Work within wetlands, watercourses and Buffer Zones typically requires permitting with municipal Conservation Commissions. Work that entails “maintaining, repairing or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public and used to provide electric service” is exempt under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MAWPA) per MGL Chapter 131 Section 40. However, individual municipalities may establish their own wetlands bylaws under Home Rule authority which could require permitting for operation and maintenance activities. The following table lists communities in which Eversource operates and maintains infrastructure and which have a wetland bylaw. Appropriate municipal

permitting or notification should be completed in these towns as required prior to conducting operation and maintenance activities. Bylaws may be revised, or new bylaws enacted, at any time. Consult with Eversource Environmental Licensing and Permitting prior to the commencement of work.

**TABLE C-1**Eversource Energy Communities with Municipal Wetland Bylaws<sup>1</sup>

Community	Date of Bylaw	Utility Maintenance Exemption	Notification Required
Acton	7/8/2003	Yes	No
Amherst	2/12/2014	Yes	Yes
Andover	5/11/1999	Yes	Yes
Aquinnah	6/23/2020	Yes	Yes
Arlington	5/15/2000	No	Yes
Ashland	5/6/2009	Yes	Yes
Attleboro	12/12/2007	No	No
Auburn	5/1/2012	Yes	Yes
Avon	5/7/2019	Yes	Yes
Barnstable	11/7/1987/rev. 7/7/2003	Yes	Yes
Bedford	1987/rev. 2016	Yes	Yes
Belchertown	6/7/2020	Yes	Yes
Bellingham	12/2015	No	Yes
Berlin	2/15/2021	Yes	Yes
Bolton	5/7/2012	Yes	No
Boston	12/11/2019	Yes	Yes
Bourne	10/26/2009	No	Yes
Brewster	1/1/2013	Yes	Yes
Bridgewater	11/13/1990	Yes	Yes
Brookline	5/28/2013	Yes	Yes
Burlington	5/2021	Yes	Yes
Canton	5/10/2017	Yes	Yes
Carlisle	2002	Yes	No
Carver	1998	Yes	Yes
Chatham	5/10/2004	Yes	Yes
Chicopee	4/3/2002	Yes	Yes
Chilmark	10/12/1993	No	Yes
Dartmouth	1990/rev. 8/25/2015	Yes	Yes
Dedham	11/18/2013	Yes	Yes
Deerfield	11/6/1989	Yes	Yes
Dennis	5/5/1989	Yes	Yes
Dover	5/2/1994	Yes	Yes
Duxbury		Yes	No
East Longmeadow	10/1992	Yes	Yes
Eastham	1980/rev. 1999	Yes	Yes
Edgartown	1985/rev. 6/25/1991	No	Yes
Fairhaven	5/10/1988	Yes	No
Falmouth	4/2/1979/rev. 7/16/1993	Yes	Yes

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Eversource Energy Communities with Municipal Wetland Bylaws<sup>1</sup>

Community	Date of Bylaw	Utility Maintenance Exemption	Notification Required
Framingham	4/26/2005	Yes	Yes
Grafton	5/11/1987	Yes	Yes
Greenfield	11/23/2001	Yes	No
Hadley	5/1/2008	No	Yes
Hampden	8/5/1992	Yes	Yes
Harwich	7/1/2003/rev. 11/25/2020	No	Yes
Holden	2011	Yes	Yes
Holliston	5/2021	Yes	Yes
Hopkinton	5/2/1995/rev. 5/7/2012	Yes	Yes
Holyoke	11/2005	Yes	Yes
Kingston	2004	No	Yes
Leicester	11/2015	Yes	Yes
Lenox <sup>3</sup>	12/18/1985	Yes	No
Lexington	5/3/1982	No	Yes
Lincoln	3/24/2007	No	Yes
Longmeadow	10/2000	Yes	No
Ludlow	5/1/2002	Yes	No
Marshfield	1988/rev. 4/23/2018	Yes	Yes
Mashpee	2/1/1988	Yes	Yes
Maynard	12/3/2005	Yes	Yes
Medfield	1926	Yes	No
Medway	7/2014	Yes	Yes
Milford	5/2010	Yes	No
Millis	5/13/1191	Yes	No
Millville	5/13/2013	Yes	Yes
Natick	4/27/2000	Yes	No
Needham	9/1/1988	Yes	Yes
New Bedford	2017	Yes	Yes
Norfolk	11/9/2010	Yes	Yes
Northampton	8/17/1989	Yes	Yes
Northborough	5/21/1990	Yes	Yes
Northbridge	5/6/2008	Yes	Yes
Oak Bluffs	4/1983	No	Yes
Orleans	5/5/1987	Yes	Yes
Palmer	8/12/2013	Yes	Yes
Pelham	5/2/1987	Yes	Yes
Pembroke	4/22/2008	Yes	No
Plymouth	4/5/1989	Yes	Yes
Plympton	5/16/2012	Yes	Yes
Provincetown	5/2019	Yes	Yes
Richmond	5/2015	Yes	Yes
Rochester	As of 12/2015	Yes	Yes



**TABLE C-1**  
Eversource Energy Communities with Municipal Wetland Bylaws<sup>1</sup>

Community	Date of Bylaw	Utility Maintenance Exemption	Notification Required
Sandwich	5/4/1992	Yes	Yes
Sharon	As of 12/2015	Yes	No
Sherborn	2013	Yes	No
Shutesbury	5/2/1987	Yes	Yes
Southampton	9/21/2021	Yes	Yes
Southborough	4/10/1995	Yes	Yes
South Hadley	12/27/2005	No	Yes
Southwick	6/6/1989	Yes	Yes
Springfield	5/5/1993	Yes	Yes
Stoneham	4/2013	Yes	Yes
Stow	5/21/2003	No	Yes
Sudbury		Yes	Yes
Sunderland	4/27/1990	Yes	Yes
Sutton	5/11/2015	Yes	Yes
Tisbury	1/1/1983	Yes	No
Truro	9/30/2010	No	Yes
Upton	2009	Yes	Yes
Walpole	2002	Yes	Yes
Wareham	4/25/2016	Yes	Yes
Watertown	10/2010	Yes	Yes
Wayland	5/1/2002	Yes	No
Wellfleet	4/20/1986/rev. 10/6/2021	Yes	Yes
Wendell	3/10/1988	Yes	Yes
West Tisbury	6/3/2004	Yes	Yes
Westborough	10/20/2008	Yes	Yes
Westfield	5/20/2003	Yes	Yes
Westport <sup>4</sup>	4/11/1995	No	Yes
Westwood	1989	Yes	Yes
Wilbraham	5/27/1997	Yes	Yes
Winchester		No	Yes
Woburn	6/24/1987	Yes	Yes
Worcester	7/1/2007	Partial	Yes
Yarmouth	12/1/2016	No	Yes

<sup>1</sup> Information based on the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions website as of 2019 and municipal websites.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to municipal bylaws prior to conducting work in the community.

<sup>3</sup> Berkshire Scenic Mountain Act, as adopted by the Town of Lenox and administered by the Lenox Conservation Commission.

<sup>4</sup> Town of Westport Soil Conservation Bylaw, as administered by the Westport Conservation Commission.

## C.6 MA Department of Environmental Protection

Review and approval under the Commonwealth's Water Quality Certification Regulations

is required for “discharge of dredged or fill materials, dredging, and dredged material disposal activities in waters of the United States within the Commonwealth which require federal licenses or permits and which are subject to state water quality certification under 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq. The federal agency issuing a permit initially determines the scope of geographic and activity jurisdiction” (314 CMR 9.01(2)). An individual Water Quality Certification is required from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) for any activity identified at 314 CMR 9.04. In accordance with 314 CMR 9.04 (4) activities which are exempt from MGL Chapter 131 Section 40 but are subject to 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq., and will result in any discharge of dredge or fill material to bordering vegetated wetlands or land under water require an individual 401 Water Quality Certification.

Eversource entered into an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) with MassDEP in 2017. This ACO serves as a general permit under the 401 Water Quality regulations (314 CMR 9.00) and establishes general conditions for routine operation and maintenance activities within existing ROWs.

### C.7 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Work within wetlands and waters of the United States is subject to jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which is administered by the ACOE. The General Permits for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (MA GPs) establish categories for projects based on their nature of impacts. The MA GPs were most recently issued on April 16, 2018, and expire on April 5, 2023.

Certain minor activities are eligible for Self-Verification (SV), which requires submittal of a Self-Verification Notification Form (SVNF) prior to the commencement of work. Activities eligible for Self-Verification are authorized under the MA GPs and may proceed without written verification from the ACOE as long as the SVNF has been submitted and the activity meets the terms and conditions of the applicable MA GPs.

Activities requiring Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) require the submittal of an application to the ACOE, followed by a screening of the application by the ACOE, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Marine Fisheries Service, MassDEP, and consultation with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) and the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources (BUAR). PCN projects may not proceed until written verification from the ACOE is received.

An Individual Permit (IP) requires a formal permit application to be submitted to the ACOE. The application is reviewed in detail by both state and federal agencies, and a public notice is released for public comment. Projects which trigger an Individual Permit generally result in significant impacts to wetlands and/or watercourses outside the limits of the MA GPs.

Work within, or above, Navigable Waters is also administered by the ACOE under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

ACOE permitting does not apply to activities that fall under the maintenance exemption set forth at 33 CFR 323.4(a)(2) – Discharges Not Requiring Permits:

*“Maintenance, including emergency reconstruction of recently damaged parts, of currently serviceable structures such as dikes, dams, levees, groins, riprap, breakwaters, causeways, bridge abutments or approaches, and transportation structures. Maintenance does not include any modification that changes the character, scope, or size of the original fill design. Emergency reconstruction must occur within a reasonable period of time after damage occurs in order to qualify for **this exemption.**”*

Maintenance projects that occurred prior to the ACOE jurisdiction over fill activities, or that were properly permitted, can proceed under the maintenance exemption noted above, provided that the same temporary fill areas are used. However, it is recommended that a formal determination be requested from the ACOE to confirm these activities are exempt. The repair, rehabilitation or replacement of a previously authorized, currently serviceable structure or fill (with some minor deviations in the structure's configuration or filled area) are regulated under MA GP1 and subject to SV or PCN.

Also, operation and maintenance related activities that do not meet the above exemption may qualify for SV. In that case, it is recommended that a copy of the SVNF be submitted to MassDEP.

The MA GPs are listed below. MA GPs specifically, and typically, applicable to utility projects are emphasized by bold italic font:

*GP1. Repair, Replacement and Maintenance of Authorized Structures and Fills*

GP2. Moorings

GP3. Pile-Supported Structures, Floats and Lifts

GP4. Aids to Navigation, and Temporary Recreational Structures

GP5. Dredging, Disposal of Dredged Material, Beach Nourishment, and Rock Removal and Relocation

GP6. Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material Incidental to the Construction of Bridges

GP7. Bank and Shoreline Stabilization

GP8. Residential, Commercial and Institutional Developments, and Recreational Facilities

*GP9. Utility Line Activities*

*GP10. Linear Transportation Projects Including Stream Crossings*

GP11. Mining Activities

GP12. Boat Ramps and Marine Railways

GP13. Land and Water-Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities and Hydropower Projects

*GP14. Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering*

GP15. Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches, New Ditches, and Mosquito Management

*GP16. Response Operations for Oil and Hazardous Substances*

GP17. Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste

GP18. Scientific Measurement Devices

GP19. Survey Activities

GP20. Agricultural Activities

GP21. Fish and Wildlife Harvesting and Attraction Devices and Activities

GP22. Habitat Restoration, Establishment and Enhancement Activities

GP23. Previously Authorized Activities

In general, the following cumulative thresholds apply for determining the level of ACOE permitting required:

**Table C-2**  
**MA GPs Permits Limits**

Resources	SV Limits (SV Eligible)	PCN Limits (PCN Eligible)	IP Limits (IP Required)
Non-tidal waters of the US	0 to 5,000 sf	5,000 sf to 1 acre	>1 acre
Tidal waters of the US	Not eligible	All discharges ≤1/2 acre	>1/2 acre
SAS in tidal waters of the US excluding vegetated shallows	Not eligible	All discharges ≤1,000 sf	>1,000 sf

SAS in tidal waters of the US consisting of vegetated shallows only	Not eligible	All discharges $\leq 100$ sf (compensatory mitigation is required)	$> 100$ sf
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\*Special Aquatic Sites (SAS) consist of wetlands, mud flats, vegetated shallows, sanctuaries and refuges, coral reefs, and riffle and pool complexes. These are defined at 40 CFR 230 Subpart E.

Stream and wetland crossings are only subject to jurisdiction under the ACOE if there is a **discharge of dredge or fill material into wetlands or waters of the United States**. Equipment access through a stream or wetland with no structural BMP is not regulated by the ACOE if there is no discharge of dredge or fill material (note that equipment rutting as a result of not using an appropriate BMP can be considered a "discharge of dredge material"). Similarly, the use of a timber or rail car bridge that extends from bank to bank with no stream impacts is not regulated by the ACOE. The use of timber mats, stone, and log corduroy is considered "fill material" by the ACOE under the MA GPs, and must be calculated to determine overall impacts.

Maintenance, including emergency reconstruction of currently serviceable structures, is exempt from ACOE jurisdiction and does not require formal permitting. Maintenance does not include any modification that changes the character, scope, or size of the original fill design. Emergency reconstruction must occur within a reasonable period of time after damage occurs to qualify for this exemption.

New culvert installation or existing culvert replacements may require permitting with local Conservation Commissions under the MAWPA, and may also require permitting with the ACOE under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and the MassDEP under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Stream and wetland crossings (including culvert installations) that involve the discharge of dredge and fill material may be conducted under SV if the following criteria are met.

- The use of construction mats of any area can be used to conduct activities that were previously authorized, authorized under Self-Verification, or not subject to regulation. Other temporary or permanent fill and associated secondary impacts must meet the SV limits.
- Authorized construction mats must be removed immediately upon work completion, and the wetlands must be restored per the General Conditions.

The project has no potential for an effect on a historic property within the permit area or any known historic property that may occur outside the permit area.

- Any in-water work controls that encroach upon more than 25 percent of the stream width are limited to a Time of Year (TOY) restriction in consideration of spawning, breeding and migration to maintain upstream fish passage. Activities within streams proposed during the TOY restrictions are generally ineligible for SV authorization.
- The work does not result in direct or secondary impacts to Special Aquatic Sites.
- No work occurs in Navigable Waters (waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and, in Massachusetts, the non-tidal consist of the Merrimack River, Connecticut River, and Charles River to the Watertown Dam).
- Span streams or size culverts or pipe arches such that they are at least 1.2 times the bankfull width. Spans are strongly preferred as they avoid or minimize disruption to the streambed and avoid entire streambed reconstruction and maintenance inside the culvert or pipe arch, which may be difficult in smaller structures. Footings and abutments for spans and scour protection should be landward of 1.2 times bankfull width.
- Embed culverts or pipe arches below the grade of the streambed. This is not required when ledge/bedrock prevents embedment, in which case spans are required. The following depths are recommended to prevent streambed washout, and ensure compliance and long-term success:
  - $\geq 2$  feet for box culverts and pipe arches, or
  - $\geq 2$  feet and at least 25% for round pipe culverts.
- Match the culvert gradient (slope) with the stream channel profile.
- Construct crossings with a natural bottom substrate within the structure matching the characteristics of the substrate in the natural stream channel and the banks (mobility, slope, stability, confinement, grain and rock size) at the time of construction and over time as the structure has had the opportunity to pass substantial high flow events.
- Construct crossings with appropriate bed forms and streambed characteristics so that water depths and velocities are comparable to those found in the natural channel at a variety of flows at the time of construction and over time. In order to provide appropriate water depths and velocities at a variety of flows and especially low flows, it is usually necessary to reconstruct the streambed (sometimes including a low flow channel) or replicate or preserve the natural channel within the structure. Otherwise, the width of the structure needed to accommodate higher flows will create conditions that are too shallow at low flows. Flows could go subsurface within the structure if only large material is used without smaller material filling the voids.
- Openness, which is the cross-sectional area of a structure opening divided by its crossing length when measured in consistent units, is  $> 0.82$  feet (0.25 meters).

Banks on each side of the stream inside the crossing matching the horizontal profile of the existing stream and banks outside the crossing are recommended. To prevent failure, all constructed banks should have a height to width ratio of no greater than 1:1.5 (vertical:horizontal) unless the stream is naturally incised. Tie these banks into the up and downstream banks and configure them to be stable during expected high flows.

- The project is not located within a vernal pool depression, or vernal pool envelope, and does not individually or cumulatively impact greater than 25% of the vernal pool critical terrestrial habitat. It is feasible for some temporary impacts associated with the use of construction mats in previously disturbed ROWs to occur within the vernal pool envelope or critical terrestrial habitat if a Vegetation Management Plan demonstrates avoidance, minimization and mitigation impacts to aquatic resources.
- Culvert extensions do not qualify for SV.
- Culvert projects using slip lining do not qualify for SV, either as new work or maintenance activities.
- No open trench excavation in flowing waters. No work in riffles and pools.
- The project does not entail stream relocation.
- Work is not conducted within riffles or pools.
- Normal flows within the stream boundary's confines must be maintained, i.e., temporary flume pipes, culverts, cofferdams, etc.
- Water diversions (i.e., bypass pumping or water withdrawals) may be used immediately up and downstream of the work footprint.
- The project is (a) not located in the designated main stem of, or within 0.25 miles up or downstream of the designated main stem of, or in tributaries within 0.25 miles of the designated main stem of a National Wild and Scenic River System; (b) not in "bordering or contiguous wetlands" that are adjacent to the designated main stem of a National Wild and Scenic River; or (c) does not have the potential to alter flows within a river within the National Wild and Scenic River System.
- The project is not located within areas containing USFWS or National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)-listed species or critical habitat. The project is not "likely to adversely affect" listed species or habitat per the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) or result in a "take" of any federally-listed threatened or endangered species of fish or wildlife.
- The project does not impinge upon the value of any National Wildlife Refuge, National Forest, National Marine Sanctuary, or any other area administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service or National Park Service.
- The project is not located on ACOE properties and ACOE-controlled easements.
- The project does not propose temporary or permanent modification or use of a federal project beyond minor modifications required for normal operation and maintenance.
- The project minimizes use of heavy construction equipment, and, where required, either has low ground pressure (typically less than 3 psi) or it must be placed on construction mats.
- Construction mats must be placed in the wetland from the upland or from equipment positioned on swamp mats if working within a wetland.
- Temporary fill must be stabilized. Unconfined, authorized temporary fill must consist of clean material that minimizes impacts to water quality. Temporary fill placed during the growing season must be removed before the beginning of the next growing season. If temporary fill is placed during the non-growing season, it may remain throughout the following growing season but must be removed before the beginning of the next growing season.



- Appropriate erosion, sedimentation and turbidity controls are used and maintained during construction.
- Appropriate measures must be taken to minimize flooding to the maximum extent practicable.

Wetland and stream crossings may be authorized under PCN if the following criteria are met:

- The work results in less than one acre of impacts to inland, non-tidal, wetlands or waters of the United States.

Stream and wetland crossings that cannot meet SV or PCN criteria may require review under an IP. The ACOE should be consulted before assuming an IP will be required, as exceptions can be made under certain circumstances.

## C.8 Temporary Stream Crossings

### C.8.1 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

See Section C.7 for general ACOE permitting requirements for stream crossings. To qualify for SV, temporary stream crossings (typically culverts) that are not spans must be designed in accordance with below.

- 1) Installed outside of the TOY restrictions and must be removed before the beginning of the TOY restriction of that same season. Temporary crossings that must remain into the TOY restriction will require PCN review.
- 2) Impacts to the streambed or banks require restoration to their original condition (see "Stream Simulation: An Ecological Approach to Providing Passage for Aquatic Organisms at Road-Stream Crossings," for stream simulation restoration methods). Use geotextile fabric or other appropriate bedding for stream beds and approaches where practicable to ensure restoration to the original grade. The requirements in GCs 17, 18 and 19 are particularly relevant.
- 3) Avoid excavating the stream or embedding crossings.
- 4) For Culverts:
  - a. The water height should be no higher than the top of the culvert's inlet and the culvert is large enough to pass debris.
  - b. Install energy dissipating devices downstream if necessary to prevent scour.
  - c. The TOY restrictions in GC 18 and the restrictions in GC 17(f) are particularly relevant.
- 5) Removed upon the completion of work. Impacts to the streambed or banks requires restoration to their original condition using stream simulation methods.

In-kind repair, replacement and maintenance of currently serviceable, authorized fills are eligible for SV. However, the conditions of the original authorization apply, and minor deviations in fill design are allowed. In-kind repair and maintenance of culverts that includes an expansion or change in use requires PCN. Replacement of non-serviceable fills, including an expansion or change in use, also requires PCN. In-kind replacement using the same materials is exempt from Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and does not require permitting with the ACOE. The ACOE, however, should be consulted before assuming an activity is exempt from their jurisdiction.


## APPENDIX D

Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) for subsurface utility installations is considered to be the most effective and least environmentally damaging technique when compared to traditional mechanical dredging and trenching. This method ensures the placement of the pipeline at the target burial depth with no wetland or water body disturbance. HDD installation is the preferred method for crossing sensitive resources—the alternative is open cut trenching.

The HDD procedure uses bentonite slurry, a fine clay material as a drilling lubricant. Directional drilling has the small potential to release bentonite slurry into the surface environment through frac-outs. This term describes the situation caused when the drilling head and its accompanying inert clay lubricant slurry, hits a subterranean fractured substrate. When the pressurized lubricant slurry reaches the fracture it can follow the fracture up or otherwise force itself to the surface or into the water if drilling is occurring under a waterbody. If a "frac-out" occurs under these water features, the potential exists for the inert clay (a non-toxic bentonite-based substance) to be released into the water column. In large quantities, the release of drilling mud into a waterbody could affect fisheries or other aquatic organisms by settling and temporarily inundating the habitats used by these species. Properly monitoring the slurry pressures and amounts significantly decreases risk of significant quantities of drilling fluid being released into the environment.

Frac-out is most likely to occur near the bore entry and exit points where the drill head is shallow. Should a frac-out occur during HDD operations, the following measures will be taken.

- Temporarily suspend forward drilling progress.
- Monitor frac-out for 4 hours to determine if the drilling mud congeals. (Bentonite will usually harden, effectively sealing the frac-out location.)
- If drilling mud congeals, take no other action that would potentially suspend sediments in the water column.
- If drilling mud does not congeal, erect appropriate isolation/containment measures (i.e. turbidity curtains and/or underwater boom and curtain).
- If the fracture becomes excessively large, a spill response team would be called in to contain and clean up excess drilling mud in the water. Phone numbers of spill response teams in the area will be on site.
- Following containment, evaluate the current drilling profile (i.e. drill pressures, pump volume rates, drilling mud consistency) to identify means to prevent further frac-out events.
- If the fracture is mitigated and controlled, forward progress of the drilling may resume.

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#### **PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE:**

This document provides National Grid personnel, consultants and contractors with Best Management Practices (BMPs) for conducting work on electric and natural gas transmission and distribution rights-of-ways (ROWs) and substations in New England.

#### **WHO:**

These BMPs are to be followed by all personnel conducting work on Company electric and gas ROWs and substations in New England. These BMPs do not apply to Company employees and contractors performing routine vegetation management activities that are not a part of construction or re-construction projects. Employees and contractors maintaining vegetation on Company ROWs and substations must follow the National Grid ROW Vegetation and Substation Vegetation Management Plans.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

Refer to **Glossary** in **Appendix 1** and **Acronyms** in **Appendix 2**.

#### **WHAT TO DO:**

##### **1.0 Project Planning**

Prior to the start of any project (proposed new facilities or maintenance of existing facilities), the Project Engineer or other project planner shall determine whether any environmental permits or approvals are required, per the state-specific EG-301 environmental checklists. Any questions regarding which activities may be conducted in regulated areas or within environmentally sensitive areas shall be referred to the National Grid Environmental Scientist or Project Environmental Consultant.

All new construction and maintenance projects shall follow clear and enforceable environmental performance standards, which is the purpose for which these BMPs have been compiled.


##### **1.1 Avoidance and Minimization**

Measures shall always be taken to avoid impacts to wetlands, waterways, rare species habitats, known below and above ground historical/archeological resources and other environmentally sensitive areas. If avoidance is not possible, then measures shall be taken to minimize the extent of impacts. Alternate access routes or staging areas shall always be considered. Below is a list of methods that shall be considered where impacts are unavoidable:

- Use existing ROW access where available. Keep to approved routes and roads without deviating from them or making them wider.
- Off-ROW access shall never be assumed and shall be coordinated through National Grid Real Estate before being implemented.
- Where no existing ROW access is present, avoid wetlands and if a wetland crossing is necessary, cross wetlands at the most narrow point possible or at the location of a previously used crossing (if evident). Figure 1 below illustrates this minimization technique.

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- Avoid and minimize stream crossings.
- Minimize the width of typical access roads through wetlands to a maximum width of 16 feet.
- Conduct work manually (without using motorized equipment) in wetlands, wherever possible.
- Use construction mats in wetlands to minimize soil disturbance and rutting when crossing or working within wetlands. When not using mats for access, standard vehicles shall not be allowed to drive across wetlands without the prior approval of the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Use of a low ground pressure (LGP) vehicle may be a feasible alternative to mats provided that such LGP vehicle use has been reviewed and approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist. See Section 7.0.
- Coordinate the timing of work to cause the least impacts during the regulatory low-flow period under normal conditions, when water/ground is frozen, after the spring songbird nesting season, and, outside of the anticipated amphibian migration window (mid-February to mid-June). Refer to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) state-specific General Permit for the definition of the low-flow period in each state at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/>. A summary table is provided in Section 7.0.
- Seek alternative routes or work methods to minimize impact.

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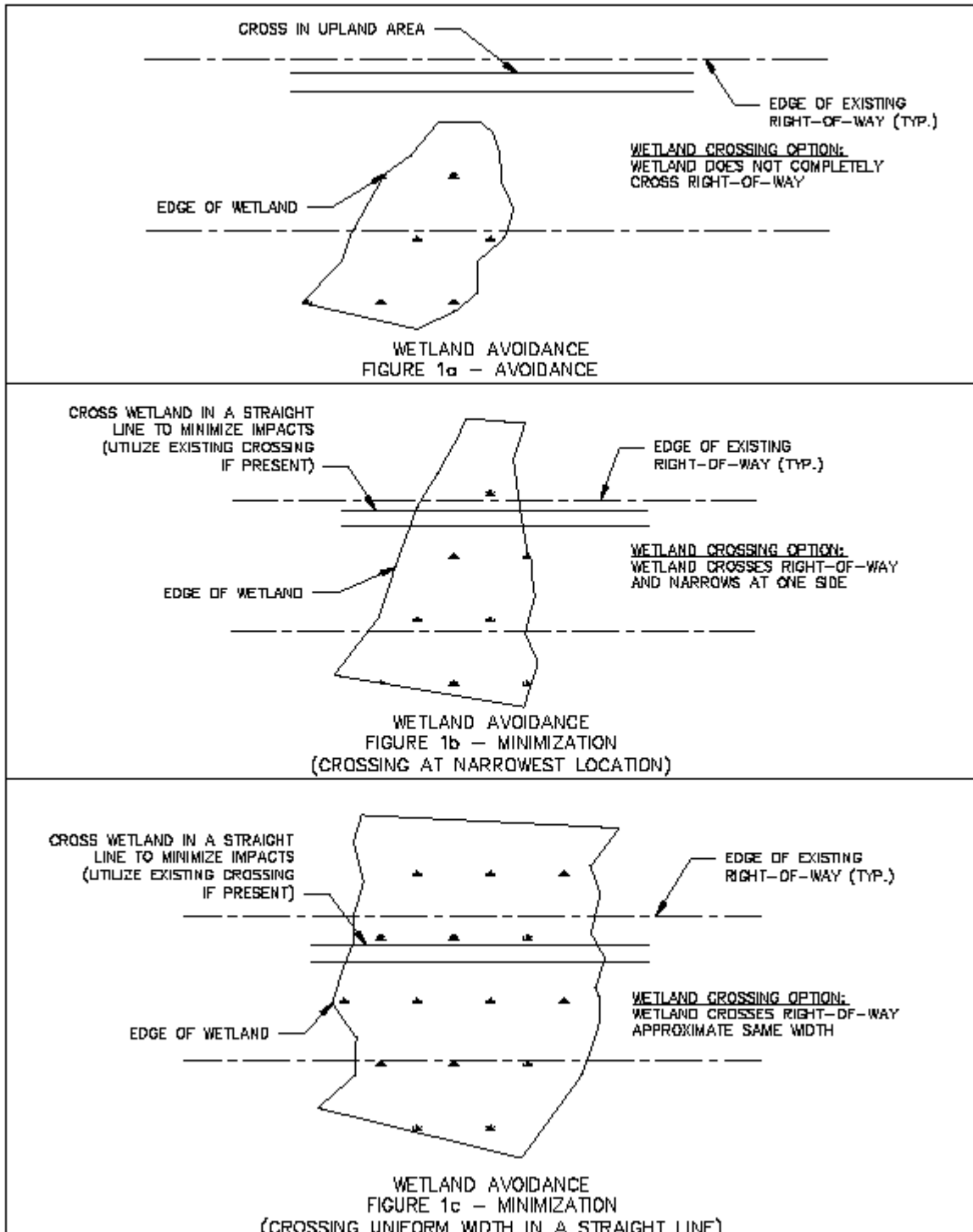
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## 1.2 Historically Significant Areas

Areas that have been identified as historically and/or culturally significant shall be avoided in accordance with site-specific avoidance plans, as applicable. Refer to the project-specific Environmental Field Issue (EFI) for any applicable avoidance plans or consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Demarcation of these areas to be avoided shall use staked orange snow fencing or an equivalent physical barrier (not just ribbon flagging) and signage. Refer to Section 14.0 for signage guidance.

## 1.3 Rare Species Habitat

Work within areas that have been identified as mapped rare species habitat shall follow site-specific requirements, as applicable. In Massachusetts, maintenance activities within mapped habitat (known as Priority Habitat of Rare Species) shall follow the BMPs outlined in the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP)-approved National Grid Operation and Maintenance Plan. Work in mapped rare species habitat may require, at a minimum, turtle training for crews and sweeps of work areas for turtles, botanist identification of rare plant locations and avoidance of these locations, and protection of vernal pools, all prior to the start of work. Demarcation of these areas to be avoided (e.g., rare plant populations, overwintering turtles, nests) shall use staked orange snow fencing or an equivalent physical barrier (not just ribbon flagging) and signage. Refer to Section 14.0 for signage guidance.

Where new substations are being constructed or existing substations are undergoing a rebuild or expansion, and the substations are located in mapped rare turtle habitat, project team members should consider fenceline improvements or measures needed to prevent/eliminate turtle entrance into the substation or allow multiple points for easy egress such that turtles are not trapped within the substation fenceline.

Other requirements may apply in NH, VT and RI. Refer to the project-specific EFI for any applicable measures or consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

## 1.4 Meetings


Pre-permitting meetings shall take place early in the project development process to determine what permits are triggered by the proposed work and the timeline required for permitting. During these meetings, the team shall develop access plans and BMPs to be used during construction of the project.

Field / Constructability review meetings shall take place on-site to evaluate construction site access and job site set-up, to ensure that the project can proceed as permitted. It is at this point in time where work areas, pulling locations, laydown areas, parking areas, and equipment storage areas are evaluated and located. Off-ROW areas under consideration should be included in this discussion.

Prior to submitting permit plans to regulatory authorities, the construction group (contractor or National Grid) shall review the plans for final sign off.

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Pre-construction meetings are typically held prior to the commencement of all work to appoint responsible parties, discuss timing of work, and further consider options to avoid and/or minimize impacts to sensitive areas. These meetings can occur on- or off-site and shall include all the willing and available stakeholders (i.e., utility employees, contractors, consultants, inspectors, and/or monitors, and regulatory personnel). Training of crews and supervisors of the EFI, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), rare species, and other permit requirements shall be conducted at a pre-construction meeting.

Pre-job briefings shall be conducted daily or otherwise routinely scheduled meetings shall be conducted on-site with the work crew throughout the duration of the work. These meetings are a way of keeping everyone up to date, confirming there is consensus on work methods and responsibilities, and ensuring that tasks are being fulfilled with as little impact to the environment as possible.

The Project Environmental Scientist/Monitor and Construction Project Manager shall communicate regularly (e.g. weekly or bi-weekly meetings or phone conversations) to discuss the work completed since last communication (i.e. work locations, wetland impacts, equipment used, and unexpected delays or work conditions). These meetings or calls shall include the expected schedule of construction for the upcoming week, the long term construction plans, and planned methods for working near/in wetlands. Both the Project Environmental Scientist/Monitor and Construction Project Manager shall work together so the Project complies with all environmental permits and regulations. When changes to the Project scope or agreed work plan are proposed they shall be done so with the final approval of the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

### **1.5 Communication of Project Specific Environmental Requirements**


Project specific environmental concerns, to include sensitive resources, permits, approved access and time-of-year or other restrictions, shall be communicated to the project team and be included as part of the Pre-Bid and Pre-Construction Meetings. Project specific requirements shall be communicated to the project manager/construction manager/engineering group using the following guidelines:

Environmental Field Issue – The EFI will be a full document consisting of narrative, project permits, access and matting plans. A table summarizing pertinent (but not all) permit conditions and the responsible party for those conditions shall be included in the EFI. Copies of all permits should be included as attachments. This will be prepared for most projects with multiple permits or large, complex projects (siting board, Section 404, 401 WQC, SWPPP). There shall be EFI training at the pre-construction meeting. The National Grid EFI template is located in **EI-303NE**.

