

## EPSC PLAN NARRATIVE

### 1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

THIS PROJECT INVOLVES THE ABANDONMENT OF 382 FT OF CULVERT. 410 FEET OF NEW CULVERT WILL BE INSTALLED ALONG A NEW ALIGNMENT TO TAKE ITS PLACE. THE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF PERU, ON VT ROUTE 11, APPROXIMATELY 1800 FT WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF VT ROUTE 11 AND OLD MANCHESTER RD.

NOTE: AREA OF DISTURBANCE INCLUDES LIMITS OF EARTH DISTURBANCE WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA, AS WELL AS WASTE, BORROW AND STAGING AREAS, AND OTHER EARTH DISTURBING ACTIVITIES WITHIN OR DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE PROJECT LIMITS AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED EPSC PLAN.

TOTAL AREA OF DISTURBANCE AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED EPSC PLAN IS APPROXIMATELY 0.48 ACRES.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS PROJECT WILL LAST ONE CONSTRUCTION SEASON.

### 1.2 SITE INVENTORY

#### 1.2.1 TOPOGRAPHY

THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE AREA IS A MOUNTAIN THAT IS A MIX OF WELL ESTABLISHED FOREST AND OPEN AREAS. VT ROUTE 11, A PAVED PARKING LOT, AND A PAVED ACCESS ROAD ARE WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS. THERE IS A SKI LODGE, SKI LIFT SHACK AND HOTEL IN THE VICINITY, BUT NOT UPSLOPE OF THE HEADWALL. A SMALL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IS LOCATED UP SLOPE TO THE WEST WITH GRASS AND TREE BUFFERS.

#### 1.2.2 DRAINAGE, WATERWAYS, BODIES OF WATER, AND PROXIMITY TO NATURAL OR MAN-MADE WATER FEATURES

A MOUNTAIN STREAM IS THE ONLY WATER SOURCE WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS. THE STREAM BED CONSISTS OF GRAVEL, COBBLES AND BOULDERS. THE TRIBUTARY AREA AT THE HEADWALL IS 120 ACRES. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DROP INLETS ON SITE DRAINING TO A COMMON MANMADE POND. DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE SURROUNDING TERRAIN THE PROJECT SITE WILL RECEIVE RUNOFF WATER FROM A FEW NEARBY SLOPES.

#### 1.2.3 VEGETATION

THE VEGETATION IN THE PROJECT AREA CONSISTS OF HARDWOOD TREES AND UNDERGROWTH. THE IMPACT TO VEGETATION WILL BE LIMITED TO THAT WHICH IS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CULVERT. UPON PROJECT COMPLETION, THE HEADWALL WILL BE PROTECTED WITH STONE FILL, TYPE II AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS. DISTURBED VEGETATION WILL BE REESTABLISHED PER THE LANDSCAPING PLAN AS WELL AS WITH STANDARD SEED AND MULCH PRACTICES.

#### 1.2.4 SOILS

ALL SOIL DATA CAME FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY OF BENNINGTON, VERMONT. SOILS ON THE PROJECT SITE ARE RAWSONVILLE / MUNDAL - HILLY, ROCKY, "K FACTOR" = 0.64 AND RAWSONVILLE / HOGBACK - VERY HILLY, VERY ROCKY, "K FACTOR" = 0.64. THE SOIL IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY ERODIBLE DUE TO SIGNIFICANT SLOPES.

NOTE: K-VALUES GENERALLY INDICATE THE FOLLOWING:

0.0-0.23 = LOW EROSION POTENTIAL  
0.24-0.36 = MODERATE EROSION POTENTIAL  
0.37 AND HIGHER = HIGH EROSION POTENTIAL

#### 1.2.5 SENSITIVE RESOURCE AREAS

CRITICAL HABITATS: NO  
HISTORICAL OR ARCHEOLOGICAL AREAS: NO  
PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND: NO  
THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: NO  
WATER RESOURCE: UNNAMED BROOK  
WETLANDS: NO

### 1.3 RISK EVALUATION

THIS PROJECT DOES NOT FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF GENERAL PERMIT 3-9020 FOR STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES. SHOULD CHANGES PRIOR TO OR DURING CONSTRUCTION RESULT IN ONE OR MORE ACRES OF EARTH DISTURBANCE OR SHOULD THE PROJECT BECOME PART OF A LARGER PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT, THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL PERMITTING.

