



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
696 VIRGINIA ROAD
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01742-2751

January 11, 2022

Regulatory Division
File Number: NAE-2021-00638

Mr. Patrick McLaughlin
City of Norwich
50 Clinton Avenue
Norwich, Connecticut 06360
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Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

We have reviewed your Department of the Army permit application to discharge dredged and/or fill material in waters of the U.S. to facilitate the replacement of two bridges (No. 04047 & 03797) along Sherman Street in Norwich, Connecticut. More specifically, the project will require the permanent discharge of fill into 7,225 square feet (SF) of the Yantic River and 810 SF of adjacent wetlands. These discharges are required for the installation of new bridge abutments, wingwalls, and grading with natural streambed material. In addition, the project will require the temporary discharge of fill into 8,640 SF of the Yantic River and 520 SF of abutting wetlands for water handling (coffer dams), staging areas, and access. Temporary fills will be removed in their entirety and restored to pre-construction contours and elevations upon completion of the project. These activities are depicted on the enclosed plans titled "ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT PLANS STATE PROJECT NO. 103-259 REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 04047 AND 03797 IN THE CITY OF NORWICH", on 8 sheets, and dated December 23, 2020.

Based on the information you have provided, we verify that the activity is authorized under General Permit # 19 of the December 15, 2021 Federal permit known as the Connecticut General Permits (GPs). Please review the GPs and general conditions carefully to be sure that you and whoever does the work understand its requirements. A copy of the GPs and this verification letter shall be available at the project site throughout the time the work is underway. Performing work within our jurisdiction that is not specifically authorized by this determination or failing to comply with any special condition provided above and all the terms and conditions of the GPs may subject you to the enforcement provisions of our regulations.

This authorization expires on December 15, 2026, unless the GPs are modified, suspended, or revoked before then. You must commence or have under contract to commence the work authorized herein by December 15, 2026 and complete the work by December 15, 2027. If not, you must contact this office to determine the need for further authorization before beginning or continuing the activity. We recommend that you contact us *before* this permit expires to discuss a permit reissuance. If you change the plans or construction methods for work within our

jurisdiction, please contact us immediately to discuss modification of this authorization. This office must approve any changes before you undertake them.

This authorization does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, state, or local authorizations required by law.

The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) has issued a Water Quality Certification (WQC) for this project, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, based on their review of the project. You must obtain an eligibility determination for use of this WQC from DEEP before work can commence in waters of the U.S.

We continually strive to improve our customer service. In order for us to better serve you, we would appreciate your completing our Customer Service Survey located at <https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/>

Please contact Peter Olmstead, of my staff, at (978) 318-8211 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin R Kotelly

Kevin R. Kotelly, P.E.
Chief, Permits & Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division

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Bill Sigmund, CT DEEP, Chief, Land & Water Resources Division (via email)

Nate Margason, U.S. EPA, Region 1, Boston, Massachusetts (via email)