Simplified Environmental Field Issue – The Simplified EFI is a memorandum containing environmental resources present, project permit(s), access and matting plans and a table summarizing relevant permit conditions and responsible party for those conditions. Copies of all permits should be included as attachments. The Simplified EFI will be prepared for most projects with 1 or 2 permits (Order of Conditions, S404 Cat 1). The Simplified EFI should also be provided for projects that have environmental resources present, but the scope of the project does not trigger environmental permitting (e.g., the scope of work qualifies for maintenance exemption(s)). The resources present

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shall be discussed at the Pre-Bid and Pre-Construction meetings and any changes in scope will require additional review by the National Grid project team.

E-mail delivery of Permit and any Sediment/Erosion control or BMP plan – For those projects with only one permit (eg., MA Order of Conditions, RI DEM permit, RI CRMC permit, NH Utility Notification) or projects with a sediment & erosion control plan (local town requirement or for exempt maintenance work), a copy of the permit and any applicable plan will be emailed to the Project Manager (and the project team where deemed necessary) to be incorporated into the Construction Field Issue.

STORMS work management system input – For STORMS work, no EFI is prepared unless multiple permits are required for the project (see guidance above). If only a MA Order of Conditions, MA Determination of Applicability, RI DEM permit, RI CRMC permit, RI SESC Approval, or NH Utility Notification is required, then the permit is attached in the Documents tab and conditions noted in Remarks/Comments section. Standard STORMS boilerplate language is located in **EI-303NE**.

## 1.6 Timing of Work

Regulatory authorities may place seasonal or time-of-year restrictions on project construction elements. These time-of-year restrictions may be state or permit-specific, and shall be adhered to.

Work during frozen conditions. Activities conducted once wetland areas are frozen sufficient to minimize rutting and other impacts to the surrounding environment may be authorized by the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Work during this time also generally reduces disturbance of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife movement by avoiding sensitive breeding and nesting seasons. When not using mats for access, vehicles shall not be allowed to drive across wetlands without the prior approval of the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

Work during the regulatory low-flow period. Conducting work during the low-flow period can reduce impacts to surface water and generally avoids spawning and breeding seasons of aquatic organisms. If the water is above normal seasonal levels, adjustments to work activities and methods are required.

## 1.7 Alternate Access

### 1.7.1 Manual Access


In some cases such as for smaller projects, work areas can be accessed manually. This includes access on foot through upland and shallow wetland areas, access by boat through open water or ponded areas, and climbing of structures where possible. Smaller projects, such as repair of individual structures, or parts of structures, that do not categorically require the use of heavy machinery, shall be accessed manually to the greatest extent practicable.

### 1.7.2 Use of Overhead/Aerial Access

Using helicopters can be expensive and is not always feasible, but it may be appropriate in some situations in order to get workers and equipment to a site that otherwise may be very difficult to access. The use of overhead and/or aerial equipment may be beneficial for work in areas where larger water bodies, deep crevices, or mountainous areas hinder ground access. The landing area for

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helicopters shall be reviewed for environmentally sensitive resources. Use of helicopters requires Project Manager and Senior Management approval.

## 2.0 Inspection, Monitoring and Maintenance

All construction practices and controls shall be inspected on a regular basis and in accordance with all applicable permits and local, state, and federal regulations to avoid and correct ANY damage to sensitive areas.

The construction crews shall be responsible for completing daily inspections, and IMMEDIATELY bring any **damage or observed erosion, or failed erosion controls** to the attention of the Person-In-Charge and the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Where applicable and/or as directed by environmental permits issued for the project, the Project Environmental Consultant shall conduct weekly (at a minimum) inspections of the project work areas and shall document their inspection using the Stormwater, Wetlands & Priority Habitat Environmental Compliance Site Inspection / Monitoring Report form found in **Appendix 3** and issue the report within 24 hours. The Person-in-Charge shall work with the National Grid Environmental Scientist and the Project Environmental Consultant to determine when and how the repairs shall be made.

Project-specific Action Logs and Long-Term Restoration Logs are prepared as needed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or the Project Environmental Consultant to track issues and/or repairs and assign responsible parties.

## 3.0 Best Management Practices

The BMP sections presented in this EG address access, construction, snow and ice management, structures in wetlands, access road maintenance and repair, clean-up and restoration standards, ROW gates, field refueling and maintenance operations, management of spills/releases, and a summary of key construction BMPs.

Note that BMPs shown on any permit drawings for a specific project may need to be revised and or supplemented during the execution of a project based on unforeseen or unexpected factors such as extreme weather or unknown subsurface conditions. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to work with the National Grid Environmental Scientist and/or the Project Environmental Consultant to identify necessary changes and to ensure that construction-related impacts to wetlands, water bodies and other environmentally sensitive areas are avoided.


**Any deviation from the approved BMPs shown in the EFI and/or SWPPP plans shall be communicated immediately to the National Grid Environmental Scientist as it may require additional permitting or could result in a permit violation.**

### 3.1 Wetland Boundary Demarcation

Prior to the start of any activity conducted under an environmental permit, wetland boundaries shall be reviewed. Flagging for wetland boundaries, stream banks and other resource areas shall be

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refreshed as needed. This may become particularly important when the original flagging was placed in previous seasons and now may have become obscured.

### 3.2 Sedimentation and Erosion Controls

Appropriate sedimentation and erosion control devices shall be installed at work sites, in accordance with permit conditions and/or regulatory approvals, and as needed to prevent adverse impacts to water resources and adjacent properties.

The overall purpose of such controls is to prevent and control the movement of disturbed soil and sediment from work sites to adjacent, undisturbed areas, and particularly to water resources, public roads and adjacent properties. All proprietary controls shall be installed per manufacturer's recommendations and specifications.

Appropriate sedimentation and erosion control devices include but are not limited to: silt fencing, straw bales, wood chip bags, straw wattles, compost socks, erosion control blankets, mulch, slope interruption practices, flocculent powder/blocks and storm drain/catch basin inlet protection. Such controls shall be installed between the work area and environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, streams, drainage courses, roads and adjacent property when work activities shall disturb soils and result in a potential for causing sedimentation and erosion.

In Massachusetts, use of monofilament-encased wattles shall be avoided in mapped Priority Habitat for snakes and amphibians. For projects with work within mapped Priority Habitat for snakes and amphibians, wattles that are encased in a sock, hemp, fiber, or movable jute netting are required to prevent entrapment. Also, "wildlife gaps" should occur every 50 feet, if possible, given wetland permit conditions. This spacing of the wattles allows snakes and amphibians to move across the ROW. Refer to the Amphibian and Reptile BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

Staked straw bales often serve as the demarcation of the limits of work and/or sensitive areas to be avoided. Work shall never be conducted outside the limit of erosion controls without prior approval from the National Grid Environmental Scientist.


Project plans depict proposed erosion controls, however field conditions may warrant additional practices be implemented (e.g., wet conditions, frozen conditions, poorly drained soils, steep slopes, materials used for work pads, transition areas to construction mats, number of trips across work areas, etc.).

**Any deviation from the approved erosion controls shown in the EFI and/or SWPPP plans needs to be communicated immediately to the National Grid Environmental Scientist as it may require additional permitting or result in a permit violation.**

**Appendix 4** provides typical sketches of common sedimentation and erosion controls. If a SWPPP is required for the project, maintenance and inspection of erosion controls shall follow the SWPPP requirements. Sedimentation and erosion controls shall be properly maintained and inspected on a

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periodic basis, until work sites are properly stabilized and restored. Inspections shall be documented using the Inspection Form “Storm Water, Wetlands & Priority Habitat Environmental Compliance Site Inspection/Monitoring Report” (**Appendix 3**).

The sequence and timing of the installation of sedimentation and erosion control measures is critical to their success. Sedimentation and erosion controls shall be installed prior to commencing construction activities that may result in any soil disturbance or cause otherwise polluted site runoff. Inspection of these devices may be required by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or by regulators prior to the start of work. The installation of water bars and other erosion control measures shall be installed shortly thereafter.

### 3.3 Concrete Wash Outs

Concrete wash outs shall be used for management of concrete waste. Concrete and concrete washout water shall not be deposited or discharged directly on the ground, in wetlands or waterbodies, or in catch basins or other drainage structures. Where possible, concrete washouts shall be located away from wetlands or other sensitive areas. Consult the National Grid Environmental Scientist on proposed concrete wash out locations prior to their use. Following the completion of concrete pouring operations, the wash outs shall be disposed of off-site with other construction debris. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

### 3.4 Construction Activities in Standing Water

The use of silt curtains or turbidity barriers may be required when working in or adjacent to standing water such as ponds, reservoirs, low flowing rivers/streams, or coastal areas. Silt curtains and turbidity barriers prevent sediment from migrating beyond the immediate work area into the resource areas.

Coffer dams constructed using sheet piling or large sandbags (Trade names such as “the Big Bag” or “DamItDams”) may be used to temporarily isolate and contain a work area in standing water.

When working in standing water, an oil absorbent boom, in addition to a silt curtain or other temporary barrier, shall be placed around the work area for spill prevention.

Work in drinking water reservoirs or other waters may require extensive regulatory agency review, even for maintenance work, which could result in additional time required for permitting, review and material procurement prior to the start of work.


### 3.5 Dewatering

Where excavations require the need for dewatering of groundwater or accumulated stormwater, the water shall be treated before discharge. Appropriate controls include dewatering basins, flocculent blocks, filter bags, filter socks, or weir tanks. Schematics of these BMPs are included in **Appendix 4**. Water trucks or fractionation tanks may be utilized if watertight containers are desired for controlled on-site discharge or for off-site discharge into an approved dewatering area when site restrictions make it difficult to utilize other dewatering methods on-site. Dewatering discharge water shall never be directed into wetlands, streams/rivers, other sensitive resource areas, catch basins, other

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stormwater devices, or substation Trenwa trenches. Dewatering flow shall be controlled so that it does not cause scouring or erosion through the use of a dewatering basin, filter sock, or equivalent. If it is determined that the chosen controls are not appropriately filtering the fine sediment from the dewatering pumpate then the National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be notified immediately and the controls shall be revised or supplemented.

When establishing a dewatering basin, consideration should be given to the anticipated volume of water and rate of pumping in determining the size of the dewatering basin. Dewatering basins shall be constructed on level ground. Once pumping commences, the basin shall be monitored frequently to assure that the rate of water delivery to the structure is low enough to prevent water from flowing, unfiltered, over the top of the basin walls. The basin shall be monitored throughout the dewatering process because the rate of filtration shall decrease as sediment clogs the filter fabric. If the basin is not appropriately filtering the fine sediment from the dewatering pumpate then the basin may need to be supplemented with a flocculent block. Field conditions shall dictate how often the basin should be inspected.

Distance to sensitive areas, direction of flow (toward or away from protected, or sensitive areas, such as wetlands, ponds, or streams), amount of vegetative ground cover between the basin and nearby sensitive areas, ground conditions (ledge, frozen, etc.), volume of water being pumped, and pump-rate, are some of the factors to be considered when determining an inspection frequency. Clogged filter fabric shall be replaced and accumulated sediment shall be removed as necessary from the basins to maintain efficacy.

Any new dewatering location (not previously reviewed and approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist during project planning or permitting) shall be reviewed and the discharge location approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist before use.

Complex projects that require large scale dewatering shall require individual review by the National Grid Environmental Scientist and may trigger additional permitting.

Dewatering in areas of known chemical contamination may require a separate NPDES permit, or other approval, and treatment or containment system. Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist.


### **3.5.1 Overnight Dewatering**

Some projects may necessitate 24-hour dewatering for on-site construction activities. Overnight dewatering will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the National Grid Environmental Department.

If it is necessary to conduct overnight dewatering on a project, a dewatering plan must be submitted to the Environmental Department for review and approval **5 business days prior to beginning dewatering activities**. Sufficient knowledge of flow, discharge, and re-infiltration rate of water must be obtained and submitted for review. The Environmental Department

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may require monitored dewatering for a period of time in order to provide this data in support of a request for 24-hour dewatering. The dewatering plan must include at a minimum:

1. Location of dewatering system, system components (basin, frac tank, etc), and materials.
2. Location of discharge and distance from closest wetland.
3. Location of erosion controls. A secondary perimeter of erosion controls will be required around the dewatering system for overnight dewatering.
4. Peak flow, discharge rate and re-infiltration rates.
5. Visual monitoring plan for discharge. Expected duration of dewatering.
6. Emergency provisions if overnight, unattended dewatering is proposed.

### **3.5.2 Dewatering Clean Up/Restoration**

Basins shall be cleaned and removed as soon as dewatering is complete. Sediment removed from the dewatering basin shall be allowed to dry before being disposed of by evenly spreading it over unvegetated upland areas where erosion is not a concern if clean or removing it from the site for proper disposal. Off-site trucking of wet soils is prohibited. The sediment disposal area shall be approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or the Project Environmental Consultant prior to use. Stabilization measures shall also need to be implemented and approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or the Project Environmental Consultant. Soils/sediments shall be dewatered and dried to the point practicable for either on-Site reuse or off-Site transport.

### **3.6 Check Dams**

Check dams are a porous physical barrier installed perpendicular to concentrated storm water flow. They are used to reduce erosion in a swale by reducing runoff energy (velocity), while filtering storm water, thereby aiding in the removal of suspended solids.


Check dams should only be used in small drainage swales that shall not be overtopped by flow once the dams are constructed. These dams should not be placed in streams. Check dams are typically installed in ROWs or on other construction sites prior to the start of soil disturbing work. Per the Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook, no formal design is required for a check dam if the contributing drainage area is 2 acres or less and its intended use is shorter than 6 months; however, the following criteria should be adhered to when specifying check dams.

- The drainage area of the ditch or swale being protected should not exceed 10 acres.
- The maximum height of the check dam should be 2 feet.
- The center of the check dam must be at least 6 inches lower than the outer edges.
- The maximum spacing between the dams should be such that the toe at the upstream dam is at the same elevation as the top of the downstream dam.

Per the NHDES stormwater manual, the use of check dams should be limited to swales with longitudinal slopes that range between 2 to 5 percent that convey drainage from an area less than 1 acre. Existing conditions that exceed these limitations should be assessed in the field and discussed

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with the National Grid Environmental Scientist to determine the viability of this BMP for the specific application. Check dams are often comprised of stone, straw bales, sand bags, or compost/silt socks. Use of check dams should be coordinated with the National Grid Environmental Scientist to ensure that the material selection, spacing and construction method are appropriate for the site. Check dams composed of biodegradable materials (e.g. straw bales or wattles, wood chip bags) may require periodic replacement for continued proper functioning<sup>1</sup>. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

### 3.7 Water Bars

Water bars should be used on sloping ROWs to divert storm water runoff from unstabilized or active access roads when needed to prevent erosion. Surface disturbance and tire compaction promote gully formation by increasing the concentration and velocity of runoff. Water bars are constructed by forming a ridge or ridge and channel diagonally across the sloping ROW. Each outlet should be stable. The height and side slopes of the ridge and channel are designed to divert water and to allow vehicles to cross. When siting water bars, consideration shall be given to the sensitivity of the area receiving the diverted runoff. For example, runoff should not be directed into a wetland, waterbody, other environmentally sensitive areas, or to private property or public roadways. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.


### 3.8 Retaining Walls

In some situations, retaining walls comprised of concrete blocks, gabions, boulders or other comparable materials may be required to stabilize the shoulder of existing access roads and/or supplement required erosion controls. Installation of such measures shall not be allowed as a maintenance activity. Should these controls be considered for a project, it shall be reviewed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist, as design and additional permitting may be required.

### 3.9 Slope Stabilization

Temporary slope stabilization practices help to keep exposed, erodible soils stabilized while vegetation is becoming established. Acceptable temporary slope stabilization practices may include the use of erosion control blankets, or hydraulic erosion control. Erosion control blankets, often comprised of natural fibers (e.g., jute, straw, coconut, or other degradable materials) are a useful slope stabilization, erosion control and vegetation establishment practice for ditches or steep slopes. Blankets are typically installed after final grading and seeding for temporary or permanent seeding applications. Hydraulic erosion control practices, including Bonded Fiber Matrix or hydroseed with a soil stabilizer (e.g., tackifier and/or mulch) may be an acceptable or desirable alternative form of temporary slope stabilization. For all practices, manufacturer's specifications should be followed for installation depending on slope and other field conditions. Consult the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to selecting and installing any slope stabilization practices. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

<sup>1</sup> Grass growth on a biodegradable type check dam is evidence that the material is decomposing. While this doesn't mean it is no longer functioning, it means it may be in a weakened condition and could potentially fail under high flow velocity. It is acceptable for grass to be growing on a stone check dam.

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### 3.10 Maintenance of Sedimentation and Erosion Controls

Sedimentation and erosion controls shall be maintained in good operational condition during the course of the work. This includes, but is not limited to, replacing straw bales that are no longer in good condition, re-staking straw bales, replacing or re-staking silt fence, and removing accumulated sediment. Remove sediment before it has accumulated to one half the height of any exposed silt fence fabric, straw bales, other filter berm, check dams or water bars. Accumulated sediment shall be removed from sedimentation basins to maintain their efficacy. Manage the removed sediment by evenly spreading it over unvegetated upland areas where erosion is not a concern, by stockpiling and stabilizing, or by disposing of off-site. Stabilization measures shall also need to be implemented and approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or the Project Environmental Consultant. Where a SWPPP has been prepared for a specific site, the guidelines documented therein shall govern the management of sediment.

## 4.0 Right-of-Way (ROW) Access

Whenever possible, access shall be gained along existing access routes or roads within the ROW. However, in some cases there is no existing access. In many cases, temporary access can be utilized. The following practices provide general guidance on accessing a ROW. Check with a National Grid Environmental Scientist to determine if any environmental permitting is required before utilizing a temporary access.

Note that the building of new roads or enlargement of existing roads is **prohibited** unless this activity is allowed by a project-specific permit, and the new roads appear on the Site Plans that were authorized in the regulatory approvals.

### 4.1 Off-ROW Access

Off-ROW access shall be evaluated for wetlands, rare species, cultural resources and other potential sensitive receptors, as applicable. National Grid Real Estate and Stakeholder Relations shall also be contacted as soon as possible once off-ROW access is determined to be needed.


### 4.2 Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit for Access to ROWs from Public or Private Roads

A suitable (minimum 15-foot wide by 50-foot long) construction entrance/exit shall be installed at the intersection of the ROW access road/route with public/private paved roads, or other such locations where equipment could track mud or soil onto paved roads. The construction entrance/exit should be comprised of clean stone installed over a geotextile fabric. Geotextile fabric may be omitted for permanent construction entrances/exits on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

Construction entrance areas shall be monitored and maintained to ensure that stone or other material is not deposited onto the roadway, causing a safety concern. Where track-out of sediment has occurred onto a roadway, it shall be swept off the road by the end of that same work day.

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If a construction entrance/exit is clogged with sediment and no longer functions, the sediment and stone may require removal and replacement with additional clean stone (clean stone refreshment) to ensure this tracking pad is performing its intended function adequately. Heavier traffic use may require this clean stone refreshment multiple times throughout a project. Reinforcement of these stabilized construction entrance/exits with asphalt binder or asphalt millings is not likely to be considered “maintenance” and may trigger additional permitting requirements<sup>2</sup>. In some cases, heavily used construction entrances/exits may benefit from the installation of a 5-15 foot strip of asphalt binder or asphalt millings closest to the paved roadway to capture any stone that is tracked from the stone apron. Such cases shall be evaluated on an individual basis with the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

Once work is complete, the construction entrance/exit shall either be removed or retained, depending upon future maintenance-related access needs, property ownership, and/or project-specific approvals. If removed, the area shall be graded, seeded (if adequate root and seed stock are absent) and mulched. Proper approvals for leaving access roads in place shall be obtained; contact the National Grid Environmental Scientist and Property Legal.


#### **4.3 Maintenance of Existing Access Roads**

In many cases, the existing access road may need to be maintained to allow passage of the heavy equipment required for scheduled maintenance work. Access roads cannot deviate from the approved and permitted access plans. Maintenance of these roads may include adding clean gravel or clean crushed stone to fill depressions and eroded areas. This activity shall be conducted only within the width of the existing access road footprint and does not include widening existing access roads

If gravel begins to migrate onto the existing vegetated road shoulder, this gravel shall be removed during the project and/or after the completion of use of the road to ensure the road fill is not spreading into adjacent resource areas, or resulting in the road becoming much wider than its pre-existing or permitted condition. In some areas of mapped rare species habitat or other sensitive areas where project-specific permit conditions require the prevention of the migration of sediments into adjacent resources, an engineered stabilization system (e.g., GeoWeb or similar) may be suitable to prevent sedimentation while allowing for unrestricted wildlife migration.

In Massachusetts, any proposed widening of access roads in turtle Priority Habitat would require individual consultation with NHESP and, depending on the level of impact proposed, may require a Project Review filing. The limited filling of ruts or potholes is compatible with the National Grid Operation and Maintenance Plan approved by NHESP under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act, however, severely rutted access roads in turtle Priority Habitat that require extensive linear feet of stone for safe passage will require individual consultation with NHESP.

<sup>2</sup> Depending on the road, use of an asphalt binder or asphalt millings as a construction entrance/exit may trigger state or local permit requirements.

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Major reconstruction projects may require multiple permits. In all cases, the fill to be used for existing access roads shall be clean and free of construction debris, trash or woody debris. Use of processed gravel may be approved by the Person-In-Charge and the National Grid Environmental Scientist, on a case-by-case basis. If clean stone is used then addition of more erosion controls may not be necessary.

#### **4.5 Maintenance of Existing Culverts**

Damaged culverts may not be repaired or replaced without consulting with the National Grid Environmental Scientist to determine if a permit is required. For functioning culverts, care shall be taken to protect adjacent wetlands and watercourses by installing appropriate sedimentation and erosion controls around the downstream end of the culvert. Culverts shall be repaired/replaced in kind and shall not be changed in size unless approval has been obtained from the National Grid Environmental Scientist. In-kind replacement is replacement using the same material, functional inverts, diameter and length as the existing culvert. Changes to any of these characteristics shall require permitting. Installation of any **new** culvert is not allowed without obtaining all necessary permits first. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

If, at the time of anticipated replacement, there is heavy flow through the culvert, the Person-In-Charge shall consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist, to verify whether the culvert shall be replaced at that time. Water may need to be temporarily diverted during culvert repair/replacement. There typically are seasonal restrictions limiting both the replacement of existing culverts as well as installation of new culverts to the low-flow period. The low-flow period can vary from state to state. If any unexpected conditions are encountered during culvert replacement, the National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be contacted immediately prior to the work being completed for additional consultation.

#### **4.6 Temporary Construction Access over Drainage Ditch or Swale**

In some situations, construction access from paved roads onto ROWs may require the crossing of drainage ditches or swales along the road shoulder. In these situations, the installation of construction mats, mat bridges or temporary culverts may facilitate construction access over the ditches or swales. These culverts shall be temporary only, sized for peak flow, and shall be removed after construction is complete. Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to installation. In addition, if access over existing culverts may require extending the culvert, consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.


#### **4.7 Construction Material along ROW**

After preparing a site by clearing and/or installing any necessary erosion and sediment controls and prior to the start of construction, material such as poles, cross-arms, cable, insulators, stone and other engineered backfill materials may be placed along the ROW, as part of the project. The stockpiling of stone and other unconsolidated material on construction mats shall be avoided, if determined necessary due to access and work pad constraints, the material must be placed on a geotextile fabric and be properly contained with a sedimentation barrier such as straw wattle. No construction material shall be placed in wetlands or other sensitive resource areas unless authorized by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or Project Environmental Consultant.

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## 5.0 Winter Conditions

### 5.1 Snow Management

Refer to **Appendix 6** for the current Snow Disposal Guidelines.

### 5.2 De-Icing

Where allowed, calcium chloride is preferred as a de-icing agent when applied according to manufacturer's guidelines in upland areas. Sand shall be used on construction mats through wetland areas.

Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist on de-icing agents when working in a facility or substation close to resource areas. Many municipalities have specific requirements for de-icing agents allowed within 100 feet of wetland resources and other sensitive areas.

### 5.3 Snow and Ice Management on Construction Mats


Proper snow removal on construction mats shall avoid the formation of ice. To avoid the formation of ice, snow shall be removed from construction mats before applying sand. Prior to their removal from wetlands, sand shall be collected from the construction mats and disposed of in an upland area. A round street sweeping brush mounted on the front of a truck may be an effective way to remove snow from construction mats. Propane heaters may also be suitable solutions for snow removal and/or de-icing of construction mats.

Once construction mats are removed, wetlands shall be inspected for build up of sand that may have fallen through construction mats. Care shall be taken to inspect wetland crossings as each mat is removed to ensure sand is properly removed and disposed of off-site.

## 6.0 Construction Mats

The use of construction mats allows for heavy equipment access within wetland areas. The use of construction mats minimizes the need to remove vegetation beneath the access way and helps to reduce the degree of soil disturbance and rutting in soft wetland soils. Construction mats most often used by National Grid are wooden timbers bolted together typically into 4-ft by 16-ft sections, wooden lattice mats, or composite mats. In some cases, construction mats or other mats are used for staging or access in upland areas based on site conditions (e.g., agricultural field access). Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

Typically construction mats may be installed on top of the existing vegetation, however in some instances cutting large woody vegetation may be required. Check with National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to cutting or clearing vegetation for construction mat placement.

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Where an extended period of time has lapsed since wetland delineation and start of construction, and new vegetative growth has concealed wetland flagging or flagging is simply no longer obviously visible, wetland boundaries should be re-flagged where necessary prior to the installation of matting.

Follow the approved plans in the EFI for construction mat installation and do not deviate from the plans. **Any deviation from the approved plans needs to be communicated immediately to the National Grid Environmental Scientist as it may require additional permitting, require stopping the project or result in a permit violation or revocation.**

### 6.1 Construction Mats and Mowing

Close coordination with the mowing contractor shall be required to ensure that access plans are followed, and construction mats are utilized when necessary. Sometimes mowing contractors may have to work off the leading edge of a construction mat to mow in order to lay the next construction mat and continue further into the wetland. Under no circumstances shall trees or shrubs be allowed to be pulled out of the wetland by the root ball. The root ball of trees and shrubs shall remain intact. Chipping debris and excessive amounts of slash shall not be placed in wetlands or other resource areas. In some instances, it may be beneficial to pile a reasonable amount of slash within a nearby upland area to create habitat for wildlife. This activity shall be approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist.


### 6.2 Stream Crossings and Stream Bank Stabilization

Stream crossings shall be bridged with construction mats or other temporary minimally-intrusive measures unless fording is acceptable for the site and is authorized by the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Care shall be taken when installing a construction mat bridge to insure that the stream bed and banks are not damaged during installation and removal and that stream flow is not unduly restricted. Where stream width allows, construction mats shall be installed to span the watercourse in its entirety without stringer placement in the water or any restriction of stream flow. Environmental permits may be required to cross or disturb protected waters, depending upon state-specific regulatory requirements. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**. Immediately following construction mat removal, all stream banks shall be stabilized and restored to prevent sedimentation and erosion.

### 6.3 Cleaning of Construction Mats

Mats shall be certified clean by the vendor prior to installation. The vendor shall use the certification form provided as **Appendix 5** to document compliance. Clean is defined as being free of plant matter (stems, flowers, roots, etc), soil, or other deleterious materials prior to being brought to the project site. Any equipment or timber mats that have been placed or used within areas containing invasive species within the project site shall be cleaned of plant matter (stems, flowers, roots, etc), soil, or other deleterious materials at the site of the invasive species prior to being moved to other areas on the project site to prevent the spread of invasive species from one area to another<sup>3</sup>. **Mats shall be cleaned prior to being removed at the completion of the project: exceptions to this requirement**

<sup>3</sup> On ROW projects where multiple wetlands may be dominated by the same invasive species, cleaning may not be required for movement along the ROW. Check with the National Grid Environmental scientist for guidance.

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**may be made on a case-by-case basis.** Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to discharging or disposing of any waste water or waste material from the cleaning of construction mats.

#### **6.4 Stone Removal for Construction Mat Placement**

For situations where the matting contractor determines that stones or boulders must be removed or relocated within wetland areas in order to install safe and level structure work pads or access roads the boulders shall be moved in a manner which does not result in significant soil disturbance (i.e., pushing with a bull dozer is not allowed). The boulders shall not be placed on any existing vegetated areas within wetlands or within vernal pools. When numerous boulders shall be removed from a wetland area, they shall be deposited in an upland area outside of the flagged wetland limits, outside of any cultural resource areas and outside of any RTE species populations. Any boulders that shall be placed within buffers (In MA, the 100-foot buffer zone, and in RI, the 50-foot Perimeter Wetland, 100-foot or 200-foot Riverbank Wetlands) shall be placed to avoid causing soil disturbance and they shall be within an approved limit of work. When there is a significant number of boulders that need to be removed, the National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be consulted for guidance.

#### **6.5 Transition onto Mats**

Erosion controls and stone or wood chip ramps shall be installed to promote a smooth transition to and minimize sediment tracking onto construction mats. Geotextile may be added beneath stone or wood chip transitions to facilitate removal, as necessitated by site or permit conditions. Mat transitions shall be removed once construction mats have been removed and during restoration. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

#### **6.6 Construction Material on Mats**


The stockpiling of stone, drill spoils and other unconsolidated material on construction mats shall be avoided unless determined necessary due to access and work pad constraints. Additional controls, such as watertight mud boxes and geotextile/filter fabric over or between construction mats shall be considered for stockpile management. If material is placed on construction mats and falls through into wetlands, the material must be removed by hand. Saturated soils shall be allowed to dewater prior to off-site transport for sufficient time to ensure that water/sediment is not deposited onto construction mats or public roads during transport. Heavy machinery shall not be left overnight on mats located within floodplain unless approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist, the machinery is still in use, and removal of the equipment requires the use of additional equipment to move it and would increase vehicle trips in/out of wetlands. In these situations and when approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist, the equipment shall be secured against vandalism and secondary containment measures shall be employed where feasible. Mat anchoring shall be evaluated, see below.

#### **6.7 Mat Anchoring**

The National Grid Environmental Scientist and Project environmental consultant shall indicate to the project team when mat anchoring may or shall be necessary. The matting contractor will propose the method of mat anchoring, which will be approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist and the

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National Grid Construction Supervisor. The need for anchoring should be noted in the project EFI, on the project access and matting plans, and in the scope of the bid document (if externally sourced).

Anchoring of construction mats should be considered when any of the following conditions are presented at a project work location:

Location	Considerations
Stream crossings Shorelines of Ponds/Lakes Wetlands Floodplains	When located in a mapped flood area (A). When mapped 100-year flood elevations (AE) are greater than 2 ft above existing grades. Where past flash flood events have occurred. Where steep terrain is present or surrounds the project location. When mats will be in place during hurricane season for greater than 2 weeks.
Tidal areas	When located in a Velocity (V or VE) Zone. When mats will be in place during a moon tide cycle. When mats will be in place during hurricane season for greater than 2 weeks.

Examples of mat anchoring are provided below, but the implementation methods for anchoring mats are not limited to these examples. Where anchoring is determined to be necessary, the matting contractor should propose a method suitable based on field conditions and that takes crew safety, slip/trip/fall hazards, size of matting footprint, and other project and site-specific factors into consideration. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

#### Limited sets of mats

- Cable or rope in chain pockets and run linearly, or
- Linear ropes anchored using helical screws, manta ray anchors, or posts.

#### Larger sets of mats or those without chain pockets


- Chain link fence posts or other posts driven in along mat edge every 3-4 feet and ropes then laced across mats between opposing posts before storm event, or
- Anchor bolts added to mats, then cable is laced between bolts and tied to helical or manta ray anchor.

### 6.8 Corduroy Roads

Corduroy roads are a wetland crossing method where logs are cut from the immediate area and used as a road bed to prevent rutting from equipment crossing. This technique is designed to be used in areas of wetland crossings where there is no defined channel or stream flow and should never be used in streams. Corduroy logs shall be placed in the narrowest area practicable for crossing with the logs

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placed perpendicular to the direction of travel across wet area. The use of corduroy logs shall only be in emergencies when approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or when they have been specifically permitted as part of a project. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

#### 6.9 Construction Mat Removal

Once construction mats are removed, wetlands shall be inspected for build up of sand or other materials that may have fallen through construction mats. Care shall be taken to inspect wetland crossings as each mat is removed to ensure any materials are properly removed and disposed of off-site.

#### 6.10 Utility Air Bridging

In ROWs where other utility facilities (including but not limited to gas, oil, fiber optic, electric, water, and sewer) are co-located within the transmission ROW, bridging may be required to cross those facilities. The project team shall coordinate with the respective utility company prior to determining if bridging or permanent crossings are required.