### 1.4 EROSION PREVENTION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

THE EROSION CONTROL PLANS ARE MEANT AS A GUIDELINE FOR PREVENTING EROSION AND CONTROLLING SEDIMENT TRANSPORT. THE PRINCIPLES OUTLINED IN THIS NARRATIVE CONSIST OF APPLYING MEASURES THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE SEDIMENT TRANSPORT TO THE RECEIVING WATERS. THE MEASURES INCLUDE STABILIZATION AND STRUCTURAL PRACTICES, STORM WATER CONTROLS AND OTHER POLLUTION PREVENTION PRACTICES. THEY HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY THE DESIGNER AS A BASIS FOR PROTECTING RESOURCES AND WILL NEED TO BE BUILT UPON BASED ON THE SPECIFIC MEANS AND METHODS OF THE CONTRACTOR. REFER TO THE LOW RISK SITE HANDBOOK AND APPROPRIATE DETAIL SHEETS FOR SPECIFIC GUIDANCE AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILING.

ALL MEASURES SHALL BE REGULARLY MAINTAINED AND SHALL BE CHECKED FOR SEDIMENT BUILD-UP. SEDIMENT SHALL BE DISPOSED OF AT AN APPROVED SITE WHERE IT WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO EROSION.

#### 1.4.1 MARK SITE BOUNDARIES

SITE BOUNDARIES AND AREAS CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT CAN ACCESS SHALL BE DELINEATED.

PROJECT DEMARCATION FENCING (PDF) SHALL BE USED TO PHYSICALLY MARK SITE BOUNDARIES. BARRIER FENCE SHALL BE USED INSTEAD OF PROJECT DEMARCATION FENCE WITHIN 100 FEET OF A WATER RESOURCE (STREAM, BROOK, LAKE, POND, WETLAND, ETC).

#### 1.4.2 LIMIT DISTURBANCE AREA

PREVENTING INITIAL SOIL EROSION BY MINIMIZING THE EXPOSED AREA IS MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE THAN TREATING ERODED SEDIMENT. EARTH DISTURBANCE CAN BE MINIMIZED THROUGH CONSTRUCTION PHASING BY ONLY OPENING UP EARTH AS NECESSARY. THIS CAN LIMIT THE AREA THAT WILL BE DISTURBED AND EXPOSED TO EROSION. EMPLOY TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION STABILIZATION PRACTICES IN INCREMENTAL STAGES AS PHASES CHANGE. FOR PROJECTS WHICH FALL UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT, ONLY THE ACREAGE LISTED ON THE PERMIT AUTHORIZATION MAY BE EXPOSED AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

MAINTAINING VEGETATED BUFFERS ALONG STREAM BANKS, WETLANDS OR OTHER SENSITIVE AREAS IS A CRUCIAL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURE THAT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

#### 1.4.3 SITE ENTRANCE/EXIT STABILIZATION

TRACKING OF SEDIMENT ONTO PUBLIC HIGHWAYS SHALL BE MINIMIZED TO REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR RUNOFF ENTERING RECEIVING WATERS. INSTALLATION SHALL COINCIDE WITH THE CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS SCHEDULE.

STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES SHALL BE INSTALLED AS PROPOSED ON THE EPSC PLAN AND ANYWHERE EQUIPMENT WILL BE GOING FROM AREAS OF EXPOSED SOILS TO PAVED SURFACES.

