

EROSION CONTROL NARRATIVE

1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

THIS PROJECT INVOLVES THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE #9, INCLUDING ALL OF ABUTMENT #1 AND ABUTMENT #2, ALONG WITH MINIMAL APPROACH AND CHANNEL WORK, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF AN EXISTING PIER. COFFERDAMS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED WITHIN THE WATERWAY. BRIDGE #9 IS LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON VT RT 103 AT THE INTERSECTION OF VT RT 103 AND VT RT 11, AND SPANS THE MIDDLE BRANCH OF THE WILLIAMS RIVER. A TEMPORARY BRIDGE WILL NOT BE USED. THE NEW BRIDGE IS A CONCRETE DECK ON SEVEN STEEL BEAMS SPANNING 121 FEET, ALL SLOPES AND ALL VEGETATION WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION THROUGH STANDARD SEED AND MULCH PRACTICES. STONE FILL TYPE IV WILL BE USED TO STABILIZE THE RIVER BANKS. EXISTING STONE FILL WILL BE STABILIZED, WITHIN THE STONE FILL LIMITS, AND WHERE DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE RESIDENT ENGINEER.

NOTE: AREA OF DISTURBANCE SHALL INCLUDE LIMITS OF EARTH DISTURBANCE WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA, INCLUDING ANY WASTE, STAGING AND BORROW AREAS WITHIN OR DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE PROJECT LIMITS.

TOTAL AREA OF DISTURBANCE IS APPROXIMATELY .70 ACRES.

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

1.2 SITE INVENTORY

1.2.1 TOPOGRAPHY

THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE PROJECT SITE IS A FAIRLY LEVEL RESIDENTIAL AREA WITH PATCHES OF WOODED AREAS. THE LAND AT THE PROJECT SITE HAS LOW SLOPES WITH STEEP RIVER BANKS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF HOMES AND BUILDINGS NEAR THE PROJECT SITE AND AN OVERHEAD POWER LINE THAT IS GOING TO BE RELOCATED. THERE IS ALSO A BURIED SEWER LINE THAT RUNS NEAR THE BRIDGE.

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

THE MIDDLE BRANCH OF THE WILLIAMS RIVER IS THE ONLY WATER SOURCE ON OR NEAR THE PROJECT LOCATION. THE RIVER IS CLASSIFIED AS SINUOUS, WITH A STABLE CHANNEL AND A STREAMBED MADE UP OF SANDY GRAVEL AND COBBLES. THE TRIBUTARY AREA AT THE BRIDGE CROSSING IS 33.5 SQ MILES. THIS RIVER DOES HAVE A TENDENCY OF RISING RAPIDLY.

1.2.3 VEGETATION

THE VEGETATION IN THE PROJECT AREA IS MADE UP OF GRASS AND MIXED TREES AND BUSHES. THE IMPACT TO VEGETATION WILL BE LIMITED TO THAT WHICH IS AFFECTED BY THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE, ABUTMENTS AND PIER. AFTER THE PROJECT IS FINISHED THE SLOPES WILL BE STABILIZED WITH STONE FILL AND VEGETATION WILL BE REESTABLISHED 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 WINDSOR, VERMONT. SOIL ON THE PROJECT SITE IS COLTON-CROGHAN COMPLEX, 0% TO 8% SLOPES, THE SOIL HAS A “K FACTOR” = 0.24. THE SOIL IS CONSIDERED MODERATELY ERODABLE.

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: THERE ARE A SERIES OF FIVE GRANITE POSTS TO THE NORTH OF THE PROJECT THAT ARE HISTORIC. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF HOUSES IN THE VICINITY THAT ARE HISTORIC. NO HISTORIC AREAS ARE TO BE DISTURBED.
PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND: NO
THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: NO
WATER RESOURCE: MIDDLE BRANCH OF THE WILLIAMS RIVER
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 CONTROLS. 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 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 AT AN APPROVED SITE WHERE IT WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO EROSION.

1.4.1 MARK SITE BOUNDARIES

SITE BOUNDARIES AND AREAS THAT CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT CAN ACCESS SHALL BE DELINEATED: PROJECT DEMARCATION FENCING (PDF) SHALL BE USED TO PHYSICALLY MARK SITE BOUNDARIES. BARRIER FENCE (BF) WILL BE USED TO DELINEATE THE AREA OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

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.

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 STABILIZE CONSTRUCTION EXIT

TRACKING OF SEDIMENT ONTO PUBLIC HIGHWAYS SHALL BE MINIMIZED TO REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR RUNOFF INTO RECEIVING WATERS. INSTALLATION SHALL COINCIDE WITH THE CONTRACTERS PROGRESS SCHEDULE.

STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES SHALL BE INSTALLED AS PROPOSED IN 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.

SILT FENCE WILL BE INSTALLED AS PROPOSED ON THE EPSC PLAN.

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 DIVERT IT AROUND THE DISTURBED AREA SO THAT CLEAN WATER DOES NOT BECOME MUDDIED WHILE TRAVELLING OVER EXPOSED SOILS ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.

THE PROJECT AREA IS RELATIVELY FLAT. THEREFORE IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT DIVERSION MEASURES WILL NECESSARY.

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.

DI PROTECTION SHALL BE INSTALLED AS PROPOSED ON THE PLANS.

1.4.7 CONSTRUCT PERMANENT CONTROLS

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

1.4.8 STABILIZE EXPOSED SOILS

ALL AREAS OF DISTURBANCE MUST, AT A MINIMUM, HAVE TEMPORARY STABILIZATION IN PLACE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF DISTURBANCE.

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 GREATER THAT 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 15TH THROUGH APRIL 15TH). REFER TO THE LOW RISK SITE HANDBOOK FOR GUIDANCE.

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 GREATER 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.

THE USE OF COFFERDAMS IS 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.

1.5.3 UPDATES

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