### 7.0 LGP Equipment Use

Only when approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist on a case-by-case basis shall equipment with a LGP **psi that meets the state-specific USACE General Permit requirement when loaded** be allowed to access through wetlands. Refer to the state-specific General Permit for the definition of LGP in each state at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/>, or to the summary table provided below. The National Grid Environmental Scientist's approval of the use of LGP equipment through wetlands depends on several criteria including:

- Time of year. LGP equipment use may be allowed if weather and field conditions at the time of construction are suitable to eliminate/minimize the concern of rutting or other impacts. Frozen, frozen snow pack, low flow, drought conditions, or unsaturated surface soil conditions are typically acceptable conditions. Spring and fall construction, due to the typical higher precipitation, are not suitable times of year for LGP equipment use.
- Number of trips. Multiple trips through a wetland have shown to increase the potential for damage and require matting. LGP equipment use shall likely only be approved if trips are limited to one trip in and one trip out.
- Type of wetland system. Some wetlands have harder soils/substrate, and may be passable without causing significant damage. Some of the wetlands along National Grid ROWs have existing hard bottom roads that have been vegetated over time and may be traversed with LGP equipment without construction mats.
- Emergencies. LGP equipment use may be allowed during emergency or storm conditions for outage restoration.
- State-specific USACE General Permit Performance Standards. The standard is for no impact to the wetland, which may be obtained by using LGP equipment **when loaded**). *"Where construction requires heavy equipment operation in wetlands, the equipment shall either have low ground*

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*pressure (as specified in the USACE GP), or shall not be located directly on wetland soils and vegetation; it shall be placed on construction mats that are adequate to support the equipment in such a way as to minimize disturbance of wetland soil and vegetation.”*


- Local bylaws. Municipal wetland bylaws, where applicable, shall be reviewed for prohibitive conditions or applicable performance standards.

LGP equipment is prohibited in the following resources areas:

- Stream crossings
- State listed-species habitat
- Outstanding Resource Waters (ORWs)
- Vernal pools
- Archaeological sensitive areas

Where LGP equipment use is desired in lieu of construction mats, the construction supervisor should identify these areas on marked-up access plans. A site visit with the Project Environmental Monitor should be scheduled to assess if the proposed locations are potential candidates. The Project Environmental Monitor will document potentially suitable locations and dismiss others as unsuitable.




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**ACOE New England District General Permit Requirements**

State	Restrictions	Maximum PSI (when loaded) for Use without Mats	Reference
MA	<i>One of the following must apply:</i> Equipment operated within wetlands shall: a) Have low ground pressure; b) Be placed on timber mats that are adequate to support the equipment in such a way as to minimize disturbance of wetland soil and vegetation; or c) Equipment must be operated on adequately dry or frozen conditions such that shear pressure does not cause subsidence of the wetlands immediately beneath equipment and upheaval of adjacent wetlands.	3 psi	MA General Permit, General Condition 13
NH	<i>One of the following must apply:</i> Equipment operated within wetlands shall: a) Have low ground pressure; b) Be placed on timber mats that are adequate to support the equipment in such a way as to minimize disturbance of wetland soil and vegetation; or c) Be operated on frozen wetlands.	4 psi	NH General Permit, General Condition 17
VT	<i>One of the following must apply:</i> Equipment operated within wetlands shall: a) Have low ground pressure; b) Be placed on timber mats that are adequate to support the equipment in such a way as to minimize disturbance of wetland soil and vegetation; or c) Be operated on frozen wetlands such that shear pressure does not cause subsidence of the wetlands immediately beneath equipment and upheaval of adjacent wetlands. Note: Written authorization from the Corps required to waive the use of mats during frozen or dry conditions.	3 psi	Vermont General Permit, General Condition 14
RI	<i>One of the following must apply:</i> Equipment operated within wetlands shall: a) Have low ground pressure; b) Be placed on timber mats that are adequate to support the equipment in such a way as to minimize disturbance of wetland soil and vegetation; or c) Be operated on frozen wetlands such that shear pressure does not cause subsidence of the wetlands immediately beneath equipment and upheaval of adjacent wetlands.	6 psi	Rhode Island General Permit, General Condition 15

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State	Restrictions	Maximum PSI (when loaded) for Use without Mats	Reference
	Note: Written authorization from the Corps required to waive the use of mats during frozen or dry conditions.		

Due to the fact that ground conditions may change between the time of the evaluation and construction, LGP equipment approval is required **at the time of construction for each wetland crossing** and shall be dependent upon the above conditions. In addition, LGP equipment use and approval shall be assessed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or Project Environmental Monitor during construction on a continuing basis

Once a location is approved for the use of LGP equipment:

- The Construction Supervisor must check-in with the Project Environmental Monitor at least two weeks before construction begins to ensure conditions remain suitable for LGP equipment use, and weather conditions are favorable.
- The Project Environmental Monitor must observe the equipment when in use.
- LGP equipment use shall cease immediately if field conditions are found to be unsuitable (i.e. soil rutting greater than six inches or the destruction of vegetation root systems beyond the capacity of natural revegetation).
- **If wetlands damage occurs, the use of the LGP equipment shall be suspended, and the wetlands be restored.**
- Any LGP equipment used within areas containing invasive species within the project site shall be cleaned of plant matter (stems, flowers, roots, etc), soil, or other deleterious materials at the site of the invasive species prior to being moved to other areas on the project site to prevent the spread of invasive species from one area to another.

## 8.0 Soil Disturbing Activities

### 8.1 Dust Control


Cutting activities shall be conducted to minimize the impacts of dust on the surrounding areas. Dust suppression is an important consideration. Water or other National Grid approved equivalent in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines may be used for dust control along ROWs in upland areas. During application of water for dust control, care shall be taken to ensure that water does not create run-off or erosion issues. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

### 8.2 Clearing

Clearing is not allowed without specific permission as it constitutes soil disturbance under several regulatory programs and may trigger permitting by increasing the project's footprint of disturbance. If clearing is required for a project, the limit of clearing shall be established with flagging or construction

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fencing and/or erosion controls. Clearing shall be done in accordance with project specific permits. Following the completion of clearing, the limits of work shall be re-established. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.

### **8.3 Grubbing**

Grubbing is not allowed without specific permission as it constitutes soil disturbance under several regulatory programs and likely triggers permitting by increasing the project's footprint of disturbance. If grubbing is required for a project, the limit of grubbing shall be re-established after clearing has been completed. The area of grubbing shall be identified with flagging or construction fencing and/or erosion controls. Grubbing shall be conducted in accordance with project-specific permits.

### **8.4 Blasting, Noise and Vibration Control**

If blasting is anticipated, the project team, including the National Grid Environmental Scientist, shall be consulted. If possible, plan work in residential areas to avoid noisy activities at night, weekends or during evenings. Emergency work in residential areas should be carried out in such a way as to keep noise to a minimum at night and weekends. Equipment should be maintained as per the manufacturer's guidance to minimize noise and vibration.

Work plans must consider local noise ordinances and provide specific controls to ensure noise levels are maintained within specified limitations.

### **8.5 Site Grading**


The work site shall not be graded other than in accordance with project permits. Any proposed grading shall be reviewed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist for wetlands, rare species habitat, areas of cultural and historical significance, and other environmentally sensitive areas prior to start of work. In some cases, additional testing for cultural or historical resources may be triggered by proposed grading; alternatives to grading may be sought due to protracted time frame of obtaining the permit associated with testing and performing the testing. Grading outside of a regulated area shall be kept to the minimum extent necessary for safe and efficient operations and shall comply with the project permit plans.

Grading shall be performed in a manner which does not increase the erosion potential at the Site (e.g., terraces or slope interruptions shall be utilized). Graded sites shall be promptly stabilized by applying a National Grid approved seed mix (if adequate root and seed stock are absent), and mulching with hay, straw or cellulose (use straw or cellulose hydromulch where the potential introduction of invasive plant species is of concern) to reduce erosion and visual impact, as soon as possible following completion of work at the site. Grading within a regulated area shall be subject to the review and approval of the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

In some municipalities, site grading activities require the prior approval of the Town Engineer, Building and Zoning Official, or Public Works Director. Local ordinances or bylaws should be reviewed for applicable restrictions and permitting thresholds

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## 8.6 Grounding Wells

The installation of grounding wells shall require erosion controls and proper soil management. Due to the typical depth required for grounding wells (typically 50 to 200 feet or more), erosion controls shall be installed around the proposed well location when working in buffer zone, in proximity to sensitive resources or near slopes. Also, dewatering basins may be required for the proper management of groundwater. The National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be consulted for the disposal of any excess soil.

## 8.7 Counterpoise and Cathodic Protection

The installation of counterpoise or cathodic protection shall require erosion controls and proper soil management. The National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be consulted for the disposal of any excess soil.

## 8.8 Work Pads

When work pads are being constructed, only clean material shall be used in their construction. Work pads shall only be constructed in areas approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist and shown on the approved permit access plans.

## 8.9 Site Staging and Parking

During the project planning and permitting process, locations shall be identified for designated crew parking areas, material storage, and staging areas. Where possible, these areas should be located outside of buffer zones, watershed protection areas, and other environmentally sensitive areas. Any proposed locations shall be evaluated for all sensitive receptors and for new projects requiring permitting, shall be incorporated onto permitting and access plans.

## 8.10 Soil Stockpiling

Soil stockpiles shall be located in upland areas and, if in close proximity to wetlands and wetland buffers, shall be enclosed by staked straw bales or another erosion control barrier. The stockpiling of stone, drill spoils and other unconsolidated material on construction mats shall be avoided unless determined necessary due to access and work pad constraints. Additional controls, such as watertight mud boxes and geotextile/filter fabric over or between construction mats shall be considered for stockpile management. If material is placed on construction mats and falls through into wetlands, the material must be removed by hand. Saturated soils shall be allowed to dewater prior to off-site transport for sufficient time to ensure that water/sediment is not deposited onto construction mats or public roads during transport.


## 8.11 Top Soil/High Organic Content Soil

When the work site requires excavation and grading, the top soil shall be stockpiled separately from the material excavated. This top soil shall be spread as a top dressing over the disturbed area during restoration of the site.

In some instances where work is occurring within wetlands, high organic content soil may be displaced. Such high organic content soil shall be segregated from other excavated materials and stockpiled for

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use in wetland restoration areas. Care shall be taken to minimize the handling of high organic content soil. Preferably, the soil shall be stockpiled in one location until it is moved to the restoration area.


## 9.0 Stone Wall Dismantling and Re-building

Removal or alteration of stonewalls shall be avoided, whenever possible. As appropriate, some stonewalls removed or breached by construction activities shall be repaired or rebuilt. Rebuilt stone walls shall be placed on the same alignment that existed prior to temporary removal, to the extent that it shall not interfere with operations. The removal and rebuilding of stone walls requires approval from the National Grid Environmental Scientist and Property Legal, and may require several weeks lead time for coordination. Note that not all states allow this technique and that dismantling may not be allowed at all due to quality or significance of the wall. Once a stone wall has been identified as requiring dismantling, the following procedures shall be followed:

- Identify stone wall that is required to be temporarily dismantled and notify project team that a site visit is warranted to review the stone wall.
- The National Grid Environmental Scientist, with support from Property Legal and/or cultural/historical consultant, shall determine if permitting or additional permissions are required prior to dismantling stone wall.
- Once permit or permissions have been received, full documentation of wall dimensions (measurements and photographs) shall be submitted to the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Documentation of the wall dimensions shall be marked onto a copy of the applicable EFI access plan (or equivalent plan) with a useful reference for future locating such as GPS coordinates and/or measurement from a permanent reference point (closest structure location or closest cross street, etc.). The wall shall be photographed from all sides with a written description of the photograph (i.e. southern side of wall looking north). In addition, documentation of the length of wall to be dismantled shall be recorded. Take special care to note if granite property bounds (or other marker) are located within the wall so additional survey can be accomplished prior to dismantling in cases where the stone wall represents a property boundary. Site visits by project team (which shall include the National Grid Environmental Scientist) are a mandatory requirement prior to dismantling.
- No dismantling shall take place until documentation has been submitted to the National Grid Environmental Scientist and approved as sufficient documentation.
- Stones from the wall shall be removed from the work area and temporarily stored in nearby location, away from wetlands; buffer zones; rare species habitat and other historical/archeological concerns.
- Avoid dismantling via the “bulldozer” method when possible as this method makes it nearly impossible to rebuild the wall in the same alignment due to its uncontrolled nature. Dismantling shall be conducted either by hand, with stones stacked as they are removed, or on less “sensitive” walls to use an excavator with a thumb to grab each stone and build a stockpile. Significant ground disturbance below the wall shall be avoided.

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- Once construction and access in the area has been completed, the wall shall be rebuilt to pre-dismantled conditions or better. If rebuilding a stone wall can not be placed on the same alignment that existed prior to temporary removal, approval from the National Grid Environmental Scientist and Property Legal is required. **Note that if the wall represents a legal property boundary or is historically or culturally significant (or was previously determined to be in a very high quality condition), a professional stone masonry company may be required to document wall alignment, and conduct the dismantling and rebuilding.**

## 10.0 Avian Nest Removal

Avian nest removal shall be done in accordance with EG-304. Consult the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to removing any nests. There are seasonal restrictions of the removal of avian nests and federal or state permits may be necessary prior to removal.

## 11.0 Drilling Fluids and Additives


When installing subsurface structures, there may be a need to utilize drilling aids such as slurries, borehole sealants, and other additives. All necessary steps shall be taken by National Grid personnel and contractors to prevent potential adverse effects on drinking water aquifers, groundwater quality, and wetlands when utilizing drilling aids. Efforts should be made to utilize natural bentonite clay-type materials, in place of polymer-based drilling aids. Regardless of the specific product type, the following requirements shall be met:

- Drilling aids must be NSF certified and manufactured to NSF-ANSI 60 standards. [https://www.nsf.org/newsroom\\_pdf/NSF-ANSI\\_60\\_watemarked.pdf](https://www.nsf.org/newsroom_pdf/NSF-ANSI_60_watemarked.pdf)
- Product use must be in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and instructions.
- National Grid personnel or their contractor shall provide all the necessary information regarding the proposed product to be used to National Grid's Environmental Sustainability, Compliance and Licensing & Permitting Department as early as possible in the project planning phase. If the work is being performed by a contractor, this information must be included as part of their initial bid package.
- If polymer-based products are proposed for use, product information shall be included in all related environmental regulatory filings and frac-out plans, if possible.
- A qualified individual shall be designated who will confirm/verify and document the specific use of a drilling aid at each location. This will include add-mix ratios, surface area treated, volume of water within excavation, volumes/weight of additives used, and any other measurements specified by the manufacturer. No mixing will be allowed in the drilled shaft excavation.
- The Contractor or National Grid crew performing the work is responsible for neutralizing all drilling products, as applicable, in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. This shall be performed following removal from the excavation and while held in holding tanks. A

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qualified person shall be designated by the Contractor who will confirm/verify and document the appropriate neutralization activity at each location, as necessary.

- Waste drilling aids (neutralized or not) or soils that may have come into contact with drilling aids will not be disposed of on National Grid properties, discharged to any ground surface or subsurface, waterbodies, wetlands or placed on 3<sup>rd</sup> party properties.
- All product use must be completed in strict adherence with the management, storage, mixing, transporting, disposing and any other requirements of state and federal regulatory approvals and permits, as applicable.
- Relevant documentation shall be maintained by the Contractor or National Grid crew performing the work, and shall include volume of material treated and disposed and the location/facility at which it was disposed.
- National Grid will not be identified as the disposal generator for any polymer based slurry waste or additives generated by Contractor activities.
- The Contractor or National Grid crew performing the work assumes full responsibility for the safe storage of all polymers and additives during use and also assumes full responsibility for improper use and application of said polymers and additives that are deemed to have contravened aquifer and/or groundwater quality.
- National Grid reserves the right to refuse and terminate the use of any specific drilling aid at any time.

Regardless of the type of drilling aid utilized, the Contractor or National Grid crew performing the work is responsible for properly treating, containerizing, testing, transporting and disposing of any/all fluids and solids generated during their activities. All wastes must be disposed of in accordance with federal and state regulations. Relevant documentation shall be maintained and shall include volume of material treated and disposed and the location/facility at which it was disposed.


## 12.0 Water Withdrawal for Geotechnical Investigations

The use of water during geotechnical drilling operations may be required, and is most common during the “drive and wash” drilling technique, where 4- or 6-inch diameter casing is driven into the ground, and the soil inside the casing is washed out using a pump and hollow rods. Soil samples are generally collected at periodic intervals using a split spoon sampler (e.g., every 5 vertical feet).

The National Grid Environmental Scientist and/or Project Environmental Monitor may approve withdrawals from wetlands and waterways on a case-by-case basis should the geotechnical team advise no other options are available. Generally, the amount of water required for withdrawal is between 100 and 200 gallons, and the water is then recycled continuously in the drilling process. Certain scenarios may require additional water usage if water is lost down the boring (e.g., lost due to bedrock fractures during rock coring). The following general guidance should be adhered to when determining whether water withdrawals may be allowed during geotechnical investigations on the ROW. Approval from the National Grid Environmental Scientist and/or Project Environmental Monitor is required prior to initiating water withdrawals during geotechnical investigations.

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- Withdrawals from perennial streams, ponds, lakes and large wetlands systems are preferred over small isolated wetlands to ensure the water level, water table, and hydroperiod are not affected. Prior to start of work, the Contractor shall identify which water source they prefer to withdraw from. The National Grid Environmental Scientist and/or the Project Environmental Monitor will confirm whether these sources are appropriate.
- Care should be taken to avoid alteration of wetlands or the beds and banks of surface waters. Examples of alterations include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (a) the changing of pre-existing drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns and flood retention areas;
  - (b) the lowering of the water level or water table;
  - (c) the destruction of vegetation; and
  - (d) the changing of water temperature, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), and other physical, biological or chemical characteristics of receiving waters.
- Wetlands and waterways providing habitat for rare species should be avoided unless all other options are exhausted. Under no circumstances should water be withdrawn from a Vernal Pool.
- Withdrawal pipes or stingers should be elevated off the bottom of wetlands and streams during the duration of pumping. Additionally, fabric or screening should be covering the withdrawal pipes to eliminate inadvertent harm to wildlife.
- Withdrawals should be performed in a manner that does not damage vegetation, disturb sediment, or result in the release of temporary or permanent fill material (e.g., sediment, spoils, or turbid water) into the wetland/waterway. Additional detail from geotechnical experts may be required to solidify BMP recommendations.
- Any water used for geotechnical drilling operations (including water withdrawn from surface water, brought on-site, or from other sources) shall be discharged into the open borehole or to an upland area such that the water infiltrates to the ground and is not discharged to a wetland or surface water resource area. Consultation with the National Grid Environmental Scientist and/or the Project Environmental Monitor is required if this is not feasible. At no time should water withdrawals result in a temporary or permanent fill/discharge of material (e.g. sediment, spoils, or turbid water) into the wetland or waterway.
- If water sourcing options is not determined prior to mobilization, necessary water shall be brought in by tank truck. Should withdrawal from surface water sources become necessary during soil boring work, the National Grid Environmental Scientist and/or the Project Environmental Monitor shall be notified prior to beginning withdrawal. If initial withdrawal from surface water is approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist and/or the Project Environmental Monitor, the driller may withdraw from the surface water, as long as the above criteria are met.
- If excessive water withdrawal is necessary, the National Grid Environmental Scientist and/or the Project Environmental Monitor shall be consulted to determine whether the water source is appropriate for withdrawal.
- In New Hampshire, withdrawals made from state-owned property require written permission from

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the agency with primary responsibility for monitoring and/or maintaining the site.

### 13.0 Gates

When not in use, gates shall be locked with a company-approved lock or double locked with the property owner's lock. New gates may be installed during a project, however, installation of a gate requires permission from the property owner, and may require environmental permitting. Consult with National Grid Real Estate and the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to installing a new gate, as well as with the appropriate engineering department for the current company gate specifications. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**. Installation of ROW access restrictions (e.g., stone, bollards, other) at road crossings also require consultation with the National Grid Environmental Scientist and Property Legal.

### 14.0 Signage

Specific signage may be required by permits or be specified in the EFI to limit access in certain sensitive areas. Signs shall be used to clarify allowed access and sensitive areas, such as:

- "No snow stockpiling beyond this point";
- "Approved access (to structures A-F)";
- "Do not cross this area until construction mats are in place";
- "No vehicle crossing";
- "Areas to avoid"; and
- "Environmentally Sensitive Area – Keep Out."

Signs shall be used in conjunction with snow fencing or other physical barriers as demarcation for sensitive areas (e.g., rare species areas, sensitive archeological locations, etc.) that need to be protected and avoided by construction activities. In addition, permit signs required by the regulatory agencies shall be present (i.e. MADEP, RIDEM, EPA (SWPPP), ACOE, etc) at construction sites and/or ROW access points. Construction signage shall be installed and maintained by the contractor performing the work during the project. Absence of signage does not eliminate the need to comply with access plans, permit conditions, and other regulatory requirements. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4**.


### 15.0 Refueling and Maintenance Operations

#### 15.1 Spill Prevention and Response Plan

Spill controls shall be provided on every field vehicle. Bulk storage of fuels (55 gallons or greater) shall be approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to being brought on site. The need for a field spill plan shall be evaluated specific to the project for regulatory requirements under SPCC regulations or local ordinances. A field spill plan would include information on fuels and oils being used, approximate amounts in each container or type of equipment, location, fueling location, secondary containment, response and notification procedures, including contact phone numbers, etc. All

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personnel shall be briefed on spill prevention and response prior to the commencement of construction. The state-specific EI-501 and EG-502 shall be followed in the event of a spill.

Typical construction activities do not require the use or storage of large quantities of oil or hazardous materials (i.e., greater than 55 gallons). However, oil and/or hazardous materials (OHM) may be required in limited quantities to support construction or vehicle operations. Best practices shall be followed in the use and storage of OHM which include but are not limited to: storage and refueling greater than 100 feet from resource areas; maintenance of spill response equipment at work locations sufficient to handle incidental releases from operating equipment; general training for on-site personnel for spill clean up response for incidental releases of OHM; and contracting with an on-call spill response contractor that is capable of managing incidental and significant releases of OHM. There may situations that additional precautions shall be required for the storage or use of OHM (i.e., within wellhead protection areas, GA/GAA areas, Zone IIs). Storage of OHM shall be done in accordance with any applicable regulatory requirements.

#### **15.2 Field Refueling**

Small equipment such as pumps and generators shall be placed in small swimming pools or on absorbent blankets/pads, to contain any accidental fuel spills. Small swimming pools with absorbent blankets/pads, and/or other secondary containment, shall be used for refueling of fixed equipment in wetlands and should be maintained to prevent accumulation of precipitation.

#### **15.3 Grease, Oil, and Filter Changes**

Routine vehicle maintenance shall not be conducted on project sites.


#### **15.4 Other Field Maintenance Operations**

When other vehicle or equipment maintenance operations (such as emergency repairs) occur, company personnel or contractors at field locations shall bring vehicles or equipment to an access location a minimum of 100 feet away from environmentally sensitive areas (e.g., wetlands or drinking water sources). A paved area, such as a parking lot or roadway, is a preferred field maintenance location to minimize the possibility of spills or releases to the environment.

Crews shall take all usual and reasonable environmental precautions during repair or maintenance operations. Occasionally, it is infeasible to move the affected vehicle or equipment from an environmentally sensitive area to a suitable access area. When this situation occurs, precautions shall be taken to prevent oil or hazardous material release to the environment. These precautions include (but are not limited to) deployment of portable basins or similar secondary containment devices, use of ground covers, such as plastic tarpaulins, and precautionary placement of floating booms on nearby surface water bodies.

#### **15.5 Tools and Equipment**

Cleaning of tools and equipment shall be conducted away from environmentally sensitive areas (such as wetlands, buffer zones or drinking water sources) to the maximum extent possible. A paved area such

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as a parking lot or roadway is preferred, to minimize the possibility of spill or release to the environment. Crews shall wipe up all minor drips or spills of grease and oil at field locations.

## 16.0 Stabilization Deadlines for Projects Subject to EPA Construction General Permit

### 16.1 Deadlines to Initiate Stabilization Activities (Permanent and Temporary)

Soil stabilization measures shall be implemented immediately whenever earth-disturbing activities have permanently or temporarily ceased on any portion of the project. The following are some examples of activities that constitute initiation of stabilization:

- Preparing the soil for vegetative or non-vegetative stabilization;
- Applying mulch or other non-vegetative product to the exposed area;
- Seeding or planting the exposed area;
- Finalizing the arrangements to have stabilization product fully installed in compliance with the deadlines to complete stabilization in Section 15.2 below.

### 16.2 Deadlines to Complete Stabilization Activities (Permanent and Temporary)

As soon as practicable, but no later than 14 calendar days or 7 calendar days (for areas discharging to a sensitive water) after the initiation of soil stabilization measures commence the following should be completed:

- For vegetative stabilization, all activities necessary to initially seed or plant the area to be stabilized; and
- For non-vegetative stabilization, the installation or application of all such non-vegetative measures.

### 16.3 Vegetative Stabilization (all except for arid, semi-arid, or on agricultural lands)


- Provide established uniform vegetation (e.g., evenly distributed without large bare areas), which provides 70% or more of the density of coverage that was provided by vegetation prior to commencing earth-disturbing activities. Avoid the use of invasive species as cover.
- For final stabilization, vegetative cover must be perennial; and
- Immediately after seeding or planting a disturbed area to be vegetatively stabilized, a non-vegetative erosion control must be implemented to the area while the vegetation is becoming established. Examples include; mulch and rolled erosion control products.

### 16.4 Vegetative Stabilization (Agricultural Lands)

- Disturbed areas on land used for agricultural purposes that are restored to their pre-construction agricultural use are not subject to vegetative stabilization standards.

### 16.5 Non-Vegetative Stabilization

If using non-vegetative controls to stabilize exposed portions of your site, or if you are using such controls to temporarily protect areas that are being vegetatively stabilized, you must provide effective

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non-vegetative cover to stabilize any such exposed portions of the site. Examples of non-vegetative stabilization techniques include, but are not limited to, rip-rap, gabions, and geotextiles.

## 17.0 Clean-up and Restoration Standards

The following steps shall be taken once construction has been completed at each location along the ROW or within the project site. The following are minimum guidelines for clean-up and stabilization standards. Please refer to permit conditions for project-specific related standards. Refer to the EFI for applicable permit requirements and to determine if the site needs to be reviewed and approved by the permitting authorities prior to removal of erosion controls.

### 17.1 Removal of Sedimentation and Erosion Controls

After all work has been satisfactorily completed and vegetation has been re-established to a minimum of 75% cover, and upon approval by the National Grid Environmental Scientist, all non-biodegradable materials (e.g., siltation fencing, straw bale strings, stakes, straw wattle mesh casing, etc.) shall be disposed of properly off-site.

Dependent on permit requirements, sedimentation and erosion controls may not be allowed to be removed until after inspection and approval by one or more permitting authority. In most cases, removed straw bales may be used to mulch disturbed areas. Remaining straw bales that do not block the flow of water may be left in place unless they are required to be removed pursuant to permit conditions. Straw bales that block the flow of water shall be removed.

Prior to project construction being completed, the project team will develop post-construction inspection intervals to ensure timely removal of temporary BMPs. BMPs will be removed when the area is stabilized, which typically occurs when the area has either naturally stabilized (75% cover), or seed and mulch that was installed has achieved 75% cover.

### 17.2 In-Situ Restoration


Unless otherwise specified in permits or prescribed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or the Project Environmental Consultant, all disturbed areas, including stream banks, wetlands and access routes, shall be restored following the completion of work. When the work is completed and construction mats have been removed, the National Grid Environmental Scientist or Project Environmental Consultant shall conduct an inspection. Wetlands shall be inspected for build up of sand or other materials that may have fallen through construction mats. Care shall be taken to inspect wetland crossings carefully after construction mat removal to ensure any materials are properly removed and disposed of off-site.

Restoration of Soil Compaction. If rutting or soil compaction following construction mat removal is observed, the area shall be returned to pre-existing conditions, and comparable to the surrounding area, by light hand raking or by back-blading with machinery. Restoration shall be overseen by the Project Environmental Consultant or National Grid Environmental Scientist. Deep ruts (>12") shall be filled in using available, loose soil from the work area.

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Seeding and Mulching. If adequate root and seed stock are absent and have been stripped from the area, graded sites shall be promptly stabilized by applying an approved seed mix and mulching with straw to reduce erosion and visual impact. Seeding and mulching shall be completed as soon as possible following completion of work at the site. For some wetland areas, natural re-vegetation may be more appropriate than seeding disturbed sites. Wetland areas where adequate root and seed stock are absent will be seeded using an approved wetland native seed mix. For some wetland areas, natural re-vegetation may be more appropriate than seeding disturbed sites. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4** for seed mix tables and mulch ratio tables.

If needed, the import of quality topsoil onto the ROW will be required. Topsoil should be tested, and approved by the Project Environmental Consultant or National Grid Environmental Scientist to determine its suitability for site conditions. Fertilizers will be approved on a case-by-case basis.

For upland areas, the disturbed vegetation and soil shall be restored and stabilized<sup>4</sup> by regrading the area to pre-existing conditions, if needed, seeding (if adequate root and seed stock are absent) and mulching the exposed soil, and removing strings and stakes from straw bales and using broken up straw bales for the mulch. Siltation fencing, strings and stakes shall be removed for disposal as ordinary waste. Refer to BMPs in **Appendix 4** for seed mix tables and mulch ratio tables.

For sites with excess boulders, additional boulders could be used at proposed and existing gate locations to use on either side of the gates as a deterrent for unauthorized vehicle access or be placed along the edges of work pads where steep slopes are present for safety purposes. The final placement of boulders should be reviewed prior to installation with Real Estate and the National Grid Environmental Scientist or Project Environmental Consultant.


Unless otherwise specified in Project-specific permit conditions, the National Grid Environmental Scientist or Project Environmental Consultant shall develop an inspection frequency to monitor restored areas for stabilization, germination and successful revegetation.

### 17.3 Invasive Species

All equipment shall be certified clean<sup>5</sup> utilizing the attached form (**Appendix 5**) or equivalent as approved by the vendor prior to mobilization to the work site. The vendor shall use the certification from provided as **Appendix 5** to document compliance with invasive species management BMPs. Clean is defined as being free of plant matter (stems, flowers, roots, etc), soil, or other deleterious materials prior to being brought to the project site. Any equipment that has been placed or used within areas containing invasive species within the project site shall be cleaned of plant matter (stems, flowers, roots, etc), soil, or other deleterious materials at the site of the invasive species prior to being moved to other areas on the project

<sup>4</sup> For projects subject to the 2012 CGP, stabilization is required within 14 days, or within 7 days for sensitive areas.

<sup>5</sup> The **Appendix 5** certification form (or equivalent as approved by National Grid Environmental Scientist) shall be used to document the clean certification

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site to prevent the spread of invasive species from one area to another<sup>6</sup>. **Equipment shall be cleaned prior to being removed at the completion of the project: exceptions to this requirement shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.** Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to discharging or disposing of any waste water or waste material from the cleaning of equipment.

#### 17.4 Cleaning of Equipment

At the completion of the project, equipment shall be cleaned prior to being de-mobilized to prevent tracking of material onto roads and causing safety issues. Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to discharging or disposing of any waste water or waste material from the cleaning of equipment.

#### 17.5 Access Roads

Constructed gravel roads shall be left in place following project completion unless permit conditions require their removal. Refer to the specific permit conditions for these provisions. If the road is to be removed, the crushed stone and geotextile fabric shall be removed from the work site. Seeding and/or mulching of gravel roads is generally not required, unless necessary to prevent erosion. Pre-existing sandy soils within mapped rare turtle habitat shall not be seeded unless directed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist so as to not alter nesting habitat.

#### 17.6 Stone Work Pads

Unless permit conditions or property owner's require the removal of constructed stone work pads following project completion, constructed work pads shall be left in place. Refer to the specific permit conditions for these provisions.


#### 17.7 Construction Materials on ROWs

As soon as the structure work has been completed, all used parts and trash are to be picked up and removed from the project site. Retired poles shall be removed in accordance with National Grid Engineering Standard SP.06.01.301. In some cases, the used material from structure work may be temporarily stored at the work area by placing it out of the wetlands or other sensitive resource area until work in the adjacent areas has been completed. However, treated wood poles shall never be stored in standing water or in wetlands. If the project is cancelled, all material shall be removed from the project site. Excess material brought to the project site shall be removed upon project completion. Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist on whether the work site shall be restored in addition to the measures outlined above

#### 17.8 Improved Areas

Yards, lawns, agricultural areas, and other improved areas shall be returned to a condition at least equal to that which existed at the start of the project. Off-ROW access shall never be assumed and shall be coordinated through Real Estate before being implemented. Depending on the access point, construction matting or other BMPs may be required to prevent ruts, lawn damage, or other property damage.

