

# EPSC PLAN NARRATIVE

## 1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

THIS PROJECT ENTAILS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE WITH RELATED APPROACH WORK TO REPLACE BRIDGE 208 ON VT ROUTE 100 OVER THE GOLD BROOK IN STOWE, LAMOILLE COUNTY, VERMONT. TRAFFIC WILL BE RELOCATED ON A 2-WAY TEMPORARY BRIDGE.

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 1.05 ACRES.

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

## 1.2 SITE INVENTORY

### 1.2.1 TOPOGRAPHY

THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED WITHIN A RURAL VILLAGE SETTING WITH A HOUSE AND BUILDINGS IN IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY TO THE BRIDGE. THERE ARE OVERHEAD UTILITIES WHICH WILL BE RELOCATED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

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

THE GOLD BROOK IS THE ONLY WATER SOURCE ON THE PROJECT SITE. THE BROOK IS CLASSIFIED AS PERENNIAL, INCISED, ALLUVIAL, AND SINUOUS, WITH A STREAM BED CONSISTING OF GRAVEL, COBBLES, AND BOULDERS. THE TRIBUTARY AREA IS 9.0 SQUARE MILES. THERE ARE SEVERAL DRAINAGE PIPES ON SITE.

### 1.2.3 VEGETATION

THE VEGETATION IN THE PROJECT AREA CONSISTS OF HARDWOOD TREES, BRUSH, AND GRASS. DISTURBED VEGETATION WILL BE RE-ESTABLISHED 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 LAMOILLE, VERMONT.

CROGHAN LOAMY FINE SAND	COLTON-DUXBURY COMPLEX
2-8% SLOPES	2-8% SLOPES
HYDRO SOIL GROUP B	HYDRO SOIL GROUP A
K-FACTOR 0.17	K-FACTOR 0.17/0.32

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: GOLD BROOK IS DESIGNATED A COLD WATER FISHERIES.  
ARCHEOLOGICAL AREAS: THE GOLD BROOK CREAMERY BUILDING IS LISTED ON THE STATE REGISTER OF HISTORICAL PLACES (No. 0808-104). CLEARED FOR ARCHEOLOGY 11/13/2008, UVM ARA REPORT.  
HISTORICAL PLACES: ADJACENT TO, BUT NOT WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS. SEE ARCHEOLOGICAL AREAS ABOVE.  
PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND: ADJACENT TO, BUT NOT WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS.  
THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: NO  
WATER RESOURCE: GOLD BROOK  
WETLANDS: NO

## 1.3 RISK EVALUATION

THIS PROJECT FALLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF GENERAL PERMIT 3-9020 FOR STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES FOR LOW RISK SITES. ANY MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROJECT THAT INCREASE THE RISK TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES SHALL BE EVALUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. 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. 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. BECAUSE THIS PROJECT FALLS UNDER THE CGP 3-9020, BARRIER FENCE SHALL BE USED INSTEAD OF PROJECT DEMARCATION FENCE WITHIN 100 FEET OF A WATER RESOURCE (STREAM, BROOK, LAKE, POND, WETLAND, ETC.). THIS MEASURE LIMITS THE AREA THAT CAN BE DISTURBED AND EXPOSED TO EROSION EFFECTS.

PROJECT DEMARCATION FENCING AND BARRIER FENCE SHALL BE INSTALLED AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS.

### 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 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.

SILT FENCE WILL BE INSTALLED AS PROPOSED ON THE EPSC PLAN. BECAUSE THIS PROJECT FALLS UNDER THE CGP 3-9020, WOVEN WIRE REINFORCED SILT FENCE SHALL BE USED INSTEAD OF SILT FENCE WITHIN 100 FEET UPSLOPE OF RECEIVING WATERS.

FILTER CURTAIN WILL BE INSTALLED AS PROPOSED ON THE EPSC PLAN.

### 1.4.5 DIVERT UPLAND RUNOFF

DIVERSIONARY MEASURES SHALL BE USED TO INTERCEPT RUNOFF FROM ABOVE THE CONSTRUCTION AND DIRECT IT AROUND THE DISTURBED AREA SO THAT CLEAN WATER DOES NOT BECOME MUDDIED WHILE TRAVELING OVER EXPOSED SOILS ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.

DIVERSIONARY MEASURES ARE NOT ANTICIPATED ON THIS PROJECT.

### 1.4.6 SLOW DOWN CHANNELIZED RUNOFF

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

PIPE INLET PROTECTION SHALL BE INSTALLED AS PROPOSED ON THE EPSC PLAN.

CHECK DAMS SHALL BE INSTALLED AS PROPOSED ON THE EPSC PLAN.

### 1.4.7 CONSTRUCT PERMANENT CONTROLS

PERMANENT STORMWATER TREATMENT DEVICES SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PERMIT CONDITIONS.

STONE FILL TYPE I SHALL BE PLACED AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS.

UPON PROJECT COMPLETION, THE CHANNEL WILL BE ARMORED WITH STONE FILL TYPE IV, AS SPECIFIED ON THE PLANS.

### 1.4.8 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.

SURFACE ROUGHENING OF ALL EXPOSED SLOPES, COMBINED WITH TEMPORARY MULCHING, SHALL BE UTILIZED ON A REGULAR BASIS. 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.

### 1.4.9 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.

WINTER WORK IS NOT ANTICIPATED.

### 1.4.10 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.

### 1.4.11 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.

DEWATERING ACTIVITIES ARE NOT ANTICIPATED ON THIS PROJECT.

### 1.4.12 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 CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE

### 1.5.2 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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