#### 1.4.4 INSTALL SEDIMENT BARRIERS

SEDIMENT BARRIERS SHALL BE UTILIZED TO INTERCEPT RUNOFF AND ALLOW SUSPENDED SEDIMENT TO SETTLE OUT. THEY SHALL BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO ANY UP SLOPE WORK.

TURBIDITY CURTAIN SHALL BE INSTALLED AT THE DOWNSTREAM END OF CONSTRUCTION AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS.

#### 1.4.5 SLOW DOWN CHANNELIZED RUNOFF

CHECK STRUCTURES SHALL BE UTILIZED TO REDUCE THE VELOCITY, AND THUS THE EROSION POTENTIAL, OF CONCENTRATED FLOW IN CHANNELS.

THIS MEASURE IS NOT ANTICIPATED ON THIS PROJECT.

#### 1.4.6 CONSTRUCT PERMANENT CONTROLS

PERMANENT STORMWATER TREATMENT DEVICES SHALL BE INSTALLED AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PERMIT CONDITIONS.

THIS MEASURE IS NOT ANTICIPATED ON THIS PROJECT.

#### 1.4.7 STABILIZE EXPOSED SOILS DURING CONSTRUCTION

ALL AREAS OF DISTURBANCE MUST HAVE TEMPORARY STABILIZATION IN PLACE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF DISTURBANCE OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT 3-9020 AUTHORIZATION.

BIODEGRADABLE EROSION CONTROL MATTING OR AN EQUIVALENT SHALL BE USED TO STABILIZE ALL SLOPES STEEPER THAN 1:3.

THE FORECAST OF RAINFALL EVENTS SHALL TRIGGER IMMEDIATE PROTECTION OF EXPOSED SOILS.

#### 1.4.8 WINTER STABILIZATION

VARIOUS MEASURES SPECIFIC TO WINTER MAY BE NECESSARY SHOULD THE PROJECT EXTEND INTO WINTER (OCTOBER 15 THROUGH APRIL 15). REFER TO THE LOW RISK SITE HANDBOOK FOR GUIDANCE.

THIS MEASURE IS NOT ANTICIPATED ON THIS PROJECT. WORK WITHIN THE EXISTING CULVERTS AND STREAM SHALL BE COMPLETED DURING THE LOW FLOW SEASON (JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> TO OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>).

#### 1.4.9 STABILIZE SOIL AT FINAL GRADE

EXPOSED SOIL MUST BE STABILIZED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF REACHING FINAL GRADE.

SEED, MULCH, FERTILIZER AND LIME SHALL BE USED TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT VEGETATION. FOR SLOPES STEEPER THAN 1:3, BIODEGRADABLE EROSION CONTROL MATTING OR AN EQUIVALENT SHALL BE USED INSTEAD OF MULCH.

#### 1.4.10 DE-WATERING ACTIVITIES

DISCHARGE FROM DEWATERING ACTIVITIES THAT FLOWS OFF OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE MUST NOT CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTE TO A VIOLATION OF THE VERMONT WATER QUALITY STANDARDS.

TREATMENT OF DEWATERING COFFERDAM IS NOT ANTICIPATED, THE EXISTING CULVERT SHALL REMAIN IN USE UNTIL THE NEW CULVERT IS COMPLETED.

#### 1.4.11 INSPECT YOUR SITE

INSPECT THE PROJECT SITE BASED ON SPECIAL PROVISION REQUIREMENTS OR CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZATION STIPULATIONS.

### 1.5 SEQUENCE AND STAGING

THIS SECTION WILL BE DEVELOPED BY THE CONTRACTOR USING THE GUIDANCE OUTLINED IN THE VTRANS EPSC PLAN CONTRACTOR CHECKLIST.

#### 1.5.1 OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

IN ADDITION TO THE CONTRACTOR CHECKLIST ANY ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE CONSTRUCTION LIMITS SHALL FOLLOW SUBSECTIONS 105.25- 105.29 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

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