<sup>6</sup> On ROW projects where multiple wetlands may be dominated by the same invasive species, cleaning may not be required for movement along the ROW. Check with the National Grid Environmental Scientist for guidance.

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Restoration following the completion of work and any use of improved areas shall be conducted in accordance with the measures outlined above.

#### **17.9 Property Damage**

All damage to property occurring as a result of a project shall be immediately repaired or replaced. In some locations, it may be desirable to document pre-existing damage prior to work commencing in that area in order to demonstrate afterwards that the damage did not result from the project. Work crews, the Project Environmental Consultant or the National Grid Environmental Scientist shall document repairs that were performed in response to damage from unauthorized vehicle use.

#### **17.10 Overall Work Site**

Upon satisfactory completion of work, the construction personnel shall remove all work-related trailers, buildings, rubbish, waste soil, temporary structures, and unused materials belonging to them or used under their direction during construction, or waste materials from previous construction and maintenance operations. All areas shall be left clean, without any litter or equipment (wire, pole butts, anchors, insulators, cross-arms, cardboard, coffee cups, water bottles, etc.) and restored to a stable condition and as near as possible to its original condition, where feasible. Debris and spent equipment shall be returned to the operating facility or contractor staging area for disposal or recycling (cardboard) as appropriate in accordance with EI-111.

#### **17.11 Material Storage/Staging and Parking Areas**

Upon completion of all work, all material storage yards, staging areas, and parking areas shall be completely cleared of all waste and debris. Unless otherwise directed or unless other arrangements have been made with an off ROW or off-property owner, material storage yards and staging areas shall be returned to the condition that existed prior to the installation of the material storage yard or staging area. Regardless of arrangements made with a landowner, all areas shall be restored to their pre-construction condition or better. Also any temporary structures erected by the construction personnel, including fences, shall be removed by the construction personnel and the area restored as near as possible to its original condition, including seeding and mulching as needed.

### **18.0 Notification of Emergency Work**


Because it is sometimes difficult to identify wetlands and other sensitive environmental areas, the National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be notified within 24 hours or by the next working day whenever emergency off-road repair work takes place. Although the routine maintenance and emergency repair work is generally allowed, due to site conditions or the scope of the project, notification to the regulating agencies may be required.

### **19.0 Appendices**

APPENDIX 1:	Glossary
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## Appendix 1 – Glossary

Access Road – An existing, periodically maintained road often consisting of gravel and/or exposed soils or vegetated with grasses but devoid of woody vegetation, that is visible on aerial photography and shown on ROW T-sheets. May include newly permitted permanent roads (i.e., roads to be constructed in accordance with a project-specific permit).

Access Route - A pathway previously used or proposed to be used by crews for access along the ROW. Routes may be shown on ROW T-sheets or previous project access plans but are not improved as maintained gravel/exposed soil roads. Access routes may be mown and can consist of trails utilized by recreational vehicles.

Action Logs – Project-specific log used to document action items required for permit compliance. The log identifies timeframes for completion and responsible parties. The log is typically updated by the Project Environmental Consultant or the National Grid Environment Scientist and circulated to the project team on a weekly, or more frequent, basis.

Bank – The transitional slope immediately adjacent to the edge of a surface water body, the upper limit of which is usually defined by a break in slope, or, for a wetland, where a line delineated in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations that indicates a change from wetland to upland.

BMP – Best Management Practice. Individual engineered constructions or operating procedures intended to minimize and mitigate soil disturbance, erosion, sedimentation, turbid discharges, and/or impacts to sensitive receptors.

Clean - Free of plant matter (stems, flowers, roots, etc), soil, or other deleterious materials prior to being brought to the project site.

Clean Gravel – Gravel is a type of coarse-grained soil that consists of small stones and other mineral particles. Clean Gravel shall meet the requirements in accordance with National Grid Standard Construction Specification for Electric Stations (Engineering Standard SP.08.00.001) Clean Gravel will not have fine materials that could lead to a turbid discharge.


Clean Stone (Crushed Stone) – Clean Stone (Crushed Stone) shall meet the requirements in accordance with National Grid Standard Construction Specification for Electric Stations (Engineering Standard SP.08.00.001). Clean Stone will not have fine materials that could lead to a turbid discharge.

Clearing – The cutting of trees and large bushes by hand and/or mechanical means.

Compost Socks – Tubular devices comprised of non-degradable, photodegradable, or biodegradable mesh tubing containing organic compost matrix. Compost socks are effective for intercepting site runoff, trapping

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sediment, and treating for soluble pollutants by filtering stormwater runoff. . Compost socks are a useful sedimentation control device along construction site perimeters, as check dams in drainage channels, as a slope interruption practice on long and/or steep slopes, and around drain or street curb inlets.

Construction Mats - Construction, swamp, and timber mats (“construction mats”) are generic terms used to describe structures that distribute equipment weight to minimize disturbance to wetland soil and vegetation while facilitating passage and providing work platforms for workers and equipment. They are comprised of sheets or mats made from a variety of materials in various sizes.

Corduroy Road – Corduroy roads are cut trees and/or saplings with the crowns and branches removed, and the trunks lined up next to one another.

Dewatering Basin – An established containment area for saturated materials and pumped discharges. This measure is used for the purpose of de-watering soils prior to transport off site or for use in another location on site, and for allowing suspended sediment to settle out of pumped discharges.

Detention/Retention Basin – A detention/retention basin is designed for the purpose of detaining or retaining water. A dewatering basin is a form of detention basin

Dewatering – Use of a system of pumps, pipes and temporary holding dams to drain or divert waterways or wetlands, or lower the groundwater table before and during excavation activities.

Drainage Ditch or Swale – A clearly noticeable channel that is typically dry, except after precipitation events. Intermittent and perennial streams and rivers are not included in this definition.

Dredge – To dig, excavate, or otherwise disturb the contour or integrity of sediments in the bank or bed of a wetland, a surface water body, or other area within the regulating bodies’ jurisdiction.

Dredge Spoils – Material removed as the result of dredging.

Embankment – A protective bank constructed of mounded earth or fill materials located between a roadway (or rail bed) and a seasonal stream or other wetland.


Environmental Field Issue – Document that contains copies of all project-specific environmental permits and summarizes all environmental permit conditions. The EFI is prepared by the Project Environmental Consultant or the National Grid Environment Scientist and copies are provided to the Project Manager, Construction Supervisor(s), and other team members as appropriate.

Environmental Monitoring Records – Examples of checklists and/or monitoring reports suggested for use by the Company Environmental Engineer to document conformance of the project with this Environmental Guidance and or project specific permit/license conditions.

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Environmental Scientist – Formerly Environmental Engineer. The National Grid Environmental Department representative for the project or the territory where the work is located. For a map of Environmental Department staff territories, refer to the Environmental page of the National Grid infonet.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas – Examples of environmentally sensitive areas that may be found on National Grid properties are rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands, bogs, swamps, salt marshes, rare species habitat, wellhead protection areas, cultural sites, parks, preserves, schools and as otherwise defined by Federal, State or local regulations. Refer to EG-301.

Erosion Controls – The utilization of methods to prevent soil detachment and minimize displacement or washing down slopes by rainfall or run-off. Common practices include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Temporary and Permanent Seeding.
- (b) Mulching, Soil Binders, Tackifiers.
- (c) Erosion Control Blankets.
- (d) Hydraulic Erosion Control.

Excavate/Excavation – To dig, remove, or form a cavity or a hole in an area within the department’s jurisdiction.

Fill (n.) – Any rock, soil, gravel, sand or other such material that has been deposited or caused to be deposited by human activity.

Fill (v.) – To place or deposit materials in or on a wetland, surface water body, bank or otherwise in or on an area within the jurisdiction of the department.

Flats – Relatively level landforms composed of unconsolidated mineral and organic sediments usually mud or sand, that are alternately flooded and exposed by the tides and that usually are continuous with the shore.

Frozen Condition – Field conditions when the upper portion of the ground surface freezes or when areas of standing water freeze solid such that vehicle passage over these areas is supported without any resulting soil disturbance. The frozen conditions must have been affected by severe cold (maximum daily temperatures less than 32 degrees F) for a continuous 2-week period.


GAA – Rhode Island groundwater classification, groundwater resources that are known, or presumed to be suitable for drinking water use without treatment, and are located in one of the three areas described below.

a) The state’s major stratified drift aquifers that are capable of serving as a significant source for a public water supply (“groundwater reservoirs”) and the critical portion of their recharge area as delineated by DEM;

b) The wellhead protection area for each public water system community water supply well. Community water supply wells are those that serve resident populations and have at least 15 service

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connections or serve at least 25 individuals, e. g. municipal wells and wells serving nursing homes, condominiums, mobile home parks, etc.; and

c) Groundwater dependent areas that are physically isolated from reasonable alternative water supplies and where existing groundwater warrants the highest level of protection. At present only Block Island has been designated as meeting this criterion.

GA – Rhode Island groundwater classification, groundwater resources that are known, or presumed to be suitable for drinking water use without treatment. However, groundwater classified by GA does not fall within any of the three priority areas described under the GAA classification.

Grade/Grading – The movement of soil and fill material to change the elevation of the land. The term refers to the combined actions of excavating and filling to change elevation or shape.

Grubbing – The removal of stumps/roots by mechanical means during site preparation activities.

Immediately - As soon as practicable, but no later than the end of the next work day, following the day when the earth-disturbing activities have temporarily or permanently ceased.

In-kind Replacement - Replacement using the same material, functional inverts, diameter and length as the existing item. In-kind replacement includes the substitution of a structure with a similar structure in approximately the same location as is practicable, and is approximately the same in design. The design may be altered to meet applicable utility standards, and may include alternate materials designed to prolong the life of that service.

Intermittent Stream – A stream that flows for sufficient time to develop and maintain a defined channel, but which might not flow during dry portions of the year.


In the Dry – Work done either during periods of low water or behind temporary diversions, such as Earth Dike / Drainage Swale and Lined Ditches designed and installed in accordance with best management practices.

Limit of Work/Disturbance – The approved project limits within regulated areas. All project related activities in regulated areas must be conducted within the approved limit of work/disturbance. The limit of work/disturbance shall be depicted on the approved permit site plans and in the EFI plans. Where it is warranted National Grid may require that these limits be identified in the field by flagging, construction fencing, and/or perimeter erosion controls.

Long-Term Restoration Logs - Project-specific log used to document restoration required following the completion of construction or as areas of the project have been completed (i.e., segments of ROW for a multi-mile project). The log is typically updated by the Project Environmental Consultant or the National Grid Environment Scientist and circulated to the project team on a weekly basis.

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Low Flow Conditions – Low water flow that generally occurs during the summer, as a result of decreased precipitation and the removal of water by increased evaporation and evapotranspiration by vegetation. Work done under low-flow conditions minimizes the potential for environmental damage. The USACE defines the calendar dates for low flow conditions in its New England state-specific Programmatic General Permits.

Low Ground Pressure – Equipment that meets the USACE GP state-specific defined Pounds per Square Inch (PSI) ground pressure when loaded. Use of LGP equipment **requires approval** from the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

Marsh – A wetland:

- a) That is distinguished by the absence of trees and shrubs;
- b) Dominated by soft-stemmed herbaceous plants such as grasses, reeds, and sedges; and
- c) Where the water table is at or above the surface throughout the year, but can fluctuate seasonally.

Methods – Are the construction practices and procedures that take place through choosing the proper equipment, trucks and labor to execute the earth moving activities based on the existing conditions and implementing creative and sensitive scheduling for the daily activities.

NHESP - Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program; a department within the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife that is responsible for protecting the 176 species of vertebrate and invertebrate animals and 259 species of native plants that are officially listed as Endangered, Threatened or of Special Concern in Massachusetts.

Perennial – A stream that contains water at all times except during extreme drought.

Permanently Ceased – Is applicable to earth disturbance activities when clearing and excavation within any area of the Project that will not include permanent structures has been completed.


Person-in-Charge – A National Grid Project Engineer, Manager, Supervisor, Field Construction Coordinator or equivalent Contractor personnel assigned to oversee and coordinate work activities.

Processed Gravel – Processed Gravel shall meet the requirements in accordance with National Grid Standard Construction Specification for Electric Stations (Engineering Standard SP.08.00.001). Processed Gravel will not have fine materials that could lead to a turbid discharge. Gravel consisting of inert material that is hard, durable stone and is free from loam and clay, surface coatings and deleterious materials.

Regulating Body – Federal, State, or local authority that has jurisdiction over resource areas that may be impacted by company operations

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Regulated Wetland Area – Those areas that are subject to federal, state or local wetland regulation, including certain buffer or adjacent areas.

Repair – The restoring of an existing legal structure by partial replacement of work, or broken, or unsound parts (Env-Wt 101.73).

Replacement – The substitution of a new structure for an existing legal structure with no change in size, dimensions, location, configuration, construction, or which conforms in all material aspects to the original structure

Right-of-Way – A corridor of land where National Grid has legal rights (either fee ownership, lease or easement) to construct, operate, and maintain an electric power line and/or natural gas pipeline and may include work on customer owned properties.

River – A watercourse that is larger than a perennial stream and flows all year long.

Routine Utility Rights-of-Way Maintenance Activity – Includes but is not limited to vegetation management and repair or replacement of existing utility structures.

Sedimentation Controls – Silt fences, straw bales, compost socks/berms and other barrier devices strategically placed to intercept and treat sediment-laden site runoff.

Sensitive Water - Includes any sediment or nutrient impaired water or a water that is identified by the state, tribe or EPA as Tier 2, 2.5 or Tier 3 for antidegradation purposes.

Siltation Curtain – An impervious barrier erected to prevent silt and sand and/or fines from being washed into a wetland, surface water body or other area of concern.


Surface Water Body or Surface Waters – Those portions of waters which have standing or flowing water at or on the surface of the ground.

Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plans – Required for site operations that involve the storage of 1,320 gallons or greater of fuel and oils, both in storage containers and stored in equipment. Response actions to spills and releases are specified in these plans.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan – A site-specific, written document that, among other things: (1) identifies potential sources of stormwater pollution at a construction site; (2) describes stormwater control measures to reduce or eliminate pollutants in stormwater discharge from a construction site; and (3) identifies procedures the operator will implement to comply with the terms and conditions of EPA NPDES Construction General Permit (CGP). SWPPPs must be prepared, maintained on-site, and amended as necessary in order to obtain NPDES permit coverage for specific construction site stormwater discharges under the EPA NPDES CGP.

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Temporarily Ceased - Is applicable when there are earth disturbance activities such as clearing, grading, and/or excavation that are not complete, but will be idle in one area for a period of up to 14 or more calendar days, and which will resume in the future. The 14 calendar day timeframe begins as soon as you know that construction work on a portion of the Project will be left incomplete and idle. In circumstances where there are unanticipated delays and you do not know at first how long the work stoppage will continue, the requirement to immediately initiate stabilization is triggered as soon as you know with reasonable certainty that work will be stopped for 14 or more additional calendar days.

Tidal Wetlands – A wetland whose vegetation, hydrology or soils are influenced by periodic inundation or tidal waters.

Topsoil – The uppermost part of the soil, ordinarily moved in tillage, or its equivalent in uncultivated soils and ranging in depth from 2 to 10 inches.

Turbidity – The condition in which solid particles suspended in water make the water cloudy or even opaque in extreme cases.

United States Geological Survey Topographic Map – A map that uses contour lines to represent the three-dimensional features of a landscape on a two-dimensional surface. These maps use a line and symbol representation of natural and artificially created features in an area.

Wetland – An area that is inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation (more than 50 percent) typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions (hydric soils). Wetlands include but are not limited to swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.


Work Site – An area where work is performed.

Worker – Company employee, contractor, consultant working on site.

Zone II - Massachusetts - That area of an aquifer which contributes water to a well under the most severe pumping and recharge conditions that can be realistically anticipated (180 days of pumping at safe yield, with no recharge from precipitation). It is bounded by the groundwater divides which result from pumping the well and by the contact of the aquifer with less permeable materials such as till or bedrock. In some cases, streams or lakes may act as recharge boundaries. In all cases, Zone IIs shall extend up gradient to its point of intersection with prevailing hydrogeologic boundaries (a groundwater flow divide, a contact with till or bedrock, or a recharge boundary).

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## Appendix 2 – Acronyms

ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BMP	Best Management Practices
EFI	Environmental Field Issue
EG	Environmental Guidance
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
GA/GAA	Rhode Island Groundwater Classifications – see glossary
LGP	Low Ground Pressure
MA	Massachusetts
MA DEP	Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
MassDOT	Massachusetts Department of Transportation
NE	New England
NH	New Hampshire
NH DES	New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
NHESP	Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
OHM	Oil and/or Hazardous Materials
PSI	Pounds per square inch
RI	Rhode Island
RI DEM	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
RI CRMC	Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council
RI SESC	Rhode Island soil erosion and sediment control
ROW	Right-of-Way
RTE	Rare, Threatened or Endangered
SPCC	Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure
SWPPP	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
TOY	Time-of-Year
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VT	Vermont

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VT DEC            Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Zone II            Massachusetts Groundwater Protection district – see glossary

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### Appendix 3

See EG303NE\_Appendix3\_Reporting Form published separately

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**National Grid**  
**Storm Water, Wetlands & Priority Habitat Environmental Compliance**  
**Site Inspection / Monitoring Report**

Project Name:  Date:

City / Town:  Time:

WO / WR #

IHC or Contractor? (Company Name):

**Current Weather Conditions:**

**Precipitation Since Last Inspection (Date, Est. Duration and Est. Amount from Each Storm):**

**Activities / Structures / Locations Inspected:**

**Identify Locations / Activities / Structures within Designated Priority Habitat (Identify Rare species Observations, if any) and Mitigation / Restoration Measures Implemented:**

**Any Significant Discharges of Sediment to Water Bodies or Wetlands? (If "yes", state locations):**

**National Grid**  
**Storm Water, Wetlands & Priority Habitat Environmental Compliance**  
**Site Inspection / Monitoring Report**

**Compliance with SWPPP Storm Water Controls, O&M Plan, Order of Conditions or Other Applicable Environmental Requirements? (Explain if "no" for any feature inspected):**

**Additional BMPs or Other Corrective Action Needed and, if so, Where?**

**Compliance with Previous Observations?**

**National Grid**  
**Storm Water, Wetlands & Priority Habitat Environmental Compliance**  
**Site Inspection / Monitoring Report**

Are Spill Control Supplies Available	Yes	No
Are Oil and / or Hazardous Materials Stored On Site?	Yes	No
If So, Are they Properly Labeled and Managed?	Yes	No
Are Wastes Stored On Site?	Yes	No
If So, Are they Properly Managed?	Yes	No

**Miscellaneous (e.g., dumping?):**


**Comments:**

**Inspection Completed by  
(Name, Title, Company):**

**Inspector's Signature for  
Certification:**

**National Grid Environmental Dept.  
Representative - Signature for  
Certification:**

**Date:**

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#### Appendix 4 – BMPs


See EG303NE\_Form1 for a list of BMPS

See EG303NE\_Form2 for BMP details

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	<b>BMP #</b>	<b>Measure</b>
<b>Sediment &amp; Erosion Controls</b>	SEC-1	Weed free bale barrier
	SEC-2	Sediment control fence
	SEC-3	Silt fence / weed free barrier
	SEC-4	Silt Soxx
	SEC-5	Straw Wattle
	SEC-6	Erosion Control Blanket - Ditch
	SEC-7	Erosion Control Blanket - Slope
	SEC-8	Hydroseeding with Tackifier (slope stabilization)
	SEC-9	Mulch materials, rates and uses (from NY)
	SEC-10	Seeding options - Upland Seed Mixes
	SEC-11	Seeding options - Wetland Seed Mix
	SEC-12	Distribution Pole Erosion Control

<b>Crossing Measures</b>	CM-1	Prefabricated mats
	CM-2	Construction mat bridge
	CM-3	Construction mat layout (with transition)
	CM-4	Construction mat layout (with transition & BMPs)
	CM-5	Construction mat - Air Bridge
	CM-6	Corduroy road
	CM-7	Rock Ford
	CM-8	Temporary construction entrance / exit
	CM-9	Temporary construction culvert
	CM-10	Access way stabilization
	CM-11	Construction signage
	CM-12	Construction Mat Anchoring

<b>Advanced Applications</b>	AA-1	Reinforced silt fence
	AA-2	Sediment filter
	AA-3	Stone check dams
	AA-4	Straw / haybale check dam
	AA-5	Waterbar
	AA-6	Sandbag check dam
	AA-7	Earth dike
	AA-8	Drainage swale and lined ditch
	AA-9	Sedimentation basin
	AA-10	Dewatering basin - Small scale
	AA-11	Dewatering basin - Large scale
	AA-12	Dirtbag
	AA-13	Concrete waste sump

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	AA-14	Outpak concrete washout
Advanced Applications	AA-15	Barrier fence (construction fence)
	AA-16	ROW gates / fences
	AA-17	Bollard
	AA-18	Dust control
	AA-19	Catch Basin Inlet Protection
	AA-20	Silt Sack
	AA-21	Turbidity Curtain
	AA-22	Siltsoxx Amphibian & Reptile Crossing #1
	AA-23	Siltsoxx Amphibian & Reptile Crossing #2
	AA-24	Siltsoxx Amphibian & Reptile Crossing #3
	AA-25	Cultural Avoidance

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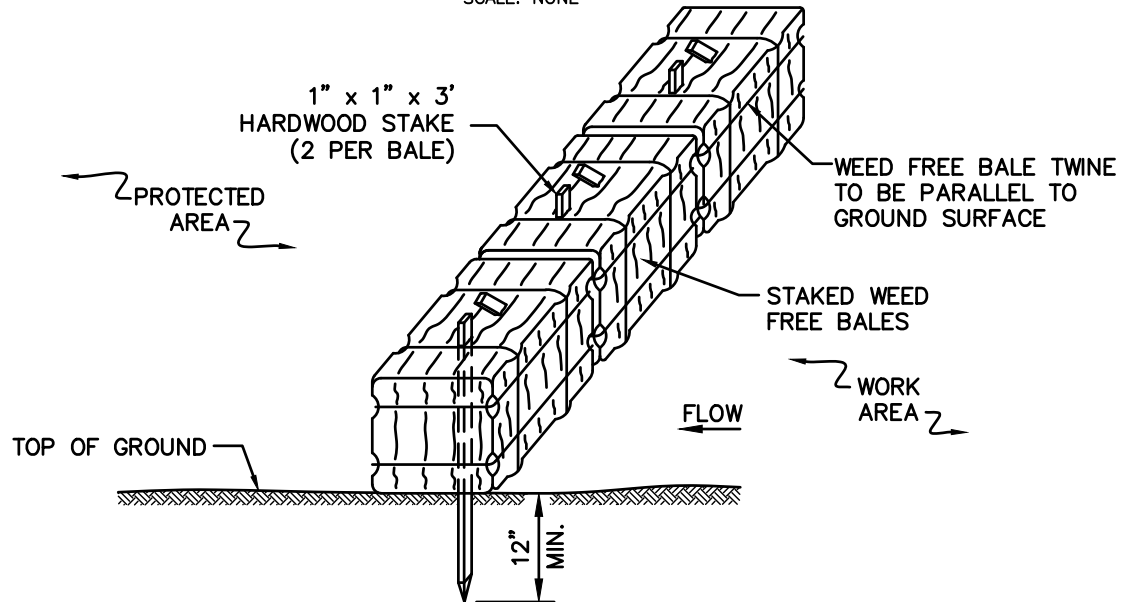
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. THE GROUND SHALL BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE COMPLETE CONTACT WITH THE BALES.

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SEC-1

WEED FREE BALE BARRIER

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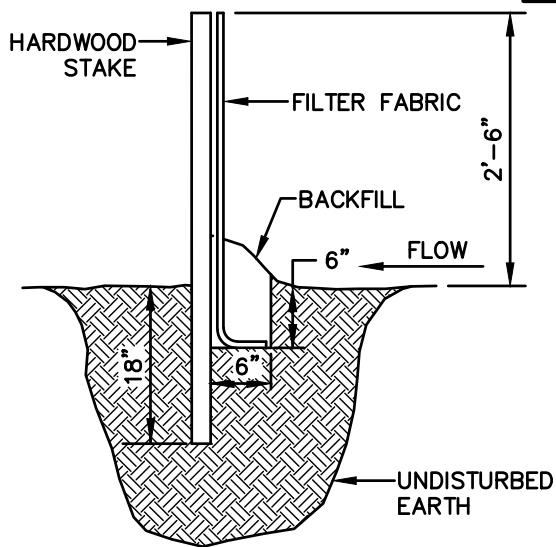
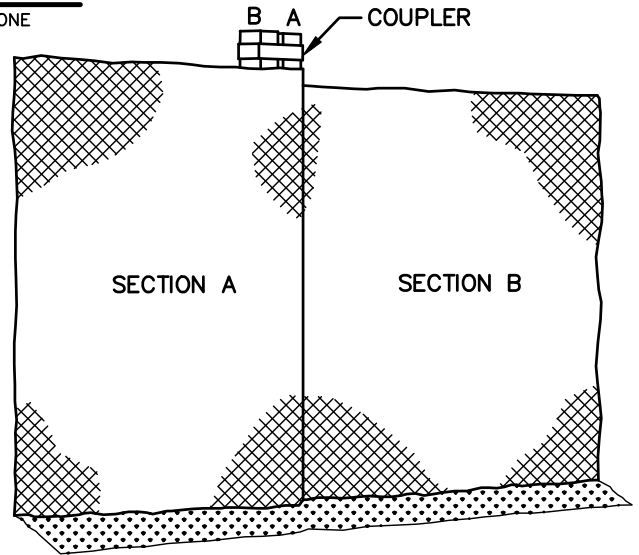
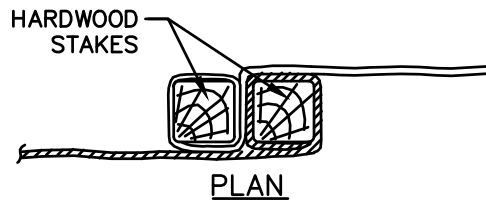
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SEC-2  
SEDIMENT CONTROL FENCE



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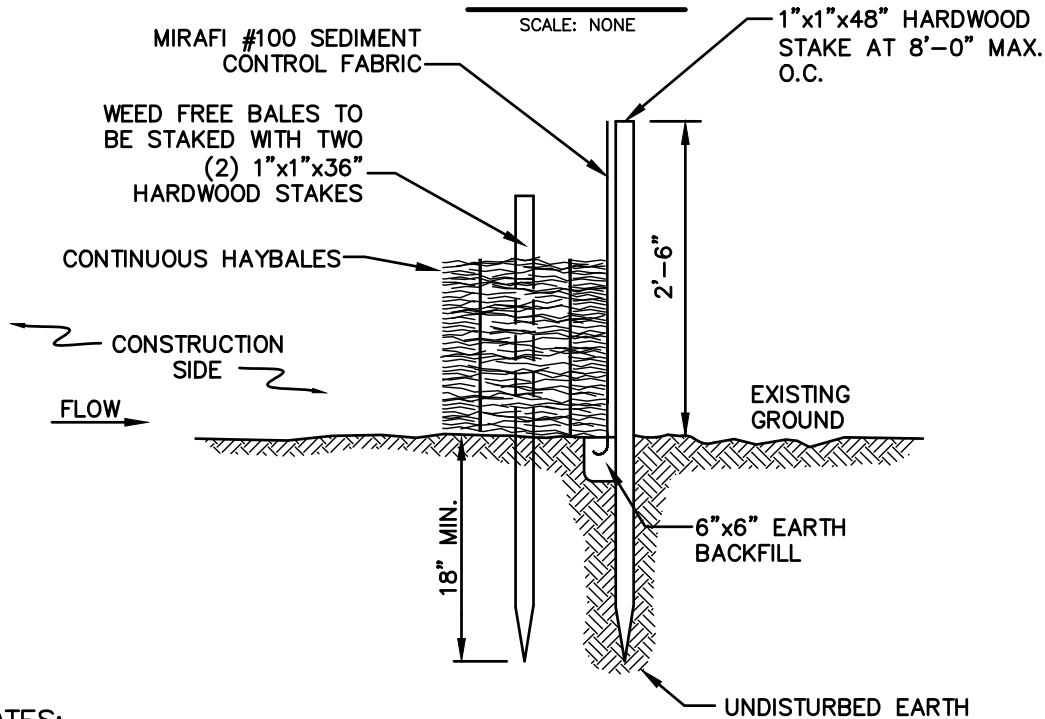
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. BALES SHALL BE PLACED IN A ROW WITH THE ENDS TIGHTLY ABUTTING THE ADJACENT BALES.
2. BALES SHALL BE SECURELY ANCHORED IN PLACE BY TWO (2) 1"x1"x36" HARDWOOD STAKES DRIVEN THROUGH THE BALES. THE FIRST STAKE IN EACH BALE SHALL BE ANGLED TOWARD PREVIOUSLY LAID BALE TO FORCE BALES TOGETHER.
3. INSPECTION SHALL BE FREQUENT AND REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT SHALL BE MADE PROMPTLY AS NEEDED.
4. BALES SHALL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WHEN THEY BECOME FILLED WITH SEDIMENT AND BLOCK OR IMPEDE STORM FLOW OR DRAINAGE.
5. BALES SHALL BE REMOVED WHEN THE EMBANKMENTS STABILIZE.
6. BALES TO BE TWINE BOUND.

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SILT FENCE /  
WEED FREE BARRIER

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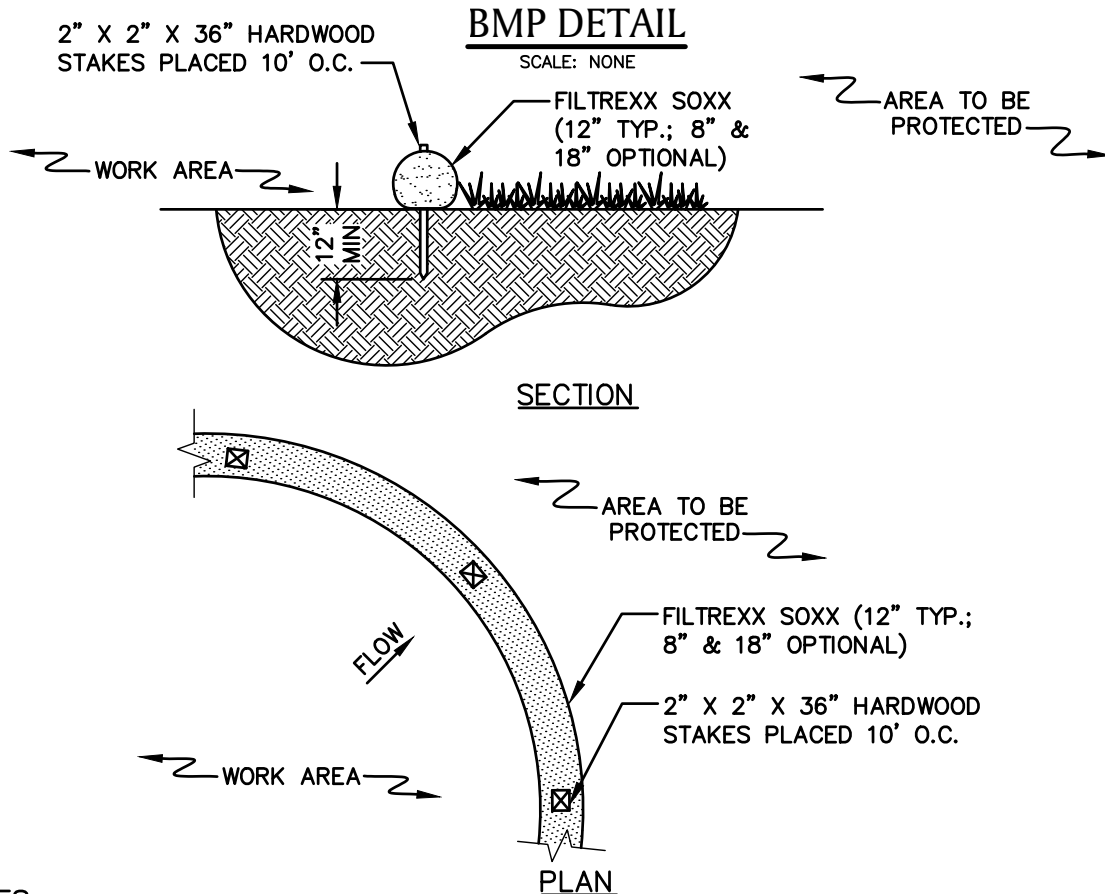
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NOTES

1. PRODUCT TO BE FILTREXX SILT SOXX OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. ALL MATERIAL TO MEET FILTREXX SPECIFICATIONS.
3. FILTER MEDIA FILL TO MEET APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.
4. MESH CONTAINMENT MATERIAL SHOULD BE KNITTED PHOTODEGRADABLE OR BIODEGRADABLE MATERIAL, WITH OPENING SIZES BETWEEN 1/8" – 3/8".
5. COMPOST MEDIA SHOULD HAVE PARTICLE SIZE WHERE 99% < 2", 50% > 1/2".
6. COMPOST MATERIAL TO BE DISPERSED ON SITE, AS DETERMINED BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

BMP PICTURE

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SEC-4  
SILT SOXX \*



## SUBJECT

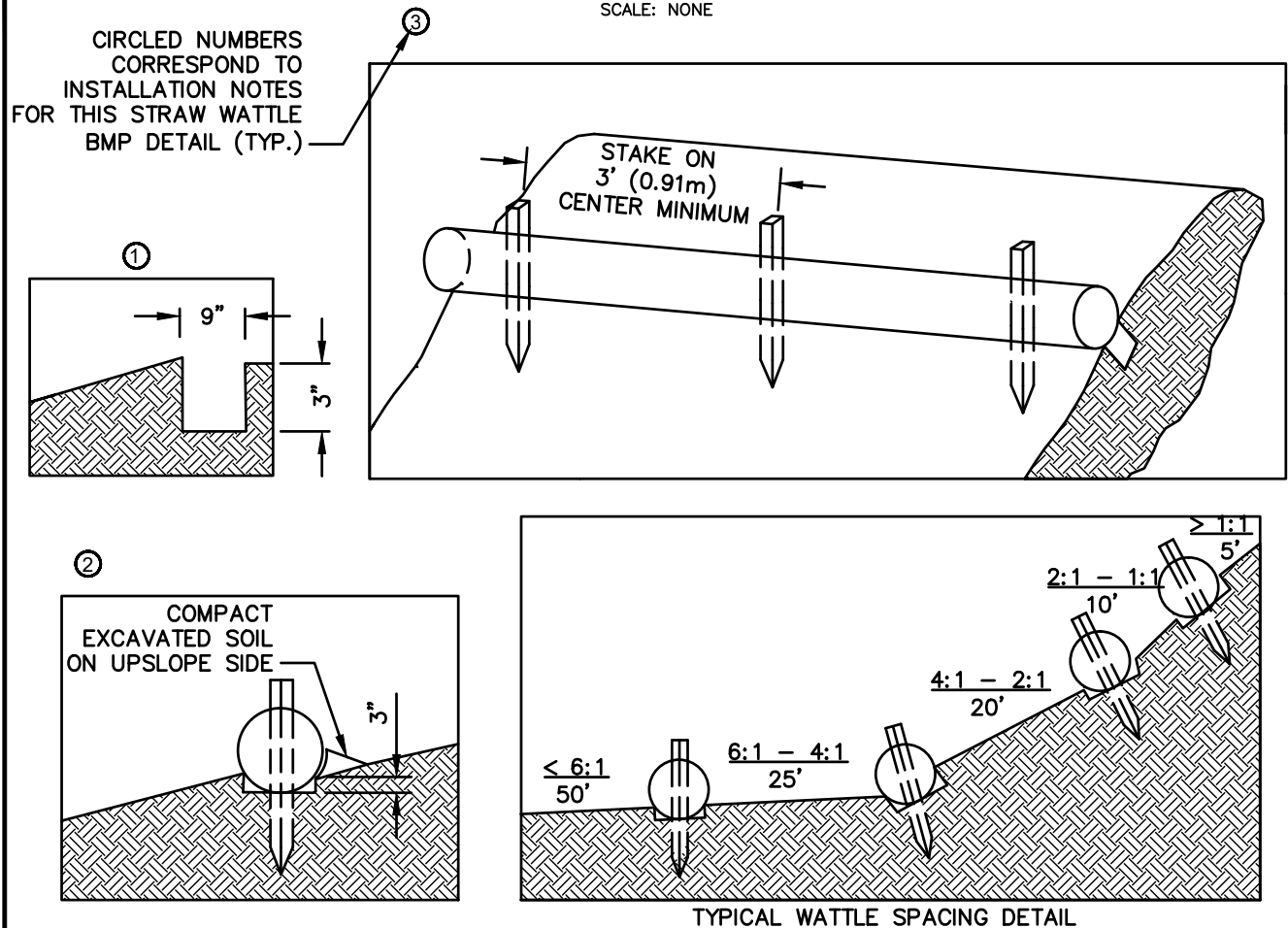
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. PRODUCT TO BE TENSAR NORTH AMERICAN GREEN STRAW WATTLE OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. TYPICAL WATTLE SPACING BASED ON SLOPE GRADIENT. COORDINATE SPACING AND LOCATION WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
3. MINIMUM 12" DIAMETER WATTLES SHOULD BE USED FOR HIGHLY DISTURBED AREAS (I.E., HEAVILY USED ACCESS ROAD WITH ADJACENT WETLAND) AND MINIMUM 9-10" WATTLES SHOULD BE USED FOR LESS DISTURBED SOILS.

**INSTALLATION NOTES:**

1. BEGIN AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE WATTLE IS TO BE INSTALLED BY EXCAVATING A 2-3" DEEP X 9" WIDE TRENCH ALONG THE CONTOUR OF THE SLOPE. EXCAVATED SOIL SHOULD BE PLACED UPSLOPE FROM THE ANCHOR TRENCH.
2. PLACE THE WATTLE IN THE TRENCH SO THAT IT CONTOURS TO THE SOIL SURFACE. COMPACT SOIL FROM THE EXCAVATED TRENCH AGAINST THE WATTLE ON THE UPHILL SIDE. ADJACENT WATTLES SHOULD TIGHTLY ABUT.
3. SECURE THE WATTLE WITH 18-24" HARDWOOD STAKES EVERY 3-4' AND WITH A STAKE ON EACH END. STAKES SHOULD BE DRIVEN THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE WATTLE LEAVING AT LEAST 2-3" OF STAKE EXTENDING ABOVE THE WATTLE. STAKES SHOULD BE DRIVEN PERPENDICULAR TO THE SLOPE FACE.

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SEC-5  
STRAW WATTLE \* (1 OF 2)

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BMP PICTURE

STRAW WATTLE – SHALLOW SLOPE ( $\leq 4:1$ )  
(ALTERNATE STAKING)

ALTERNATE STAKING INSTALLATION NOTES:

1. ON SHALLOW SLOPES ( $\leq 4:1$ ), STRAW WATTLE MAY BE SECURED WITH 18–24" HARDWOOD STAKES DRIVEN AGAINST THE SIDES OF THE WATTLE INSTEAD OF THROUGH. STAKES SHALL ALTERNATE SIDES, AND BE SPACED 3–4' MAX.
2. TWINE SHALL BE TIED FROM STAKE TO STAKE, CRISS-CROSSING THE STRAW WATTLE. TIE TWINE TO STAKES BELOW THE HEIGHT OF THE WATTLE.

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STRAW WATTLE \* (2 OF 2)

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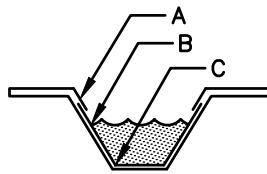
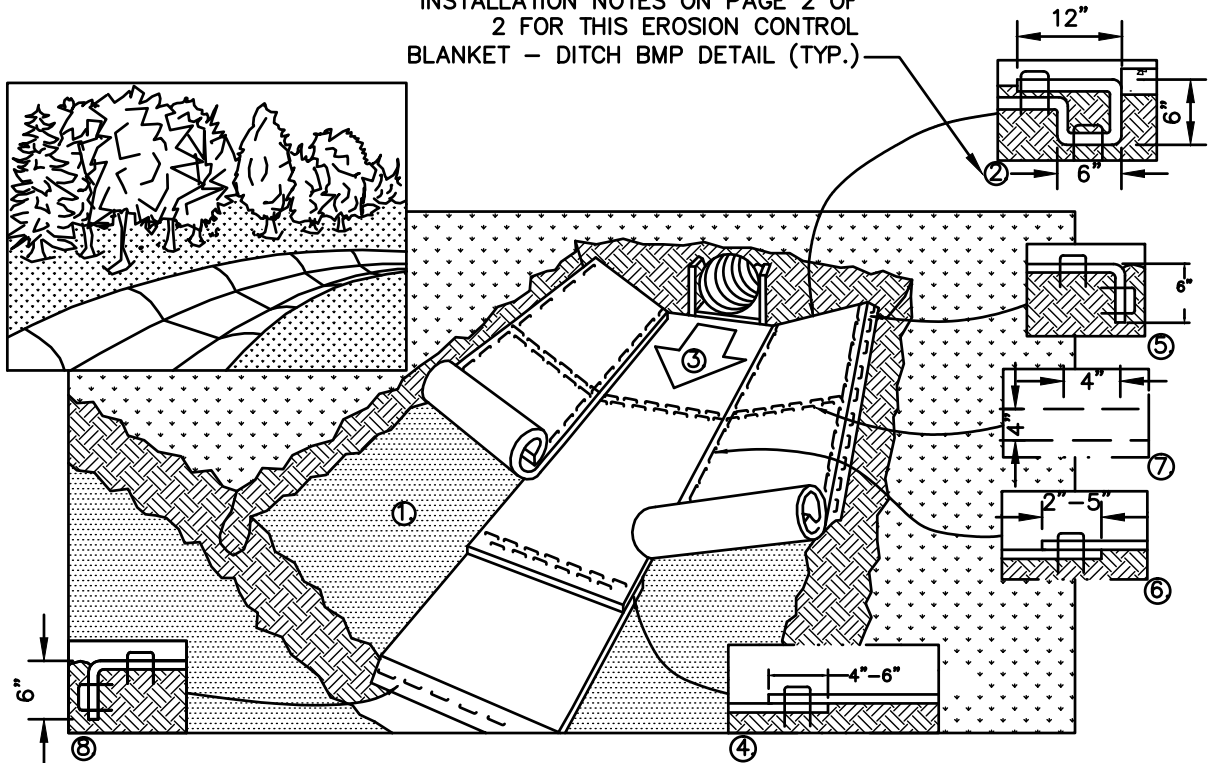
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

CIRCLED NUMBERS CORRESPOND TO  
INSTALLATION NOTES ON PAGE 2 OF  
2 FOR THIS EROSION CONTROL  
BLANKET - DITCH BMP DETAIL (TYP.)

**CRITICAL POINTS**

- A. OVERLAPS AND SEAMS
- B. PROJECTED WATER LINE
- C. CHANNEL BOTTOM/SIDE SLOPE VERTICES

**NOTES:**

1. PRODUCT TO BE NORTH AMERICAN GREEN EROSION CONTROL BLANKET OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. HORIZONTAL STAPLE SPACING SHOULD BE ALTERED IF NECESSARY TO ALLOW STAPLES TO SECURE THE CRITICAL POINTS ALONG THE CHANNEL SURFACE.
3. IN LOOSE SOIL CONDITIONS, THE USE OF STAPLE OR STAKE LENGTHS GREATER THAN 6" (15 CM) MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROPERLY ANCHOR THE ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCTS (RECP's).

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SEC-6  
EROSION CONTROL BLANKET -  
DITCH \* (1 OF 2)



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**BMP DETAIL****INSTALLATION NOTES:**

1. PREPARE SOIL BEFORE INSTALLING ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCTS (RECP's), INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY APPLICATION OF LIME, FERTILIZER, AND SEED. NOTE: WHEN USING CELL-O-SEED DO NOT SEED PREPARED AREA. CELL-O-SEED MUST BE INSTALLED WITH PAPER SIDE DOWN.
2. BEGIN AT THE TOP OF THE CHANNEL BY ANCHORING THE RECP's IN A 6" (15 CM) DEEP X 6" (15 CM) WIDE TRENCH WITH APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) OF RECP's EXTENDED BEYOND THE UP-SLOPE PORTION OF THE TRENCH. ANCHOR THE RECP's WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART IN THE BOTTOM OF THE TRENCH. BACKFILL AND COMACT THE TRENCH AFTER STAPLING. APPLY SEED TO COMPACTED SOIL AND FOLD REMAINING 12" (30 CM) PORTION OF RECP's BACK OVER SEED AND COMPACTED SOIL. SECURE RECP's OVER COMPACTED SOIL WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES SPACED APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) ACROSS THE WIDTH OF THE RECP's.
3. ROLL CENTER RECP's IN DIRECTION OF WATER FLOW IN BOTTOM OF CHANNEL. RECP's WILL UNROLL WITH APPROPRIATE SIDE AGAINST THE SOIL SURFACE. ALL RECP's MUST BE SECURELY FASTENED TO SOIL SURFACE BY PLACING STAPLES/STAKES IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS AS SHOWN IN THE STAPLE PATTERN GUIDE. WHEN USING THE DOT SYSTEM, STAPLES/STAKES SHOULD BE PLACED THROUGH EACH OF THE COLORED DOTS CORRESPONDING TO THE APPROPRIATE STAPLE PATTERN.
4. PLACE CONSECUTIVE RECP's END OVER END (SHINGLE STYLE) WITH A 4" – 6" (10 CM –15 CM) OVERLAP. USE A DOUBLE ROW OF STAPLES STAGGERED 4" (10 CM) APART AND 4" (10 CM) ON CENTER TO SECURE RECP's.
5. FULL LENGTH EDGE OF RECP's AT TOP OF SIDE SLOPES MUST BE ANCHORED WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART IN A 6" (15 CM) DEEP X 6" (15 CM) WIDE TRENCH. BACKFILL AND COMPACT THE TRENCH AFTER STAPLING.
6. ADJACENT RECP's MUST BE OVERLAPPED APPROXIMATELY 2" – 5" (5 CM –12.5 CM) (DEPENDING ON RECP's TYPE) AND STAPLED.
7. IN HIGH FLOW CHANNEL APPLICATIONS, A STAPLE CHECK SLOT IS RECOMMENDED AT 30 TO 40 FOOT (9 M – 12 M) INTERVALS. USE A DOUBLE ROW OF STAPLES STAGGERED 4" (10 CM) APART AND 4" (10 CM) ON CENTER OVER ENTIRE WIDTH OF THE CHANNEL.
8. THE TERMINAL END OF THE RECP's MUST BE ANCHORED WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART IN A 6" (15 CM) DEEP X 6" (15 CM) WIDE TRENCH. BACKFILL AND COMPACT THE TRENCH AFTER STAPLING.

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**EROSION CONTROL BLANKET -**  
**DITCH \* (2 OF 2)**

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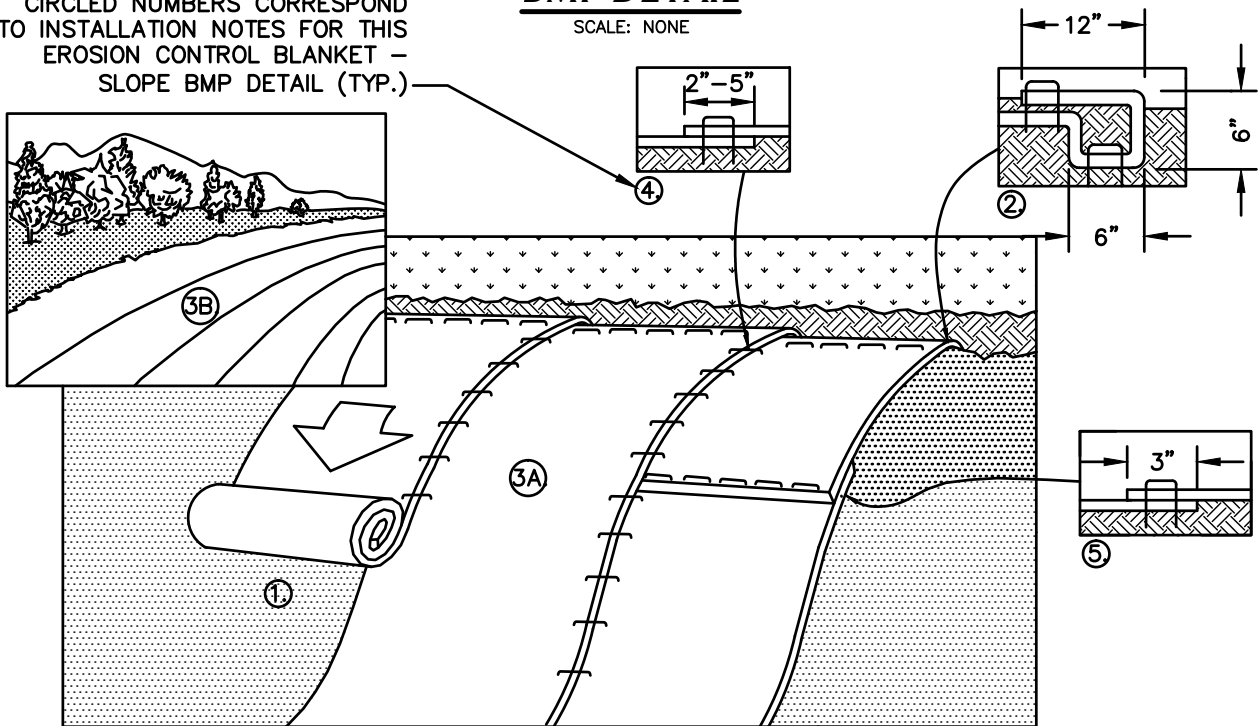
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CIRCLED NUMBERS CORRESPOND  
TO INSTALLATION NOTES FOR THIS  
EROSION CONTROL BLANKET –  
SLOPE BMP DETAIL (TYP.)

**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. PRODUCT TO BE NORTH AMERICAN GREEN EROSION CONTROL BLANKET OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. IN LOOSE SOIL CONDITIONS, THE USE OF STAPLES OR STAKE LENGTHS GREATER THAN 6" (15 CM) MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROPERLY SECURE THE RECP's.

**INSTALLATION NOTES:**

1. PREPARE SOIL BEFORE INSTALLING ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCTS (RECP's), INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY APPLICATION OF LIME, FERTILIZER, AND SEED. NOTE: WHEN USING CELL-O-SEED DO NOT SEED PREPARED AREA. CELL-O-SEED MUST BE INSTALLED WITH PAPER SIDE DOWN.
2. BEGIN AT THE TOP OF THE SLOPE BY ANCHORING THE RECP's IN A 6" (15 CM) DEEP X 6" (15 CM) WIDE TRENCH WITH APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) OF RECP's EXTENDED BEYOND THE UP-SLOPE PORTION OF THE TRENCH. ANCHOR THE RECP's WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART IN THE BOTTOM OF THE TRENCH. BACKFILL AND COMPACT THE TRENCH AFTER STAPLING. APPLY SEED TO COMPACTED SOIL AND FOLD REMAINING 12" (30 CM) PORTION OF RECP's BACK OVER SEED AND COMPACTED SOIL. SECURE RECP's OVER COMPACTED SOIL WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES SPACED APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART ACROSS THE WIDTH OF THE RECP's.
3. ROLL THE RECP's (A.) DOWN OR (B.) HORIZONTALLY ACROSS THE SLOPE. RECP's WILL UNROLL WITH APPROPRIATE SIDE AGAINST THE SOIL SURFACE. ALL RECP's MUST BE SECURELY FASTENED TO SOIL SURFACE BY PLACING STAPLES/STAKES IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS AS SHOWN IN THE STAPLE PATTERN GUIDE. WHEN USING THE DOT SYSTEM, STAPLES/STAKES SHOULD BE PLACED THROUGH EACH OF THE COLORED DOTS CORRESPONDING TO THE APPROPRIATE STAPLE PATTERN.
4. THE EDGES OF PARALLEL RECP's MUST BE STAPLED WITH APPROXIMATELY 2" – 5" (5 CM – 12.5 CM) OVERLAP DEPENDING ON RECP's TYPE.
5. CONSECUTIVE RECP's SPliced DOWN THE SLOPE MUST BE PLACED END OVER END (SHINGLE STYLE) WITH AN APPROXIMATE 3" (7.5 CM) OVERLAP. STAPLE THROUGH OVERLAPPED AREA, APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART ACROSS ENTIRE RECP's WIDTH.

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EROSION CONTROL BLANKET -  
SLOPE \* (1 OF 2)



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BMP PICTURE

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BMP PICTURENOTES:

1. COORDINATE MIXTURE TYPE AND APPLICATION AREAS WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
2. A MINIMUM OF 1500 LBS. PER ACRE OF A PAPER/CORN FIBER OR EQUIVALENT WITH NATURAL TACKIFIERS WILL BE USED ON SLOPES LESS THAN 3:1.
3. A BFM (BONDED FIBER MATRIX) WILL BE USED ON SLOPES GREATER THAN 2:1.
4. A FGM (FLEXIBLE GROWTH MATRIX) OR ESM (EXTREME SLOPE MATRIX) WILL BE USED ON SLOPES GREATER THAN 1:1.
5. REFER TO BMP #10 FOR SEED MIXTURE OPTIONS.

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HYDROSEEDING WITH TACKIFIER  
(SLOPE STABILIZATION) \*

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**BMP****Definition**

Applying coarse plant residue or chips, or other suitable materials, to cover the soil surface.

**Purpose**

The primary purpose is to provide initial erosion control while a seeding or shrub planting is establishing. Mulch will conserve moisture and modify the surface soil temperature and reduce fluctuation of both. Mulch will prevent soil surface crusting and aid in weed control. Mulch is also used alone for temporary stabilization in non-growing months.

**Conditions Where Practice Applies**

On soils subject to erosion and on new seedings and shrub plantings. Mulch is useful on soils with low infiltration rates by retarding runoff.

**Criteria**

Site preparation prior to mulching requires the installation of necessary erosion control or water management practices and drainage systems.

Slope, grade and smooth the site to fit needs of selected mulch products.

Remove all undesirable stones and other debris to meet the needs of the anticipated land use and maintenance required.

Apply mulch after soil amendments and planting is accomplished or simultaneously if hydroseeding is used.

Select appropriate mulch material and application rate or material needs. Determine local availability.

Select appropriate mulch anchoring material.

NOTE: The best combination for grass/legume establishment is straw (cereal grain) mulch applied at 2 ton/acre (90 lbs./1000sq.ft.) and anchored with wood fiber mulch (hydromulch) at 500 – 750 lbs./acre (11 – 17 lbs./1000 sq. ft.). The wood fiber mulch must be applied through a hydroseeder immediately after mulching.

**NOTE:**

1. PICTURE DEPICTS STRAW MULCH APPLICATION (FROM MULCH SPREADER) ON STEEP SLOPE WITH AN IMPROVED DRAINAGE SWALE.
2. COORDINATE MULCH MATERIALS AND RATES WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

\* BMP INFORMATION FROM "NEW YORK STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL (AUGUST, 2005)." INFORMATION OBTAINED VIA WEBSITE: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/29086.html>  
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**SEC-9**  
**MULCH MATERIALS, RATES AND**  
**USES (FROM NY) \***

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## UPLAND ROW RESTORATION MIX – GENERAL

### Species Composition Options:

- Andropogon gerardii; Niagra Big Bluestem
- Schizachyrium scoparium; Little Bluestem
- Elymus Canadensis; Canada Wild Rye
- Elymus virginicus; Virginia Wildrye
- Lolium multiflorum; Annual Ryegrass
- Sorghastrum nutans; Indiangrass
- Chamaecrista fasciculata; Partridge Pea
- Desmodium canadense; Showy Tick Trefoil
- Heliopsis helianthoides; Ox-Eye Sunflower
- Panicum virgatum; Switchgrass
- Rudbeckia hirta; Black Eyed Susan
- Poa palustris; Fowl Bluegrass
- Agrostis perennans; Upland Bentgrass
- Agrostis alba; Redtop
- Festuca rubra; Red Fescue
- Lotus corniculatus; Birds-Foot Trefoil
- Chrysanthemum leucanthem; Ox-Eye Daisy
- Aster novae-angliae; New England Aster

### Example Seed Mixes:

1. Native Upland wildlife forage and Cover Meadow Mix – Ernst Conservation Seeds (ERNMX-123)
2. Eastern Ecotype Native Grass Mix– Ernst Conservation Seeds (ERNMX-177)
3. New England Native Warm Season Grass Mix – New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
4. New England Logging Road Mix – New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
5. Northeast Upland Wildflower/Restoration Erosion Mix – Southern Tier Consulting (STCMX-2)

## UPLAND ROW RESTORATION MIX – DRY/ROCKY SITES

### Species Composition Options:

- Festuca rubra; Red Fescue
- Schizachyrium scoparium; Little Bluestem
- Elymus Canadensis; Canada Wild Rye
- Bouteloua gracilis; Blue Grama
- Lolium multiflorum; Annual Ryegrass
- Lolium perenne; Perennial Ryegrass
- Agrostis scabra; Rough Bentgrass
- Agrostis perennans; Upland Bentgrass
- Sorghastrum nutans; Indiangrass

### Example Seed Mixes:

1. New England Erosion Control/ Restoration Mix for Dry Sites – New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
2. Ernst Conservation Seeds and similar companies can create a custom seed mix matching the composition above (with site specific additions if necessary).

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**WETLAND ROW RESTORATION MIX**Species Composition Options:

- Agrostis stolonifera; Creeping Bentgrass
- Poa trivialis; Rough Bluegrass
- Alopecurus arundinaceus; Creeping Meadow Foxtail
- Lolium multiflorum; Annual Ryegrass
- Festuca rubra; Creeping Red Fescue
- Elymus virginicus; Virginia Wildrye
- Schizachyrium scoparium; Little Bluestem
- Andropogon gerardii; Niagra Big Bluestem
- Carex vulpinoidea; Fox sedge
- Panicum virgatum; Switchgrass
- Agrostis scabra; Rough Bentgrass
- Aster novae-angliae; New England Aster
- Eupatorium perfoliatum; Boneset
- Euthamia graminifolia; Grass Leaved Goldenrod
- Scirpus atrovirens; Green Bulrush
- Verbena hastata; Blue Vervain
- Juncus effusus; Soft Rush
- Scirpus cyperinus; Wool Grass
- Panicum clandestinum; Deertongue

Example Seed Mixes

1. New England Erosion Control/Restoration Mix for Detention Basins and Moist Sites – New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
2. Northeast Wetland Grass Seed Mix – Southern Tier Consulting (STCMX-7)
3. Ernst Conservation Seeds and similar companies can create a custom seed mix matching the composition above (with site specific additions if necessary).

GERNERAL NOTES:

1. Seed mixes described herein are intended to cover a variety of typical new england landscapes. However, site specific seed mixes will need to be evaluated in coastal or mountainous regions.
2. Seed mixes described herein are intended for general ROW restoration. Site specific wetland seed mixes may be required by local, state and/or federal regulators for certain impacts to wetlands.
3. All seed mixes are to be approved by National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to construction and must conform with all project permits.
4. Seedbed preparation and maintenance as well as temporary erosion and sediment controls are crucial to the establishment of newly seeded areas. Coordinate with National Grid Environmental Scientist on seed bed preparation and maintenance as well as temporary erosion and sediment controls prior to construction.

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SEEDING OPTIONS -  
WETLAND SEED MIX



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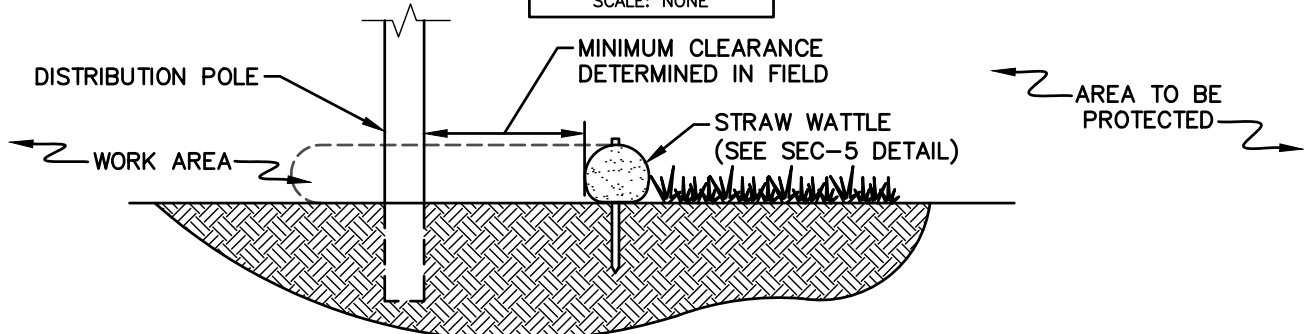
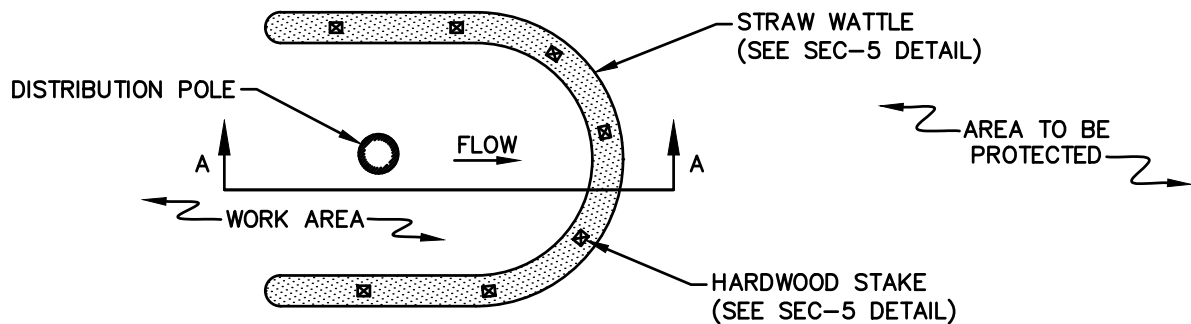
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

SECTION A-APLANNOTES

1. PRODUCT TO BE STRAW WATTLE OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST (SEE SEC-5 BMP DETAIL).
2. STRAW BALE BARRIER PER SEC-1 BMP DETAIL TO BE AN AVAILABLE ALTERNATE DEPENDING ON SITE CONDITIONS AT THE DIRECTION OF NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST (SEE FIGURE 2).
3. MINIMUM CLEARANCE BETWEEN POLE AND EROSION CONTROL TO BE DETERMINED BY CONDITIONS OF POLE INSTALLATION/REPLACEMENT WORK AND ASSOCIATED DISTURBANCE.

BMP PICTURE

FIGURE 1: TYP. STRAW WATTLE APPLICATION



FIGURE 2: ALT. STRAW BALE APPLICATION

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DISTRIBUTION POLE  
SEDIMENT CONTROL

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**BMP PICTURE**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. PRODUCT TO BE ALTURNAMATS' PREFABRICATED MATS OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. PRODUCT AVAILABLE IN 4X8' UNITS.
3. IF MATS ARE INSTALLED IN A WETLAND AREA, INSTALL EROSION CONTROLS TO CONTAIN MATERIAL UTILIZED IN THE MAT TRANSITIONS.

\* PICTURE PROVIDED BY ALTURNAMATS

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CM-1  
PREFABRICATED MATS \*

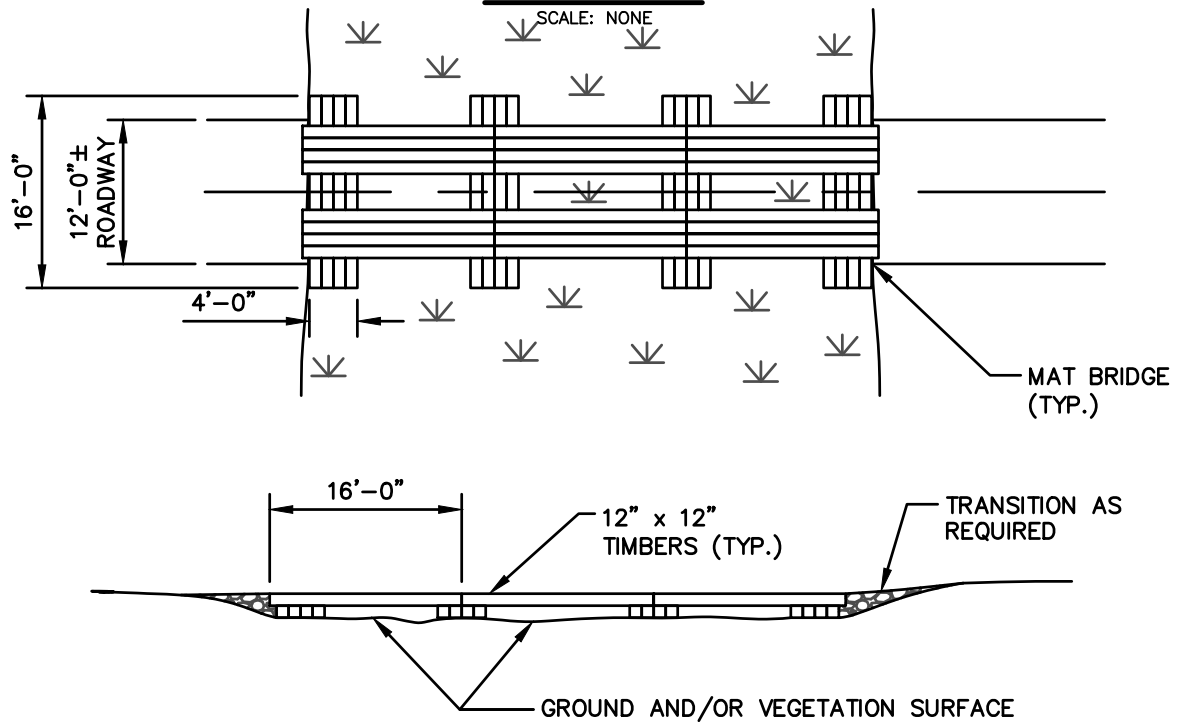


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**BMP DETAIL****NOTES:**

1. IF MATS ARE INSTALLED IN A WETLAND AREA, INSTALL EROSION CONTROLS TO CONTAIN MATERIAL UTILIZED IN THE MAT TRANSITIONS.

**BMP PICTURE**

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**CONSTRUCTION MAT BRIDGE**  
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**BMP PICTURE - SINGLE SPAN**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. WHERE STREAM WIDTH ALLOWS, INSTALL CONSTRUCTION MATS TO SPAN THE WATERCOURSE IN ITS ENTIRETY WITHOUT STRINGER PLACEMENT IN THE WATER OR ANY RESTRICTION OF STREAM FLOW.
2. INSTALLATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION MAT BRIDGE SHALL NOT DAMAGE THE STREAM BED AND BANKS. WHERE POSSIBLE, FOOTERS SHALL BE PLACED PARALLEL TO THE TOP OF THE STREAM BANKS, WITH ACCESS MATTING PLACED ACROSS THE TOP OF THE STRINGERS DISTRIBUTING THE WEIGHT OF THE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT.
3. AT STREAM CROSSINGS THAT CANNOT BE SPANNED BY A SINGLE SECTION OF CONSTRUCTION MATTING, AND WHERE PERMITS ALLOW, STRINGERS SHALL BE PLACED ATOP THE STREAM BED PARALLEL TO THE FLOW OF WATER.

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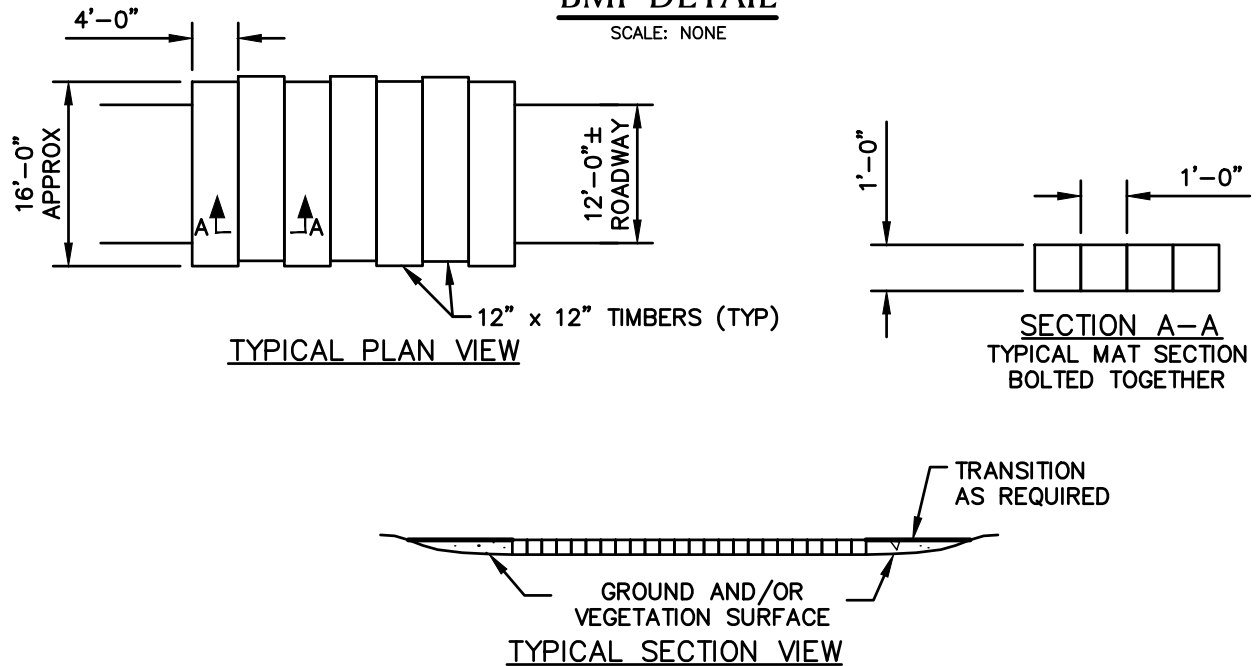
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. TO BE INSTALLED IF NECESSARY TO PREVENT RUTTING, TO ACCESS STRUCTURES.
2. THIS DETAIL SHOWS TYPICAL DIMENSIONS. SOME CONTRACTOR'S CONSTRUCTION MATS ARE DIMENSIONALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IS SHOWN HERE.
3. DEPENDENT ON SITE CONDITIONS, MULTIPLE LAYERS OF CONSTRUCTION MATS MAY BE INSTALLED.

**BMP PICTURE****CM-3**

CONSTRUCTION MAT LAYOUT  
(WITH TRANSITION)

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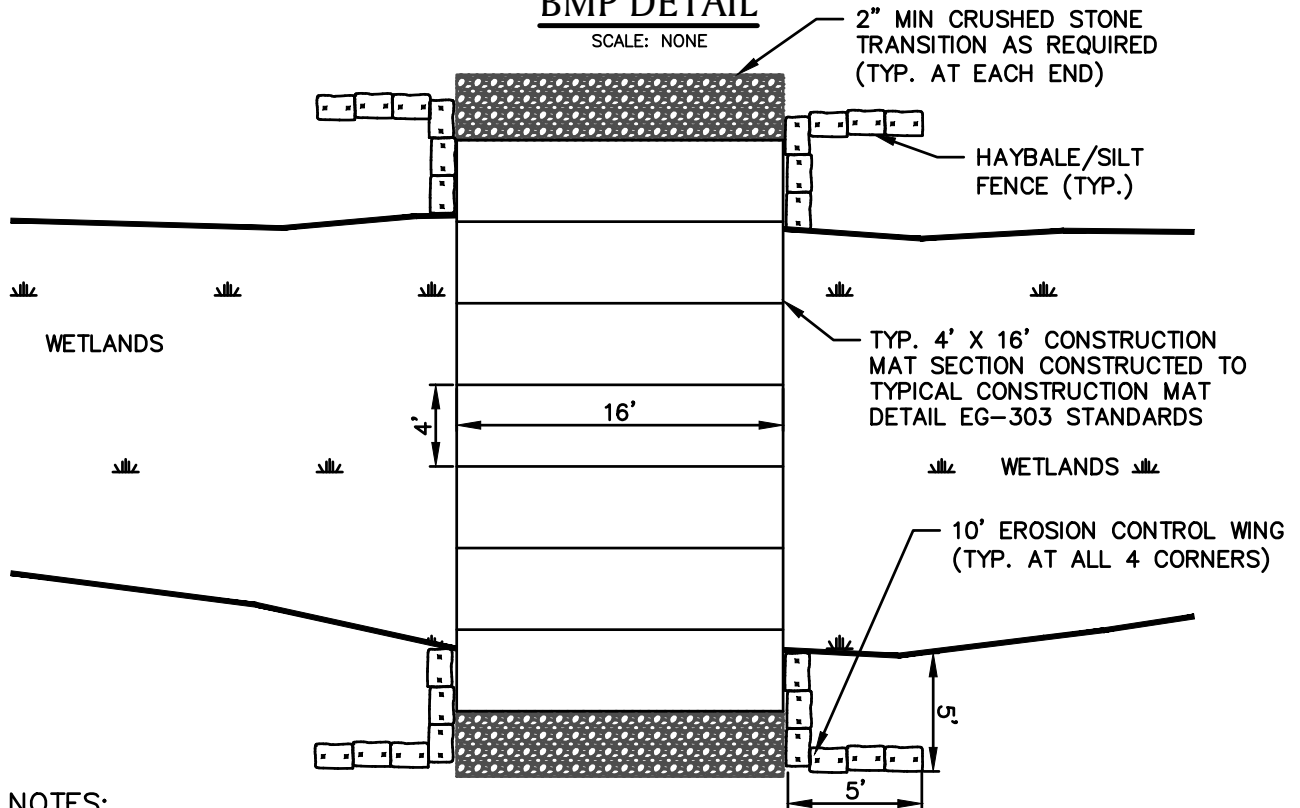
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. ADD FILTER FABRIC AS NEEDED UNDER STONE TRANSITION RAMPS.
2. ALL MEASUREMENTS AND LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.

**BMP PICTURE****CM-4**

CONSTRUCTION MAT LAYOUT  
(WITH TRANSITION AND BMPs)

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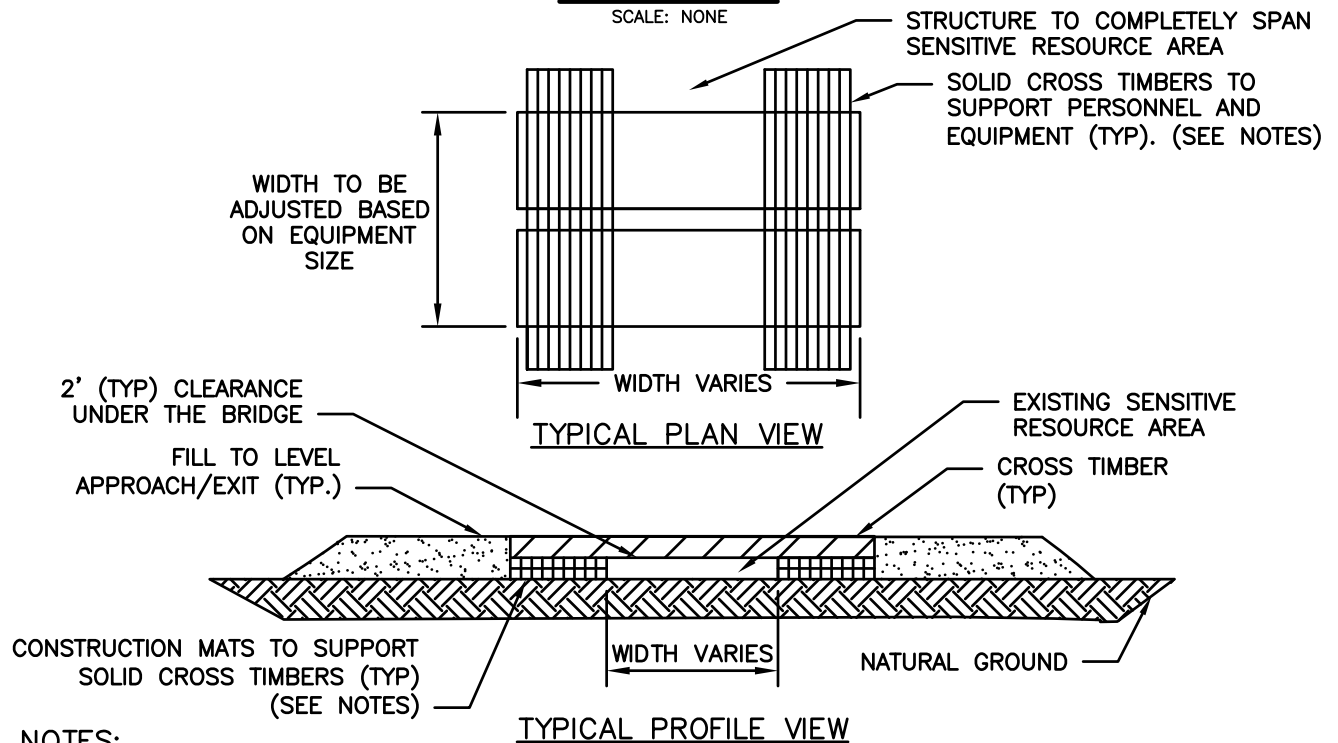
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. THE DETAIL SHOWN IS CONCEPTUAL. CONSTRUCTION MATS AND CROSS TIMBERS SHALL BE SIZED AND SELECTED BASED ON SPAN WIDTH, CROSSING EQUIPMENT AND FIELD CONDITIONS.
2. THE NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTION MATS MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE CLEARANCE HEIGHT.
3. EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL LOAD SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED ON ALL TIMBERS.
4. EACH EQUIPMENT OPERATOR AND USER OF THE FIELD BRIDGE SHALL BE FAMILIAR WITH THE DESIGN AND THE MAXIMUM EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL LOADS.
5. THIS DETAIL MAY NOT BE APPLICABLE IN ALL FIELD CONDITIONS.
6. INSTALL EROSION CONTROLS ADJACENT TO THE CULVERT ENDS TO PROTECT THE WATERWAY FROM ROADWAY DEBRIS.

**BMP PICTURE**

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**CONSTRUCTION MAT - AIR BRIDGE**

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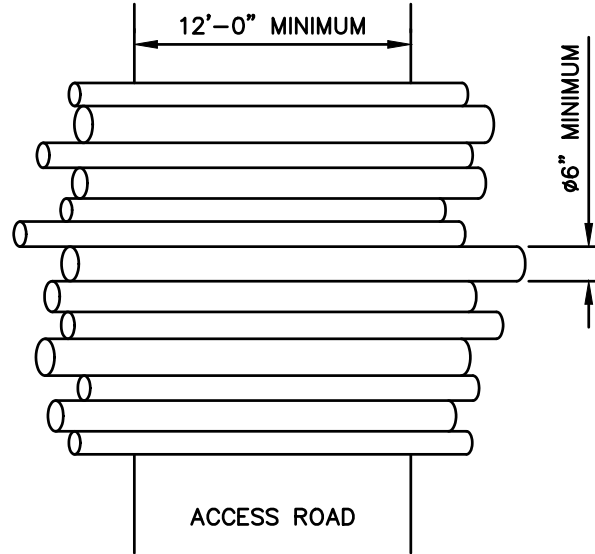
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



RANDOM LENGTH AND DIAMETER LOGS PLACED ACROSS AN ACCESS ROAD

**NOTE:**

1. A SIMILAR BRUSH MAT INSTALLATION CONSISTING OF SMALLER DIAMETER STEMS AND LOGS CAN BE USED.
2. CORDUROY ROADS SHALL ONLY BE USED IN EMERGENCIES OR AFTER APPROVAL FROM THE PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT OR NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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CM-6  
CORDUROY ROAD



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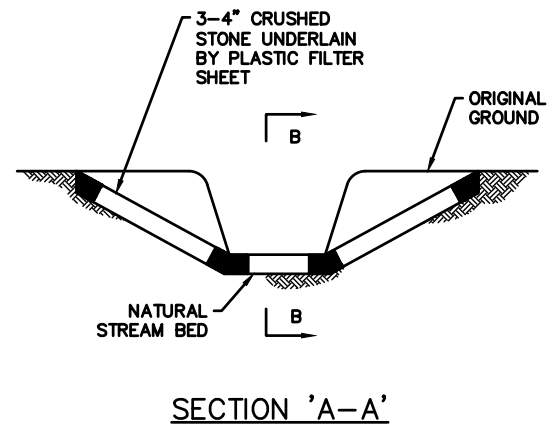
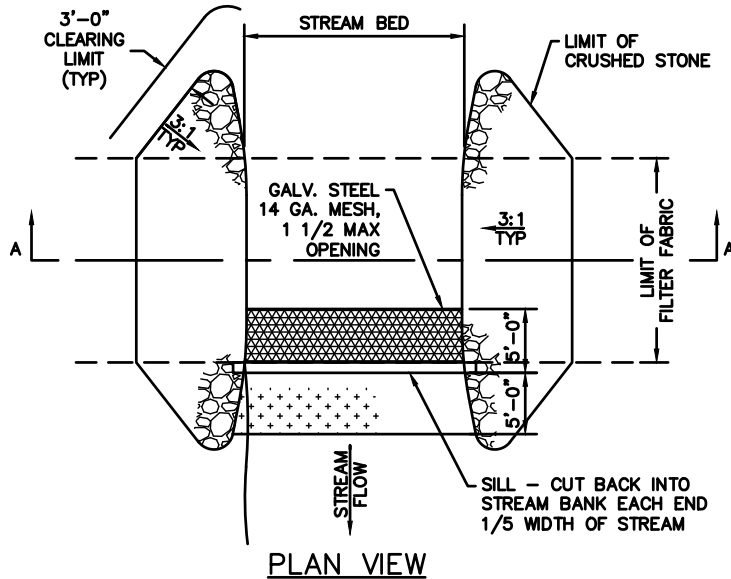
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CM-7  
ROCK FORD

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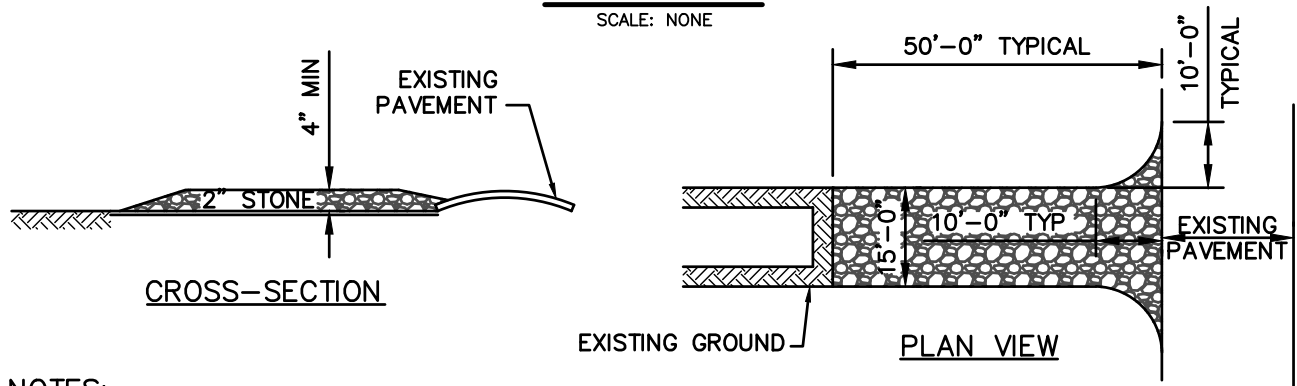
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. STONE SIZE – USE 2" STONE (MINIMUM) TO 6" STONE (MAXIMUM)
2. LENGTH – GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 50 FEET
3. THICKNESS – 4"
4. WIDTH – FIFTEEN (15) FOOT TYP., BUT NOT LESS THAN FULL WIDTH AT POINTS WHERE INGRESS OR EGRESS OCCURS.
5. SURFACE WATER – ALL SURFACE WATER FLOWING OR DIVERTED TOWARD CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES SHALL BE PIPED ACROSS ENTRANCE. IF PIPING IS IMPRACTICAL, MOUNTABLE BERM SHALL BE PERMITTED.
6. MAINTENANCE – THE ENTRANCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A CONDITION WHICH SHALL PREVENT TRACKING OR FLOWING OF SEDIMENT ONTO PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY. THIS MAY REQUIRE PERIODIC TOP DRESSING WITH ADDITIONAL STONE AS CONDITIONS DEMAND AND REPAIR OR CLEANOUT OF ANY MEASURES USED TO TRAP SEDIMENT. ALL SEDIMENT SPILLED, DROPPED, WASHED OR TRACKED ONTO PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY.
7. PERIODIC INSPECTION AND NEEDED MAINTENANCE SHALL BE PROVIDED.
8. THE CLEAN STONE SHOULD BE INSTALLED OVER A GEOTEXTILE FABRIC. GEOTEXTILE FABRIC MAY BE OMITTED FOR PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES/EXITS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
9. FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION, THE CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE/EXIT SHALL BE REMOVED AND THE AREA GRADED, SEEDED, AND MULCHED AS NEEDED. ENTRANCE/EXITS MAY REMAIN DEPENDING UPON FUTURE ACCESS NEEDS AND/OR PROJECT-SPECIFIC APPROVALS BUT REQUIRES APPROVALS FROM THE NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AND PROPERTY LEGAL.

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**CM-8**  
**TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION**  
**ENTRANCE/ EXIT**

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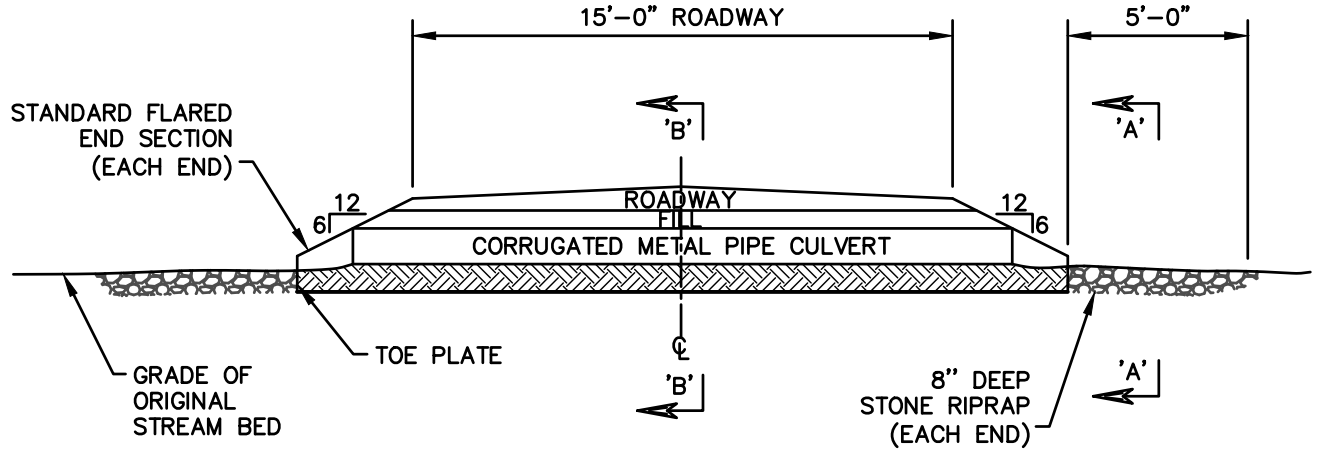
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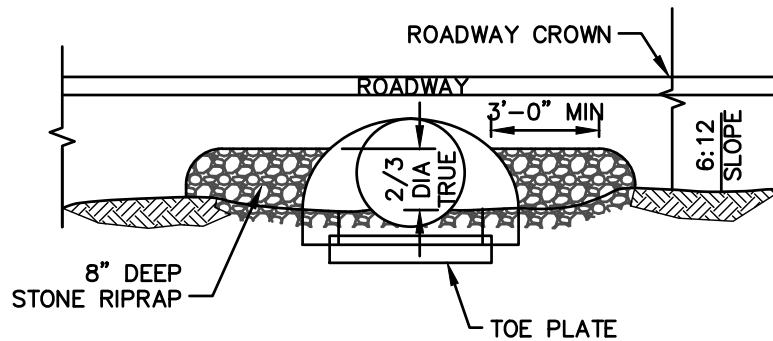
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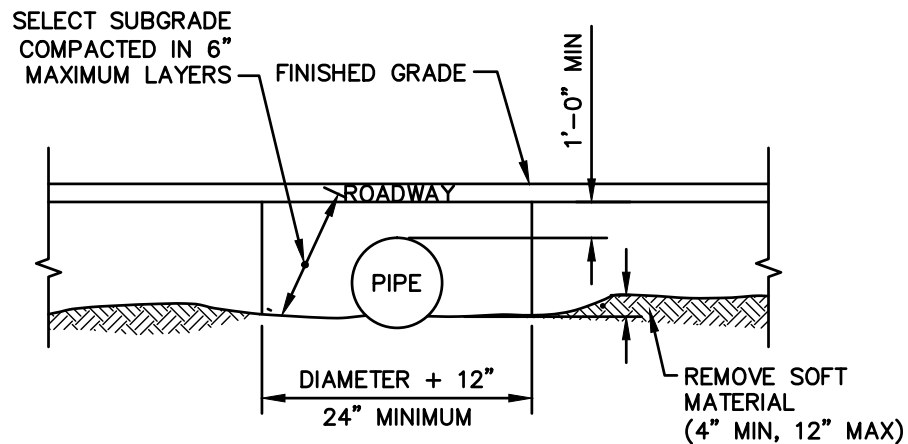
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**CROSS SECTION**



**SECTION 'A-A'**  
(SAME BOTH ENDS)



**SECTION 'B-B'**

**CM-9**  
**TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION**  
**CULVERT (1 OF 2)**

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**BMP DETAIL****NOTES:**

SCALE: NONE

1. CULVERT DESIGN AND LAYOUT SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST (NGES).
2. CROWN ROADWAY 1/2 INCH PER FOOT.
3. LAY THE CULVERT STRAIGHT AND AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE ALONG THE EXISTING STREAM BED AND WITH THE INVERTS AT OR SLIGHTLY BELOW BED ELEVATION.
4. CORRUGATED METAL PIPE IS TO BE GALVANIZED STEEL, OR ALUMINIZED STEEL (TYPE 2), WITH BOLTED CONNECTORS.
5. DIAMETERS SHALL BE AS PER THE PROJECT DRAWINGS AND THE SPECIFICATION. THE PIPE GAGE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

DIAMETER (INCHES)	GAGE
12" - 15"	.004"
18" - 24"	.079"
30" - 36"	.109"

6. INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS LARGER THAN 36 INCH DIAMETER SHALL REQUIRE SPECIAL ENGINEERING DESIGN.
7. SELECT SUBGRADE SHALL BE A GRANULAR MATERIAL AS DESCRIBED IN NYSDOT SPECIFICATION ITEM 203-2.02C, OR AS APPROVED BY A NGES.
8. STONE RIPRAP SHALL BE AS DESCRIBED IN NYSDOT SPECIFICATION ITEM 203-2.02D, WITH 8 INCH MAXIMUM SIZE, OR AS APPROVED BY A NGES. EXCEPT WHERE PROTECTED BY STONE, ALL EMBANKMENT SLOPES ARE TO BE STABILIZED, MULCHED AND SEEDED AS PER PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS.
9. OUTLET SHOULD BE CONFIGURED NOT TO CREATE HYDRAULIC JUMP OR PLUNGE POOL.
10. INSTALL EROSION CONTROLS ADJACENT TO THE CULVERT ENDS TO PROTECT THE WATERWAY FROM ROADWAY DEBRIS.

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**TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION  
CULVERT (2 OF 2)**



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## Reference

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BMP PICTURENOTE:

1. PICTURE SHOWS VIEW OF ACCESS WAY STABILIZATION ADJACENT TO A WETLAND.
2. COORDINATE STABILIZATION DESIGN AND PRODUCT WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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BMP PICTURE

NO ACCESS – WETLAND/STREAM CROSSING MATS REQUIRED



NO ACCESS – A.) PROJECT LIMITS E.G. ROW LIMITS  
B.) HISTORICAL/CULTURAL  
C.) ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE E.G. THREATENED & ENDANGERED  
D.) OTHER



APPROVED ACCESS



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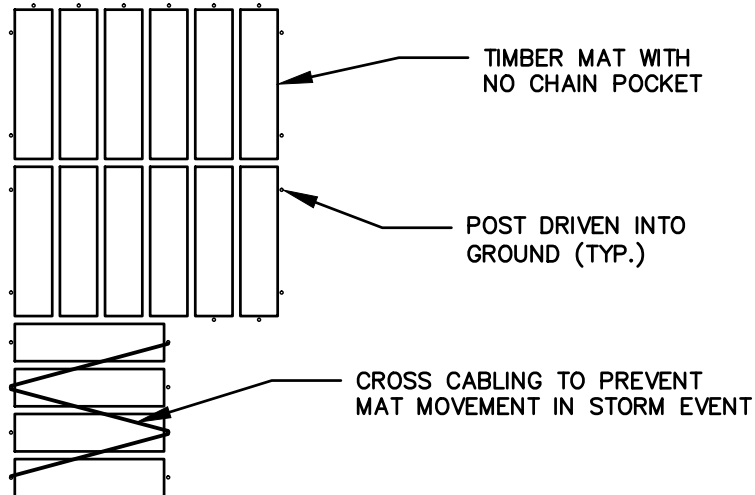
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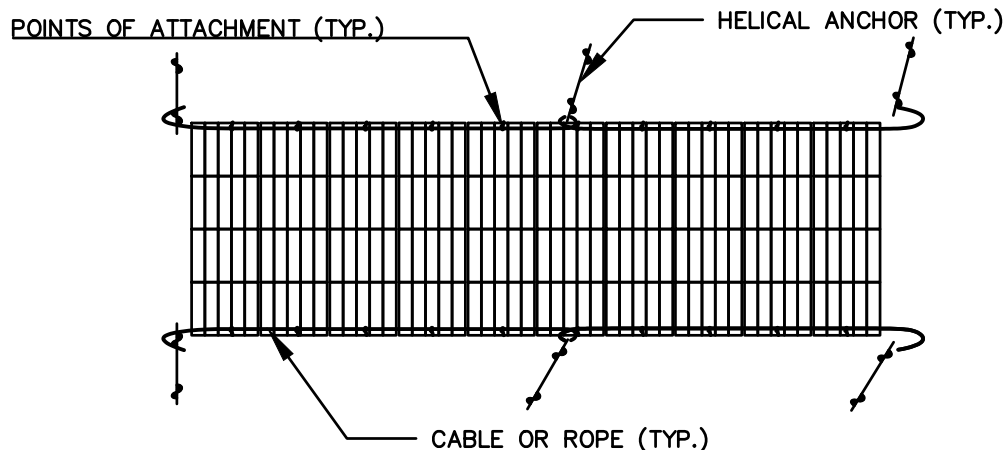
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TYPICAL PLAN VIEWNOTES:

1. EXAMPLES OF ANCHORING ONLY. MATTING CONTRACTOR SHALL PROPOSE THE METHOD OF ANCHORING BASED ON FIELD CONDITIONS.
2. ANCHORING METHOD TO BE APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST AND TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR.

**BMP DETAIL 2**NOTES:

1. TYPICAL HELICAL ANCHOR AND CABLE CONFIGURATION FOR MAT CONTAINMENT IN FLOODPLAINS/LAND SUBJECT TO FLOODING.
2. TYPICAL POINTS OF ATTACHMENT HEAVY STAPLES, EYE BOLTS OR OTHER SUITABLE HARDWARE TO SECURE ATTACHMENT OF MAT TO LINEAR CABLE. IF CHAIN POCKETS ARE PRESENT IN THE MATS CABLE OR ROPE CAN BE LOOPED THROUGH RODS.

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EXAMPLE OF CONSTRUCTION MAT  
ANCHORING (1 OF 2)

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EXAMPLE OF CONSTRUCTION MAT  
ANCHORING (2 OF 2)

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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

# WIRE BACKED SILT FENCE

**MUTUAL INDUSTRIES WIRE BACKED SILT FENCE**

PART # 1776-14-24

36" X 100'

36" MISF 1776 FABRIC

24" 14GA WIRE MESH

OPENING OF MESH 2" X 4"

FABRIC HOG RINGED EVERY 12"-18" ALONG THE TOP OF THE FENCE

ROLL WEIGHT 40 LBS

32 ROLLS PER PALLET

**NOTES:**

1. PRODUCT TO BE MUTUAL INDUSTRIES' WIRE BACKED SILT FENCE OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. COORDINATE INSTALLATION METHOD AND LOCATION WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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REINFORCED SILT FENCE \*



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BMP PICTURENOTE:

1. PICTURE SHOWS SEDIMENT FILTER WITHIN A WETLAND.

## SUBJECT

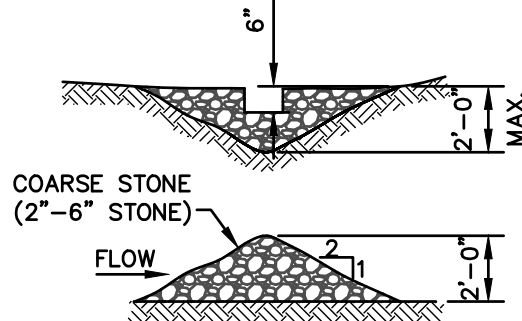
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**STONE CHECK DAM****NOTES:**

1. USE CHECK DAMS TO SLOW WATER FLOWS AND AS SMALL SEDIMENT TRAPS IN DITCHES ALONG ACCESS ROADS.
2. CLEAN SEDIMENT AND REPLACE DAMS AS NECESSARY.
3. THE CENTER OF THE CHECK DAM MUST BE AT LEAST 6" LOWER THAN THE OUTER EDGES.
4. COORDINATE SPACING WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
5. MAX. SPACING: TOE OF THE UPSTREAM DAM IS SAME ELEVATION AS TOP OF DOWNSTREAM DAM.
6. STONE SHALL BE FREE OF FINE PARTICLES TO PREVENT TURBID DISCHARGES.

**BMP PICTURE**

NOTE: A SMALLER STONE SIZE IS SHOWN IN THIS PICTURE.

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STONE CHECK DAMS

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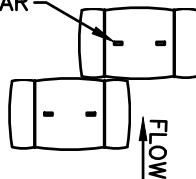
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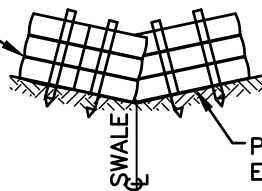
**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

3' HARDWOOD  
STAKES OR  
Ø5/8" REBAR

PLAN VIEW

BALING TWINE



PLACE BALES CUT  
END DOWN

SECTION VIEWNOTES:

1. USE CHECK DAMS TO SLOW WATER FLOWS AND AS SMALL SEDIMENT TRAPS IN DITCHES ALONG ACCESS ROADS.
2. CLEAN SEDIMENT AND REPLACE DAMS AS NECESSARY.
3. COORDINATE SPACING WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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STRAW / HAYBALE CHECK DAM

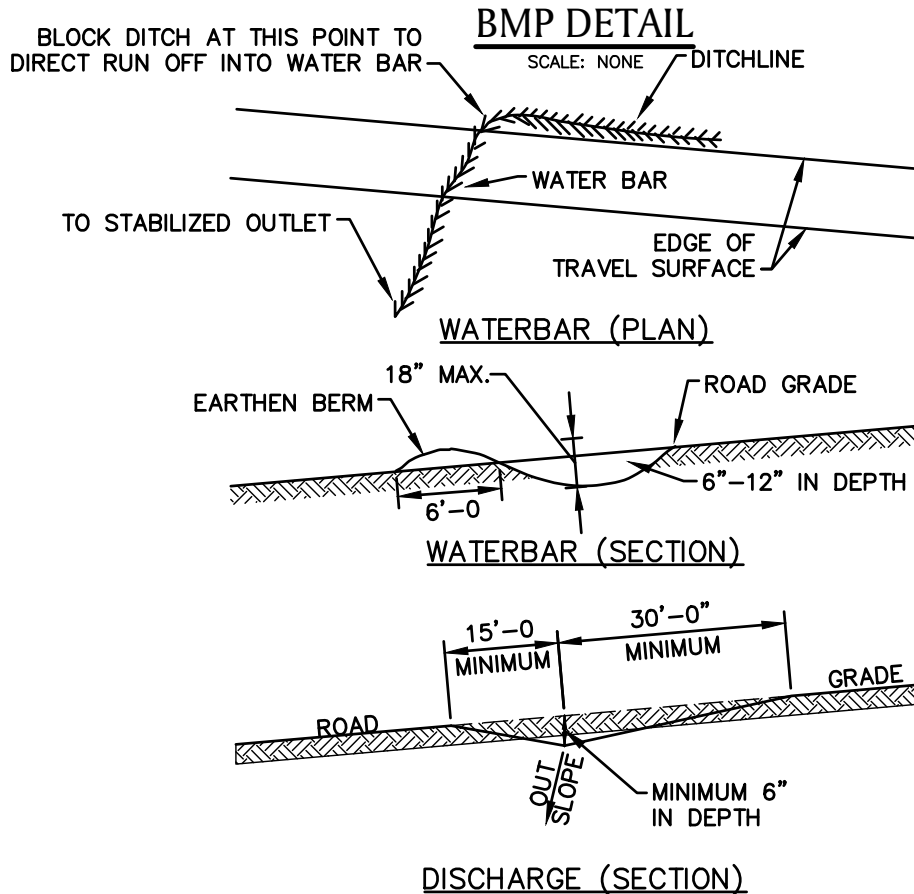


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**NOTE:**

1. LINE WITH 2"-6" STONE UNDERLAIN BY GEOTEXTILE FILTER FABRIC, KEYED INTO ROAD SURFACE AT LEAST 10 FEET EACH SIDE OF WATERBAR.
2. COORDINATE SPACING WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

**BMP PICTURE**

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WATERBAR

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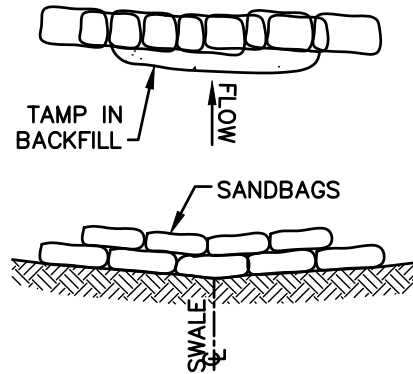
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**SANDBAG  
CHECK DAM****NOTES:**

1. USE CHECK DAMS TO SLOW WATER FLOWS AND AS SMALL SEDIMENT TRAPS IN DITCHES ALONG ACCESS ROADS.
2. CLEAN SEDIMENT AND REPLACE DAMS AS NECESSARY.
3. COORDINATE SPACING WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

**BMP PICTURE****NOTE:**

1. PICTURE DOES NOT DEPICT "TAMP IN BACKFILL"

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SANDBAG CHECK DAM



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BMP PICTURENOTE:

1. EXACT SIZE, LOCATION AND DESIGN IS DEPENDANT ON SITE CONDITIONS, AND LOCAL AND STATE REGULATIONS. COORDINATE THIS BMP WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

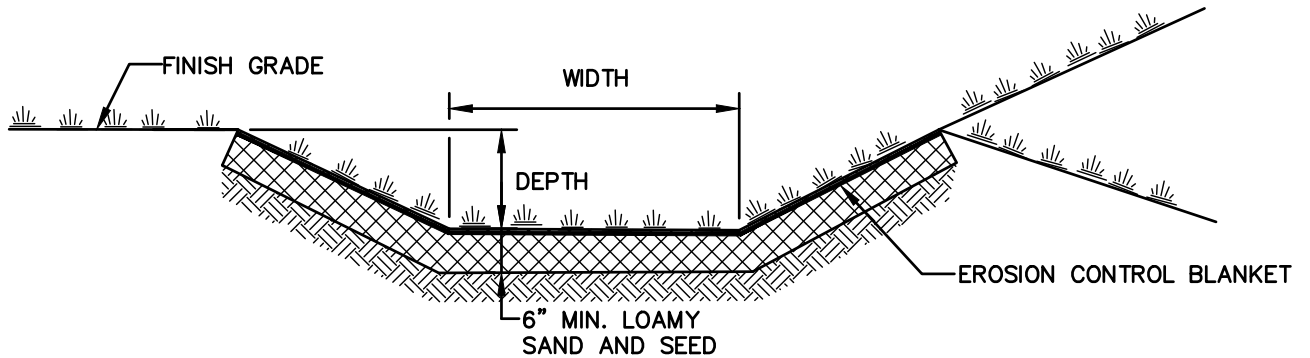
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AA-7  
EARTH DIKE

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Best Management Practices**Reference**EP No. 3 - Natural Resource  
Protection (Chapter 6)**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. WIDTH AND DEPTH OF SWALE, AND EROSION CONTROL BLANKET TYPE TO BE COORDINATED WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. REFER TO DETAILS SEC-10 AND SEC-11 FOR SEED MIXTURE OPTIONS.

**BMP PICTURE****AA-8****DRAINAGE SWALE AND  
LINED DITCH****APPROVED BY: VICE PRESIDENT, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**PRINTED COPIES ARE NOT DOCUMENT CONTROLLED. FOR LATEST AUTHORIZED  
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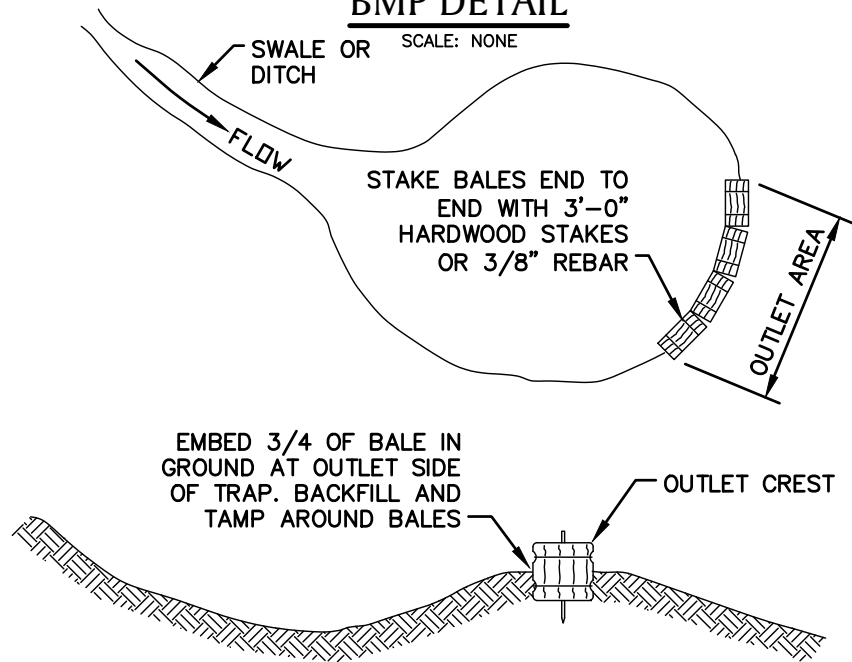


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**BMP DETAIL****TYPICAL PROFILE****NOTES**

1. SIZE, SHAPE AND PROFILE OF SEDIMENT WILL VARY ACCORDING TO ANTICIPATED FLOW VOLUME AND SURROUNDING TERRAIN AND SHALL BE COORDIANATED WITH THE NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. THE BASIN SHALL BE CUT BELOW THE GROUNDLINE. FILL SHALL NOT BE USED TO HOLD WATER UNLESS ROLLED AND COMPACTED.
3. OUTLET AREA IS TO REMAIN FREE OF EXCAVATION SPOILS.
4. OUTLET CREST ELEVATION SHALL BE LOWER THAN INLET ELEVATION AND AT LEAST 1'-0" BELOW THE TOP OF THE BASIN. ARMOUR SLOPES >8% IN OUTLET AREA WITH STONE OF APPROPRIATE SIZE TO PREVENT SCOUR.
5. ARMOUR SLOPES >8% IN OUTLET AREA WITH STONE OF APPROPRIATE SIZE TO PREVENT SCOUR.

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SEDIMENTATION BASIN

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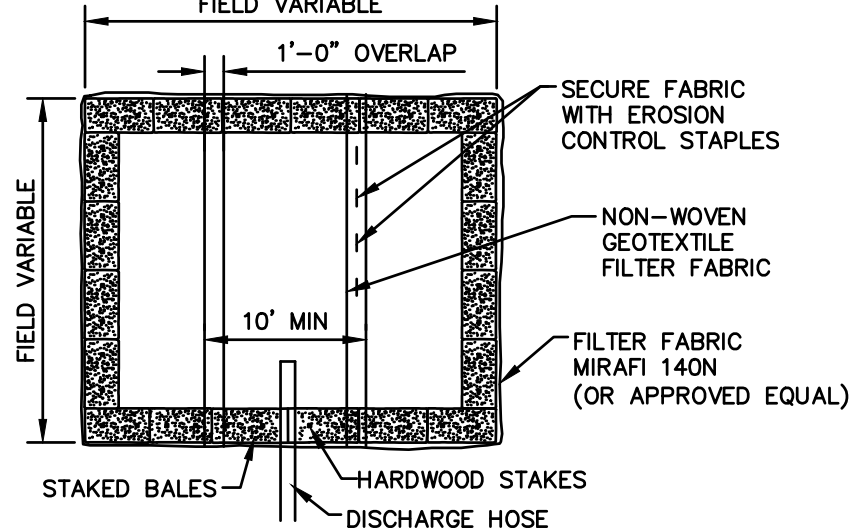
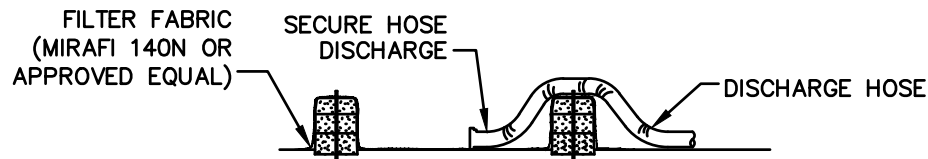
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

FIELD VARIABLE

PLAN VIEWCROSS-SECTIONNOTES:

1. NUMBER OF BALES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON SITE CONDITIONS,
2. THE BASIN TO BE SIZED TO PREVENT DISCHARGE WATER FROM OVERTOPPING BASIN.
3. KEEP AS FAR FROM WETLANDS AS PRACTICAL.
4. CLEAN AND REMOVE AS SOON AS DEWATERING IS COMPLETE.

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**AA-10**  
**DEWATERING BASIN**  
**(SMALL SCALE)**



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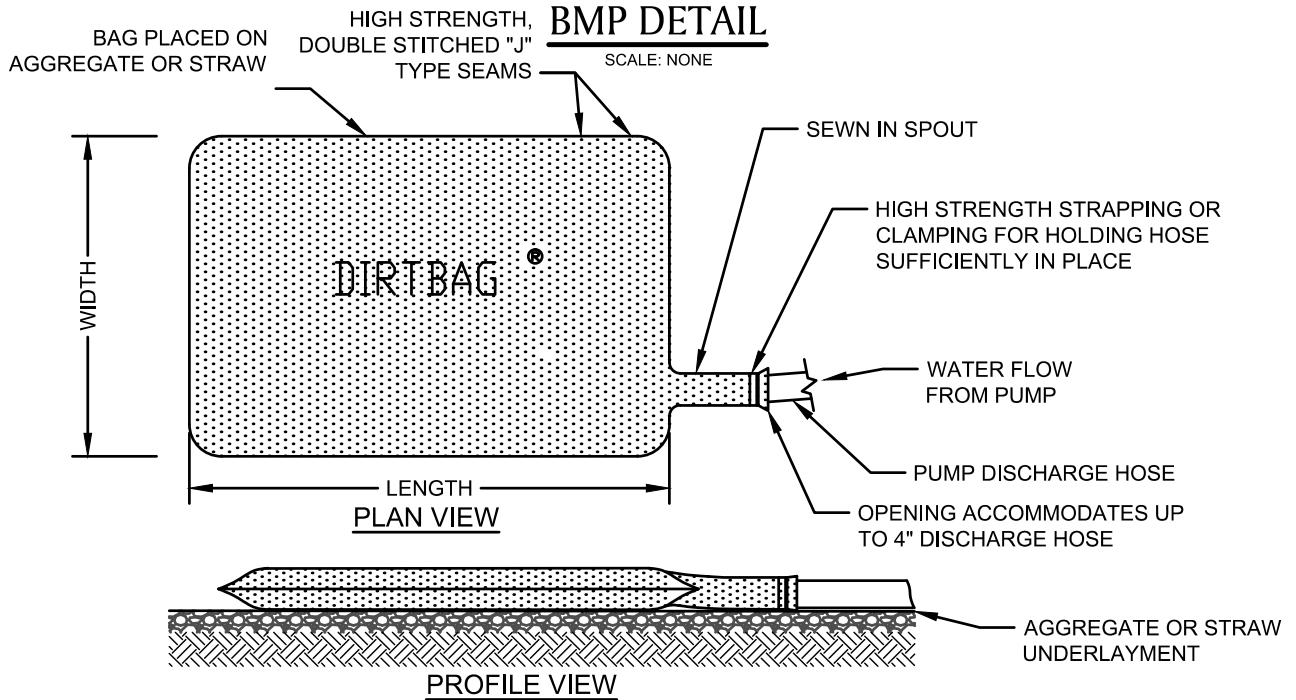
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**NOTE:**

ONCE PUMPING COMMENCES, THE DIRT BAG SHALL BE MONITORED FREQUENTLY TO ASSURE THAT THE CONNECTIONS ARE SECURELY FASTENED AND THE RATE OF WATER DELIVERY TO THE STRUCTURE IS LOW ENOUGH TO PREVENT UNFILTERED WATER FROM FLOWING FROM THE HOSE CONNECTIONS OR BAG.

**BMP PICTURE**

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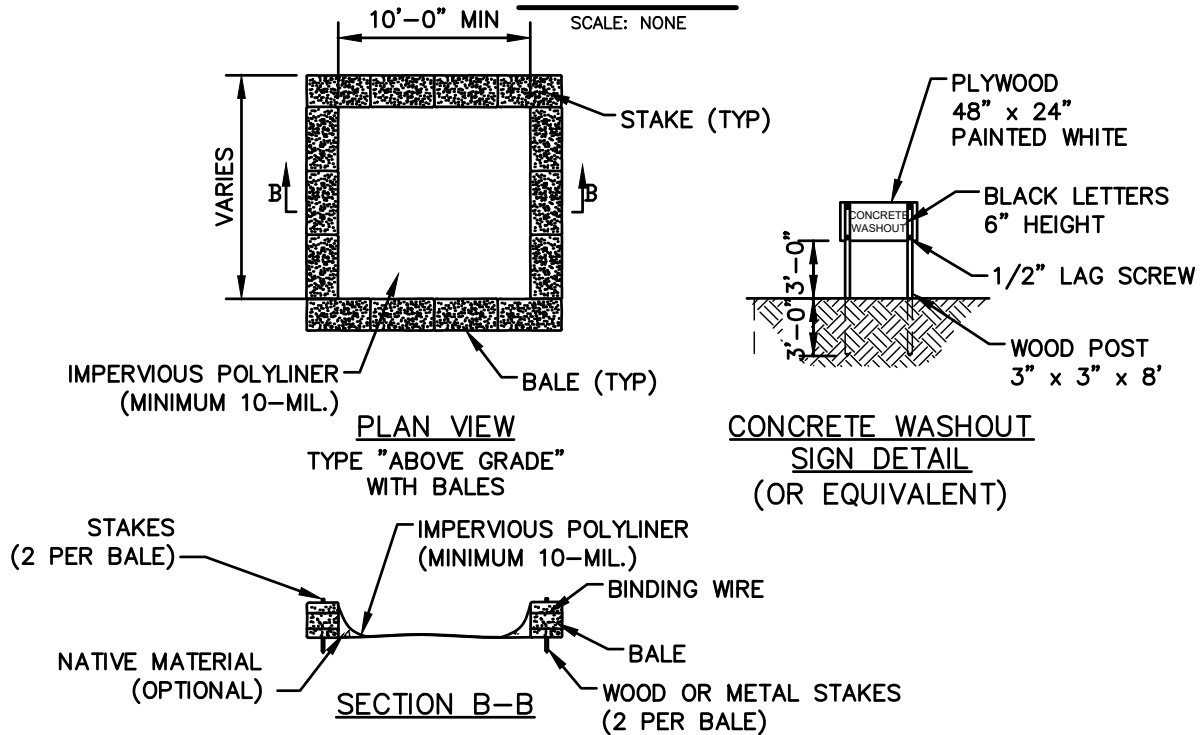
AA-12  
DIRTBAG \*

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**BMP DETAIL****NOTES:**

1. NUMBER OF BALES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON SITE CONDITIONS. COORDINATE SIZE AND LOCATION OF CONCRETE WASTE SUMP WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. KEEP AS FAR FROM DRAINAGE CHANNELS AND WETLAND AREAS AS PRACTICAL.
3. SUMPS TO BE CLEANED AND WASTE CONCRETE REMOVED AND PROPERLY DISPOSED OF UPON COMPLETION OF WORK.
4. SEE ADDITIONAL NOTES ON DETAIL AA-14.

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CONCRETE WASTE SUMP

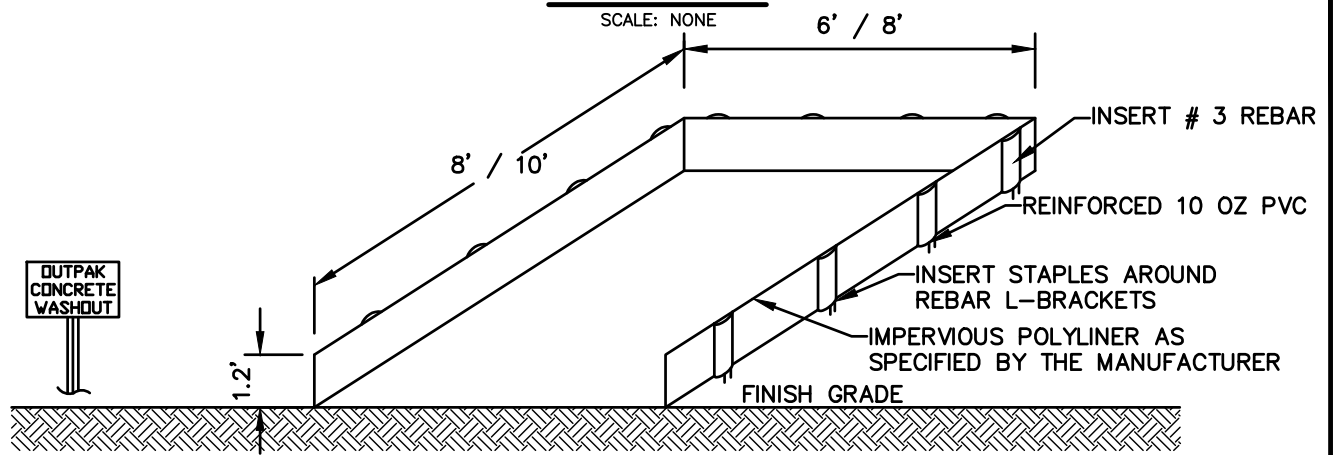


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**BMP DETAIL****NOTES:****CROSS SECTION**

1. PRODUCT TO BE OUTPAK PVC CONCRETE WASHOUT OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. THE CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA SHALL BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO ANY CONCRETE PLACEMENT.
3. SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED AS NECESSARY TO CLEARLY INDICATE THE LOCATION OF THE CONCRETE WASHOUT.
4. THE CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA WILL BE REPLACED AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CAPACITY FOR WASTE CONCRETE AND OTHER LIQUID WASTE.
5. WASHOUT RESIDUE SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE SITE AND DISPENSED OF AT AN APPROVED WASTE SITE.
6. DO NOT MIX EXCESS AMOUNTS OF FRESH CONCRETE OR CEMENT ON-SITE.
7. DO NOT WASH OUT CONCRETE TRUCKS INTO STORM DRAINS, OPEN DITCHES, STREETS, OR STREAMS.
8. AVOID DUMPING EXCESS CONCRETE IN NON-DESIGNATED DUMPING AREAS.
9. LOCATE WASHOUT AREA AT LEAST 50' FROM STORM DRAIN, OPEN DITCHES, OR WATERBODIES. COORDINATE LOCATION WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
10. WASH OUT WASTES INTO THE OUTPAK WASHOUT WHERE THE CONCRETE CAN SET, BE BROKEN UP, AND THEN DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.
11. A SECURE, NON-COLLAPSING, NON-WATER COLLECTING COVER MUST BE PLACED OVER CONCRETE WASHOUT PRIOR TO PREDICTED WET WEATHER TO PREVENT ACCUMULATION AND OVERFLOW OF PRECIPITATION.

**BMP PICTURE**

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AA-14  
OUTPAK CONCRETE WASHOUT \*

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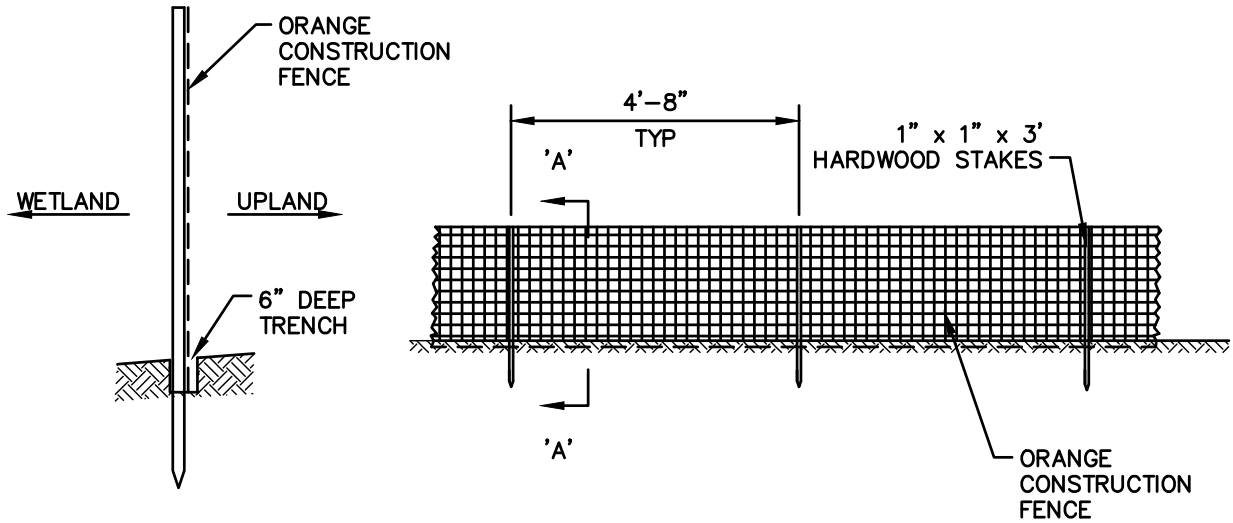
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**SECTION A-A**

**BMP PICTURE**



**AA-15**

**BARRIER FENCE  
(CONSTRUCTION FENCE)**

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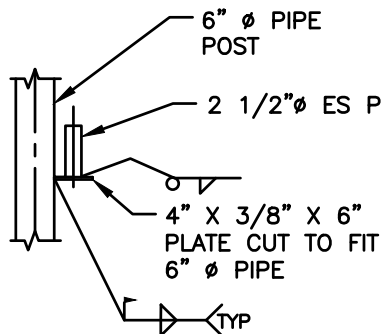
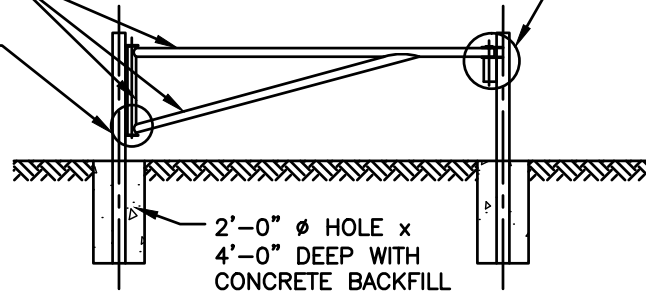
4"  $\phi$  DES PIPE  
GATE WELDMENT

**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

DETAIL 2

DETAIL 1

DETAIL 1

SIMILAR DETAIL AT TOP

ROUND PIECE CUT FROM  
1/4" PLATE AND WELDED

4"  $\phi$  DES PIPE  
1 1/4"  $\phi$  ROD  
(SLOTTED)  
6"  $\phi$  STD PIPE  
WELDED TO 3/8" PLATE

7" X 3/8" X 10" PLATE  
WITH HOLE CUT TO FIT  
6"  $\phi$  PIPE & WELDED

6"  $\phi$  PIPE  
POST

DOUBLE LOCK  
INSERT PLATE

DETAIL 2NOTES:

1. ALL GATE STEEL PIPES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM A-501, PLATES SHALL BE ASTM A-36.
2. ALL STEEL PIPES SHALL BE PRIMED WITH ZINC-CHROMATE PRIMER AND FINISHED WITH AN APPROVED OSHA "SAFETY YELLOW" TOP COAT COMPATIBLE WITH THE PRIMER AND FOR EXTERIOR EXPOSURE.
3. REFLECTORS SHALL BE SPACED AT 3 FEET ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE CROSSBAR AND BRACE
4. BACKFILL AT POSTS TO BE COMPACTED.

BMP PICTURE

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ROW GATE / FENCE

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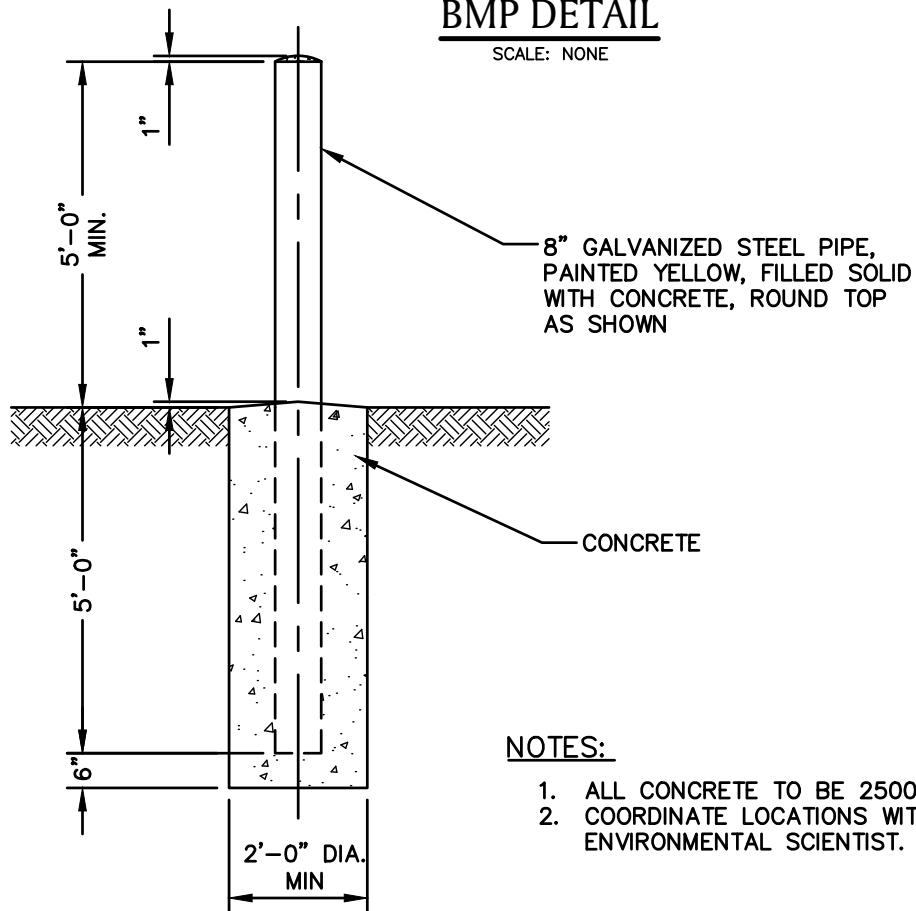
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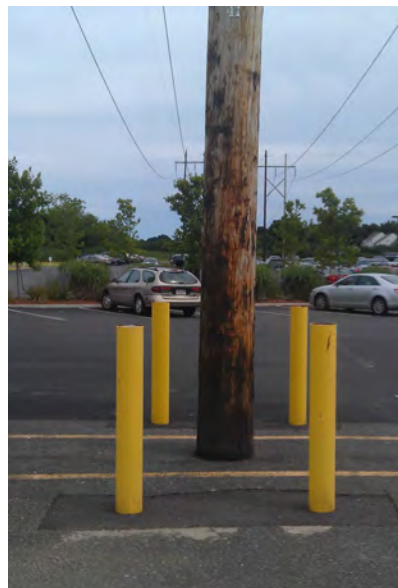
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. ALL CONCRETE TO BE 2500 P.S.I. MINIMUM.
2. COORDINATE LOCATIONS WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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BOLLARD

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## BMP

**Definition**

The control of dust resulting from land-disturbing activities.

**Purpose**

To prevent surface and air movement of dust from disturbed soil surfaces that may cause off-site damage, health hazards, and traffic safety problems.

**Conditions Where Practice Applies**

On construction roads, access points, and other disturbed areas subject to surface dust movement and dust blowing where off-site damage may occur if dust is not controlled.

**Design Criteria**

**Construction operations should be scheduled to minimize the amount of area disturbed at one time.** Buffer areas of vegetation should be left where practical. Temporary or permanent stabilization measures shall be installed. No specific design criteria is given; see construction specifications below for common methods of dust control.

Water quality must be considered when materials are selected for dust control. Where there is a potential for the material to wash off to a stream, ingredient information must be provided to the local permitting authority.

**Construction Specifications**

**A. Non-driving Areas** – These areas use products and materials applied or placed on soil surfaces to prevent airborne migration of soil particles.

\* BMP INFORMATION FROM "NEW YORK STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL (AUGUST, 2005)." INFORMATION OBTAINED VIA WEBSITE: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/29086.html>  
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**Vegetative Cover** – For disturbed areas not subject to traffic, vegetation provides the most practical method of dust control (see Section 3).

**Mulch** (including gravel mulch) – Mulch offers a fast effective means of controlling dust. This can also include rolled erosion control blankets.

**Spray adhesives** – These are products generally composed of polymers in a liquid or solid form that are mixed with water to form an emulsion that is sprayed on the soil surface with typical hydroseeding equipment. The mixing ratios and application rates will be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations for the specific soils on the site. In no case should the application of these adhesives be made on wet soils or if there is a probability of precipitation within 48 hours of its proposed use. Material Safety Data Sheets will be provided to all applicators and others working with the material.

**B. Driving Areas** – These areas utilize water, polymer emulsions, and barriers to prevent dust movement from the traffic surface into the air.

**Sprinkling** – The site may be sprayed with water until the surface is wet. This is especially effective on haul roads and access routes.

**Polymer Additives** – These polymers are mixed with water and applied to the driving surface by a water truck with a gravity feed drip bar, spray bar or automated distributor truck. The mixing ratios and application rates will be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Incorporation of the emulsion into the soil will be done to the appropriate depth based on expected traffic. Compaction after incorporation will be by vibratory roller to a minimum of 95%. The prepared surface shall be moist and no application of the polymer will be made if there is a probability of precipitation within 48 hours of its proposed use. Material Safety Data Sheets will be provided to all applicators working with the material.

**Barriers** – Woven geotextiles can be placed on the driving surface to effectively reduce dust throw and particle migration on haul roads. Stone can also be used for construction roads for effective dust control.

**Windbreak** – A silt fence or similar barrier can control air currents at intervals equal to ten times the barrier height. Preserve existing wind barrier vegetation as much as practical.

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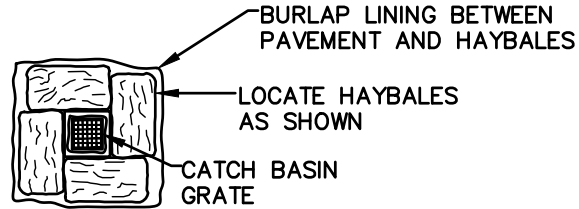
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



TIE HAYBALES TOP &  
BOTTOM WITH 14  
GAUGE WIRE

**NOTES:**

1. SURROUND STREET DRAINAGE STRUCTURE INLET WITH HAY BALES PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTAIN UNTIL CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED. ACCUMULATED SEDIMENTS SHALL BE REMOVED.
2. HAYBALES PLACED ON PAVEMENT SHALL HAVE BURLAP PLACED BETWEEN PAVEMENT AND HAYBALE

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CATCH BASIN INLET PROTECTION



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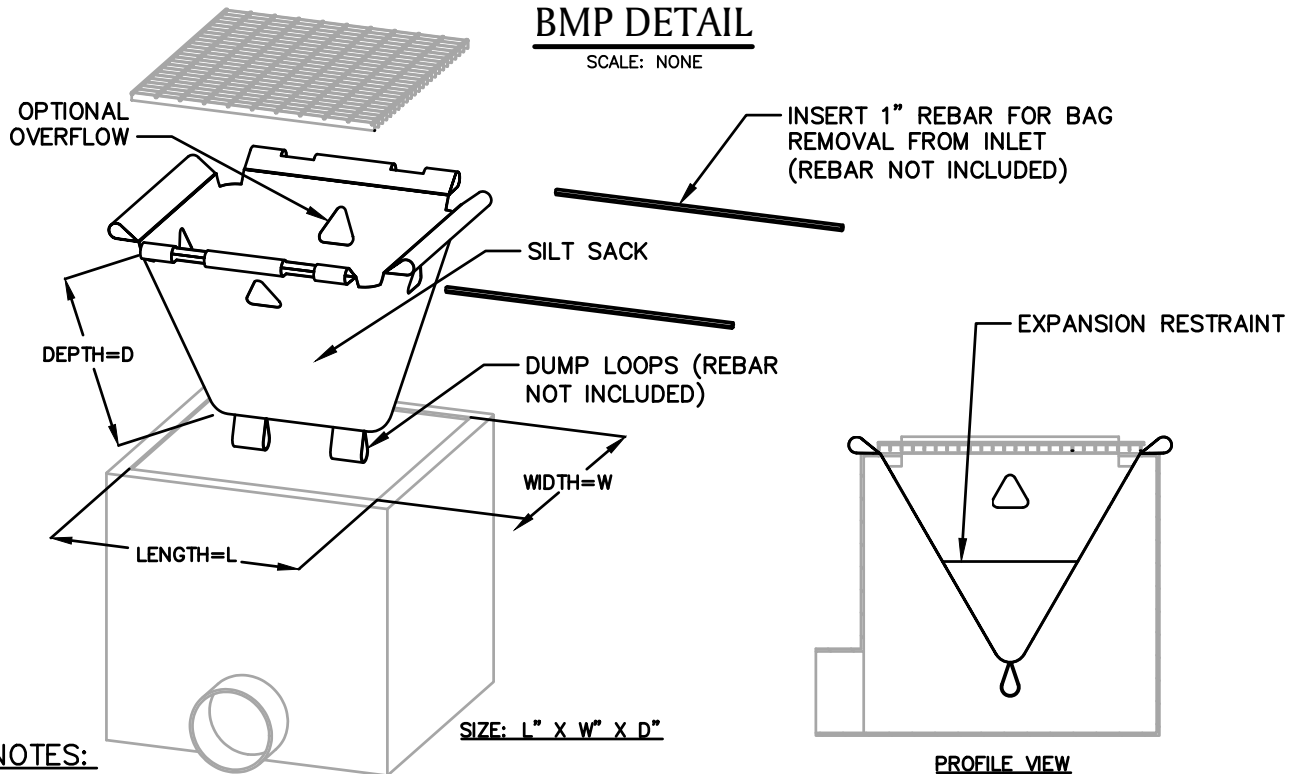
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

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2. THE USE OF A SILT SACK OPTIONAL OVERFLOW AND OVERALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO BE COORDINATED WITH A NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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SILT SACK \*



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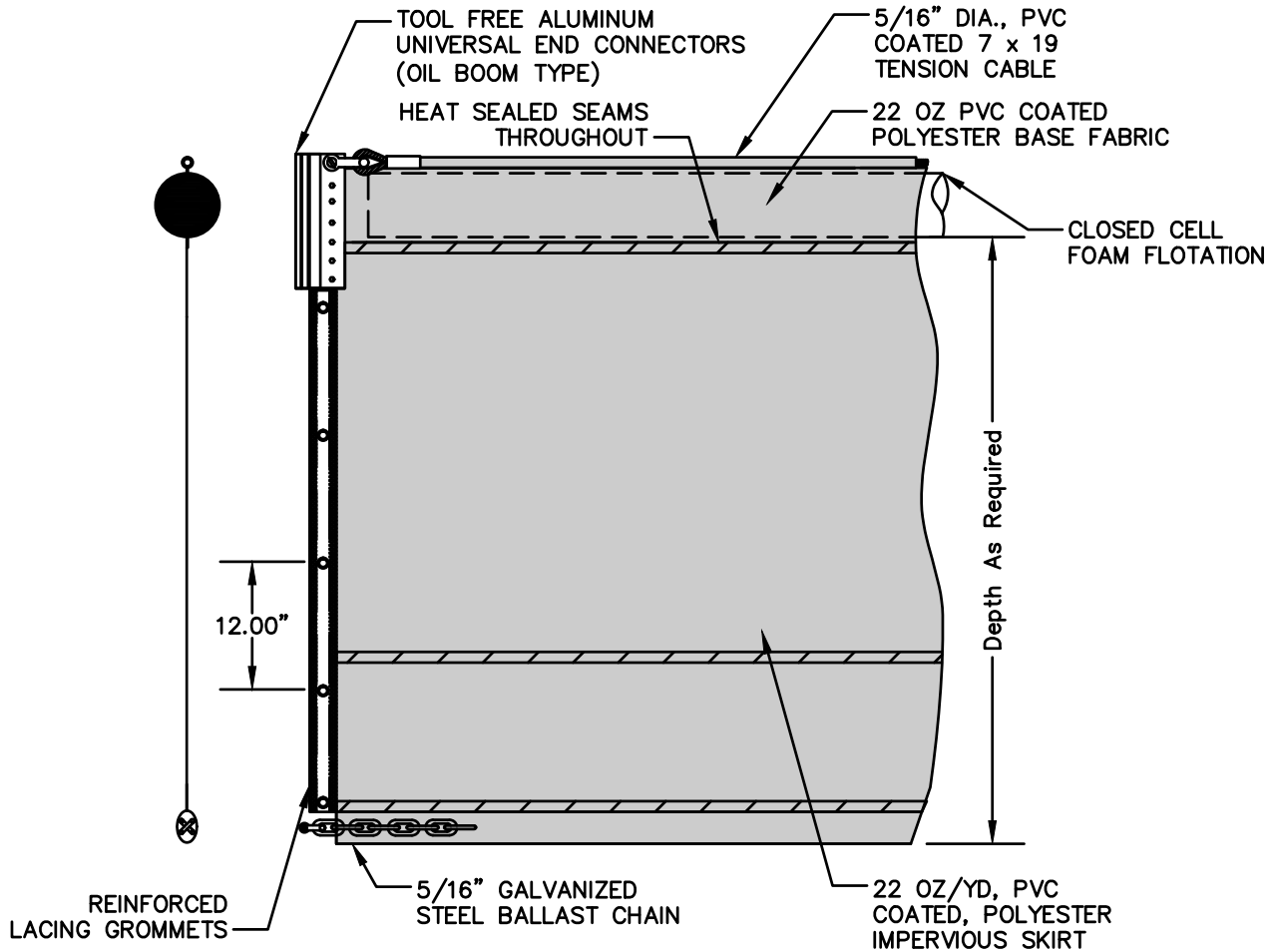
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TURBIDITY CURTAIN \*

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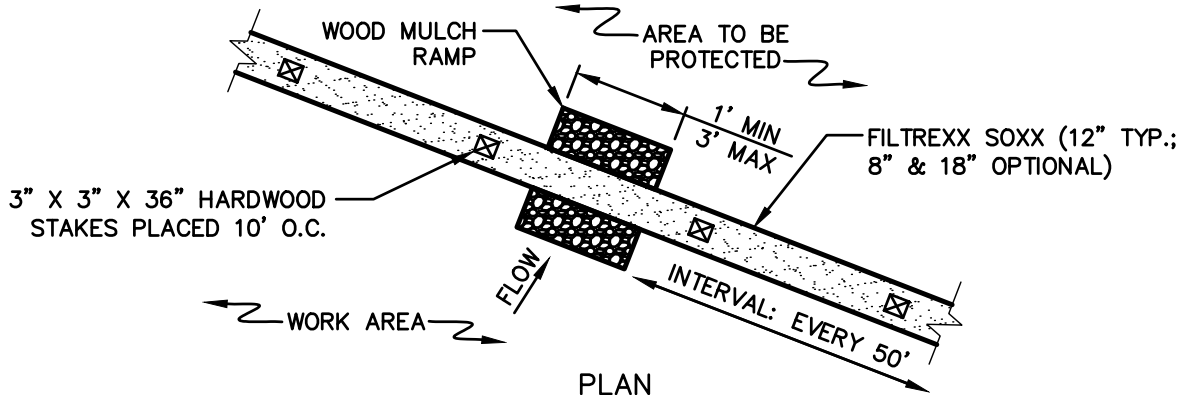
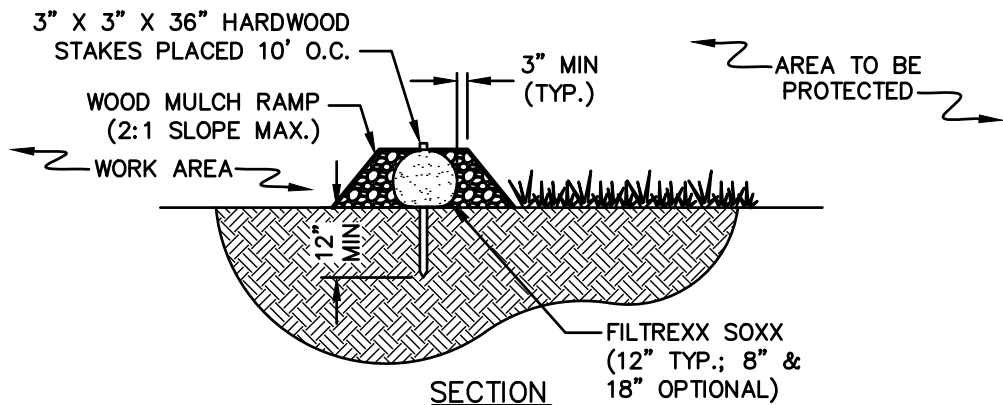
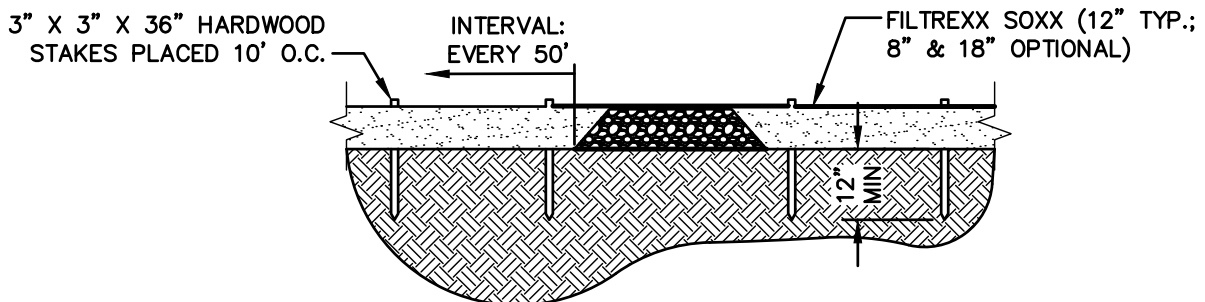
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SCALE: NONE

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1. PRODUCT TO BE FILTREXX SILT SOXX OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. ALL MATERIAL TO MEET FILTREXX SPECIFICATIONS.
3. FILTER MEDIA FILL TO MEET APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.
4. NON-MONOFILAMENT CONTAINMENT MATERIAL SHOULD BE KNITTED PHOTODEGRADABLE OR BIODEGRADABLE MATERIAL, WITH OPENING SIZES BETWEEN 1/8" - 1/4".
5. COMPOST MEDIA SHOULD HAVE PARTICLE SIZE WHERE 99% < 2", 50% > 1/2".
6. COMPOST MATERIAL TO BE DISPOSED OF ON-SITE, OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS AS APPROVED BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
7. WOOD MULCH RAMP IS OPTIONAL DEPENDING ON SUBSTRATE/SITE CONDITIONS, AND TO BE APPROVED BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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**SILT SOXX AMPHIBIAN & REPTILE**  
**CROSSING #1 (1 OF 2)**

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SALAMANDER AND SNAKE CROSSING #1

ALTERNATE WOOD MULCH RAMP SILTSOXX NOTES:

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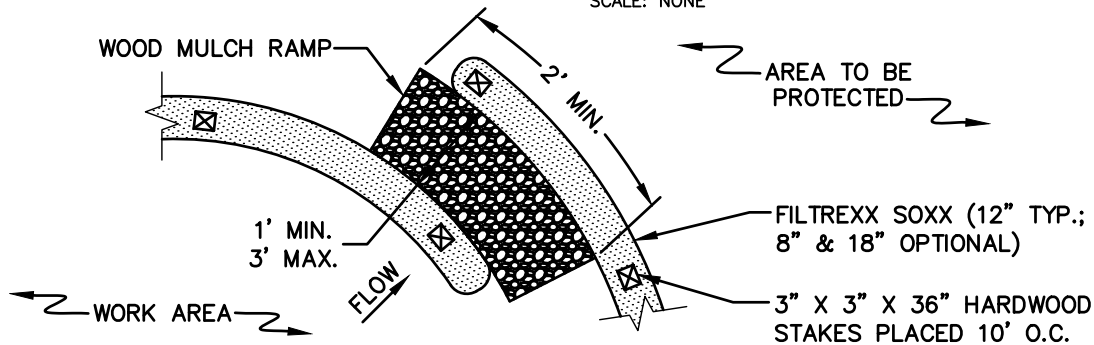
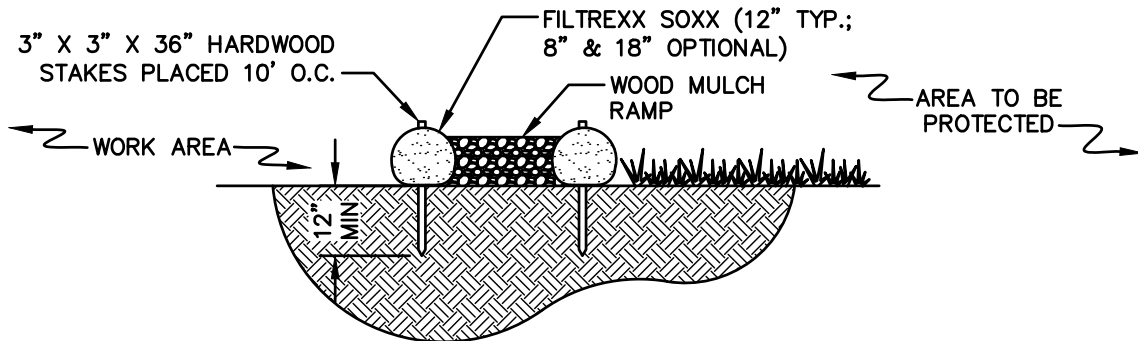
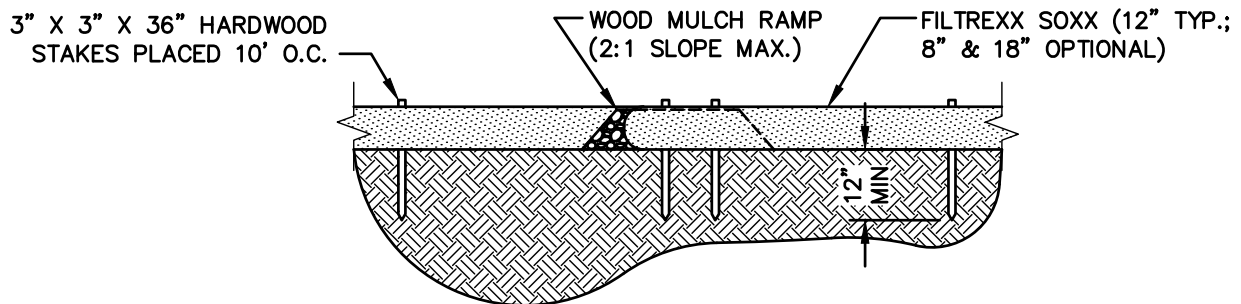
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SCALE: NONE

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5. COMPOST MEDIA SHOULD HAVE PARTICLE SIZE WHERE 99% < 2", 50% > 1/2".
6. COMPOST MATERIAL TO BE DISPOSED OF ON-SITE, OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS AS APPROVED BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
7. WOOD MULCH RAMP IS OPTIONAL DEPENDING ON SUBSTRATE/SITE CONDITIONS, AND TO BE APPROVED BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
8. GAPS TO BE SPACED EVERY 50 FT, IF POSSIBLE GIVEN WETLAND PERMIT CONDITIONS.

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**SILTSOXX AMPHIBIAN & REPTILE**  
**CROSSING #2 (1 OF 2)**

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BMP PICTURE

SILTSOXX AMPHIBIAN & REPTILE CROSSING #2

ALTERNATE WOOD MULCH RAMP SILTSOXX NOTES:

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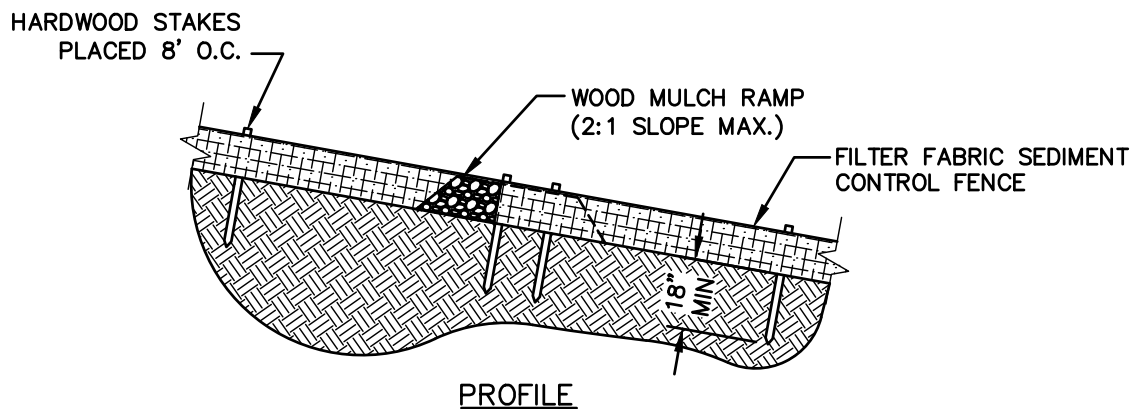
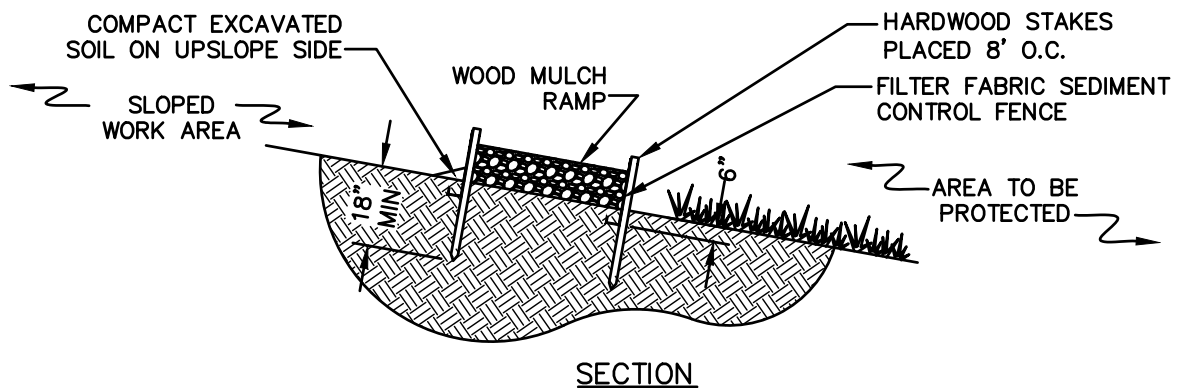
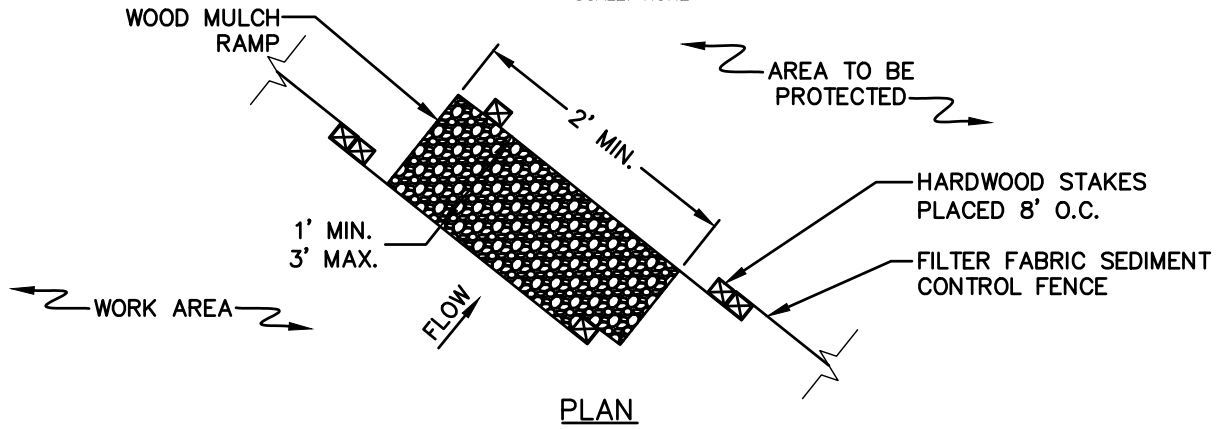
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES**

1. IN AREAS WHERE SLOPES OR RUN-OFF VOLUME PROHIBIT USE OF SILTSOXX, CROSSINGS CAN BE PROVIDED THROUGH TRENCHED SILT FENCE.
2. INTALL SILT FENCE TO SPECIFICATIONS IN EG303 APPENDIX 7 "SEC-2 SEDIMENT CONTROL FENCE."
3. WOOD MULCH RAMP IS OPTIONAL DEPENDING ON SUBSTRATE/SITE CONDITIONS, AND TO BE APPROVED BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
4. GAPS TO BE SPACED EVERY 50 FT, IF POSSIBLE GIVEN WETLAND PERMIT CONDITIONS.

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**CROSSING #3**

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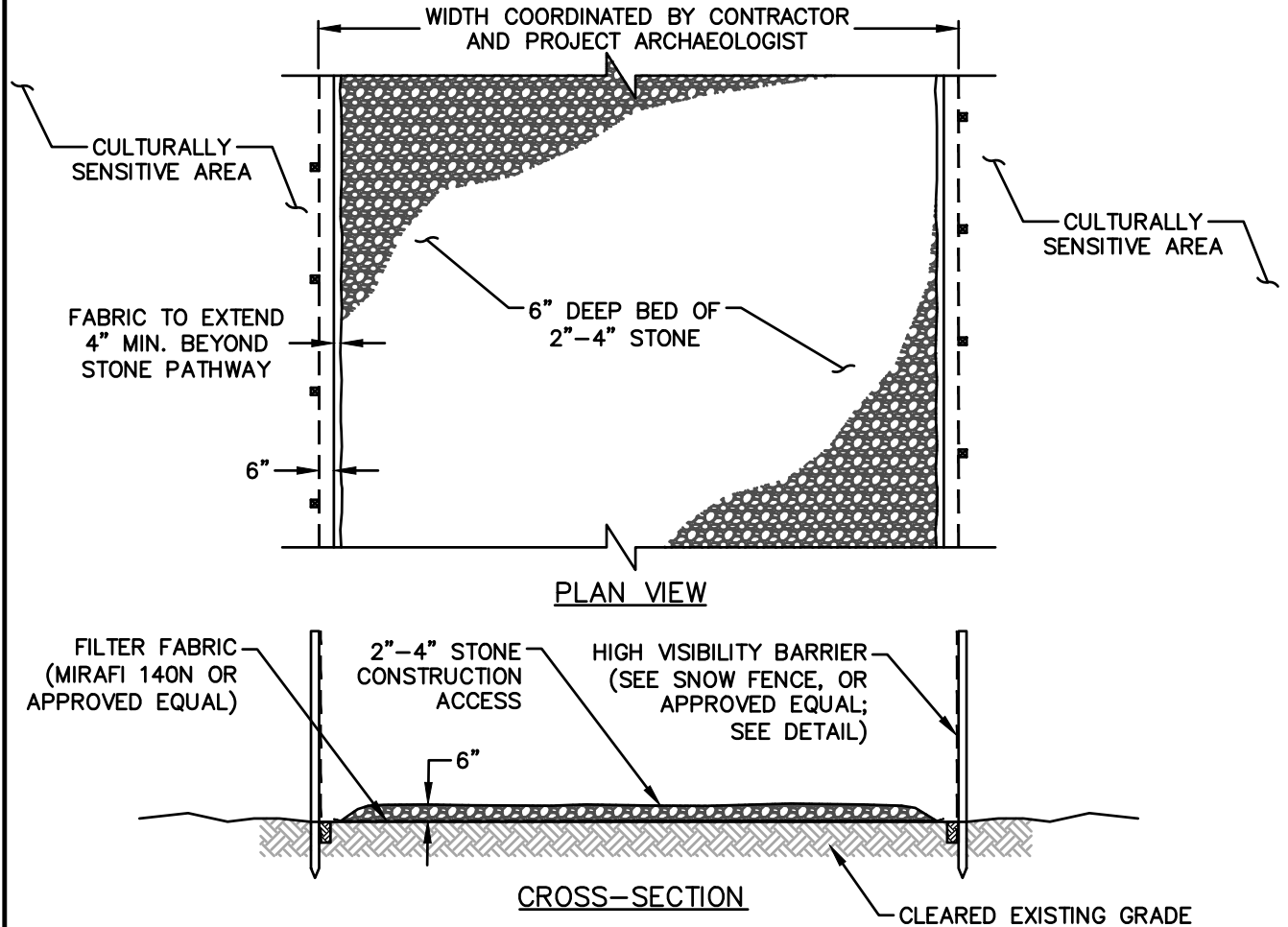
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

**NOTES:**

1. ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE BOUNDARIES, AS DEFINED BY INTENSIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND SITE AVOIDANCE AND PROTECTION PLANS, WILL BE DEMARCATED BY STAKING BY THE PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGIST.
2. GEOTEXTILE AND STONE MAY REMAIN IN PLACE FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION IF PERMANENT PROTECTION IS NECESSARY AND DEPENDENT ON EASEMENT RIGHTS.
3. WHERE APPROVED BY THE PROJECT-SPECIFIC SAPP, CONSTRUCTION MATTING MAY BE ADDED OVER, OR IN PLACE OF, THE FABRIC AND STONE.
4. INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF FABRIC AND STONE, EROSION CONTROLS, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION MATTING WILL BE MONITORED BY THE PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGIST AT EACH LOCATION(S).
5. INSTALLATION OF THESE MEASURES WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH LOW-GROUND PRESSURE VEHICLES WHERE FEASIBLE.
6. WHERE REQUIRED BY THE PROJECT-SPECIFIC SAPP, TEMPORARY, HIGH VISIBILITY PROTECTIVE FENCING (E.G., SNOW FENCE OR PLASTIC FENCE) WILL BE ERECTED ALONG THE SITE BOUNDARIES OUTSIDE OF THE WORKSPACE WITHIN THE ROW IN ORDER TO PREVENT VEHICLES FROM TRAVELING THROUGH THOSE SITE AREAS DURING CONSTRUCTION. THE PROTECTIVE FENCE WILL BE POSTED WITH "NO TRESPASSING" SIGNS, SO THAT THE SITES CAN BE AVOIDED BY ALL CONSTRUCTION RELATED ACTIVITIES. THE FENCING WILL BE REMOVED UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. THE INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF FENCING WILL BE MONITORED BY THE PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGIST.

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**APPENDIX 5**  
**CERTIFICATION FORM FOR INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL**

Certain permit conditions, therefore a Condition of Contracts for the Prime Contractor, any Subcontractors, and any equipment or mat vendors for **National Grid Projects** shall be required to Certify their equipment<sup>7</sup> {each piece of equipment used on site} as 'clean'<sup>8</sup>.


\_\_\_\_\_ (name of firm) hereby Certifies that  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (make, model, and/or type)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (equipment ID tag or #) meets the following

1. before entry on to the job site, has been sufficiently cleaned to remove all accumulated mud, debris, plant fragments, and detritus that could harbor seeds, roots, or plant fragments of so-called invasive plant species; and
2. that the above piece of equipment has neither been off-loaded nor operated in the interval between cleaning and delivery to the jobsite.
3. that equipment deployed in areas of invasive species (as identified in project plans) shall be cleaned prior to redeployment.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (dated)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_ (title)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Firm)

The signed original of this form {one for each piece of equipment (or lot<sup>9</sup> of mats)} is to be given to the NG Construction Supervisor assigned to the project.

<sup>7</sup> Equipment may include, but is not limited to bulldozers, excavators, backhoes, bucket trucks (tracked or wheeled), pulling equipment, concrete trucks, compressors, drilling equipment, and mats (composite, wood, or other materials).  
<sup>8</sup> With regard to invasive species, the definition of clean means free of accumulated mud, debris, plant fragments, and detritus that could harbor seeds, roots, or plant fragments of so-called invasive plant species.  
<sup>9</sup> Lot of mats is the number of mats that may be transported by one forwarder/truck at a time.

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### Appendix 6 – Snow Disposal Guidelines

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## **APPENDIX 6**

### **SNOW DISPOSAL GUIDELINES**

Finding a place to dispose of collected snow poses a challenge. While we are all aware of the threats to public safety caused by snow, collected snow that is contaminated with road salt, sand, litter, and automotive pollutants such as oil also threatens public health and the environment.

As snow melts, road salt, sand, litter, and other pollutants are transported into surface water or through the soil where they may eventually reach the groundwater. Road salt and other pollutants can contaminate water supplies and are toxic to aquatic life at certain levels. Sand washed into water bodies can create sand bars or fill in wetlands and ponds, impacting aquatic life, causing flooding, and affecting our use of these resources.

There are several steps that should be taken to minimize the impacts of snow disposal on public health and the environment.


- **DO NOT** dump snow into any water body, including rivers, the ocean, reservoirs, ponds, or wetlands. In fact, a buffer of at least 50 feet between any snow disposal area and any the high-water mark of any surface water should be kept. A silt fence or equivalent barrier should be securely placed between the snow storage area and the high-water mark. In addition to water quality impacts and flooding, snow disposed in surface waters can cause navigational hazards when it freezes into ice blocks.
- **DO NOT** dump snow within a wellhead protection area (e.g., a Zone II), in a high or medium-yield aquifer, or within 75 feet of a private well, where road salt may contaminate water supplies. **Ask an Environmental Department representative for guidance in determining if a proposed disposal area is located within one of these sensitive areas.**
- Avoid disposing of snow on top of storm drain catch basins or in storm water drainage swales or ditches. Snow combined with sand and debris may block a storm drainage system, causing localized flooding. A high volume of sand, sediment, and litter released from melting snow also may be quickly transported through the system into surface water.
- All debris in a snow storage area should be cleared from the site and properly disposed of no later than May 15 of each year the area is used for snow storage.

**Under extraordinary conditions**, when all land-based snow disposal options are exhausted, disposal of snow that is not obviously contaminated with road salt, sand, and other pollutants may be allowed near (within 50 feet) or even in certain water bodies under certain conditions.

In these dire situations, **notify the Environmental Department** so that the local Conservation Commission and the appropriate MassDEP Regional Service Center (in MA), RI DEM Office of Water Resources – RIPDES

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Program (in RI), NH Department of Environmental Services – NHDES (in NH) and VT Department of Environmental Conservation - VT DEC (in VT) can be contacted before disposing of snow in a water body.

**In emergency situations and after consulting an Environmental Department representative the following guidance should be followed:**

- Dispose of snow in open water with adequate flow and mixing to prevent ice dams from forming.
- Do not dispose of snow in saltmarshes, vegetated wetlands, certified vernal pools, shellfish beds, mudflats, drinking water reservoirs and their tributaries, wellhead protection areas, or other environmentally sensitive areas.
- Do not dispose of snow where trucks may cause shoreline or stream bank damage or erosion.