



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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Application for Minimum Impact Agricultural Projects

General Instructions: Type or print clearly. Please read the entire application carefully. Missing information will delay the application review process.

This application should be completed with the assistance of the County Conservation District Office. The signature of the County Conservation District Manager/Board is a requirement for the use of this form.

Name of Owner: Last First Middle

Mailing Address: Street and Road or PO Box # Town/City State Zip Code

Location of Proposed Construction: Street/Road/Highway Town/City

Tax Map(s) #: Lot(s) #:

Attach the following information:

- 1. A copy of your Cooperator Agreement with the County Conservation District.
2. A complete copy of a USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) soils map with the property located, and a soils legend identifying poorly drained and very poorly drained map units (or printed version of comparable digital data).
3. A copy of the U. S. Geological Survey map (topographic map) with the location of the property clearly identified.
4. A plan showing the proposed work and its location relative to a fixed reference point.

Visit the Dept of Resources and Economic Development's Natural Heritage Bureau website to use the DataCheck Tool and obtain documentation about rare species or exemplary communities tracked by NHI in accordance with RSA 212 and RSA 217-A. If your proposed work involves an exemplary natural community or that has documented occurrences of state and federally listed Endangered or Threatened species or otherwise is found to exceed criteria for minimum impact you will need to submit additional information to meet all evaluation criteria for a Minor or Major impact project. You can access the DRED Natural Heritage Bureau's web site and information at: www.nhnaturalheritage.org.

Provide a brief description of your proposed project; including the amount of proposed wetland impact (in square feet) and the amount of surface water alteration (in square feet and linear feet):

Blank lines for project description.

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Fee received: check # date received amount initials check date File#

Please complete the following by checking the appropriate box (Yes or No)

Is/Does the work you are proposing....

- a. Impact any areas in or within 100 feet of a town-designated prime wetland? Yes No
(This information is available at the municipal office or the DES Wetlands Bureau)
- b. Impact a bog, marsh, or Atlantic white cedar swamp? Yes No
- c. Impact a sand dune, tidal water, or undeveloped land within 100 feet from highest observable tideline? Yes No
- d. *Not* in accordance with a plan developed to the standards of the *Best Management Wetland Practices for Agriculture*, September 1998? Yes No
- e. *Not* necessary for and/or incidental to a preexisting and ongoing bonafide agricultural operation as defined by RSA 21:34-a? Yes No
- f. Impact more than three acres of wetlands? Yes No
- g. Alter wetland types other than wet meadows or those specifically described in *Best Management Wetlands Practices for Agriculture*, September 1998? Yes No
- h. Impact very poorly drained (Hydric A) soils or poorly drained (Hydric B) soils with greater than 15% inclusion of very poorly drained (Hydric A) soils? Yes No
- I. Impact more than 3,000 square feet of wetlands for the placement of parking lots, lot development, or buildings, with the exception of agri-chemical handling facility buildings? Yes No
- J. Impact an exemplary natural community or species tracked as rare by the Natural Heritage Bureau at the Dept. of Resources and Economic Development? Yes No

If you answered **YES** to *any* of these questions, you must file a **Standard Dredge and Fill Application**.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Applicant's Signature: The applicant must sign the following statements.

I certify that the land areas to be modified by this permit are currently used as cropland or pasture; that the information submitted as part of this application is complete and accurate; I have notified all abutters affected by this project.

I am aware that my permit will contain a condition that any future change to non-agricultural use will require further permitting by the Department of Environmental Services (DES) Wetlands Bureau, and that I will be required to file a copy of my permit with the Registry of Deeds.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

Date

County Conservation District Manager's/Board's Signature

The County Conservation District certifies that:

- 1) The proposed project is in accordance with a plan that is developed to the standards of the *Best Management Wetlands Practices for Agriculture*, September 1998, and plan is limited by those items addressed by the BMPs;
- 2) The applicant is engaged in an agricultural operation as defined by RSA 21:34-a.
- 3) The project is necessary for and/or incidental to a preexisting and ongoing bonafide agricultural operation as defined by RSA 21:34-a; and

Signature of Conservation District Manager or Board

Date

Municipal Clerk's Signature: *Filing procedure:*

The **applicant** shall submit to the Municipal Clerk: 1) the **original and four copies** of the completed application, plans, and supporting data; 2) a **\$200** check payable to the NH DES Wetlands Bureau, and 3) **municipal fee** and expenses as authorized by RSA 482-A:3, I.

The **municipal clerk** shall: 1) sign all the original and four copies of the application; 2) keep the four copies of the application (and attachments) for municipal distribution in accordance with RSA 482-A:3, I; 3) send the original application with all supporting materials and the filing fee, by certified mail, to: DES Wetlands Bureau, PO Box 95, Concord NH 03302-0095.

I hereby certify that the applicant has filed five complete applications, with attachments, with the town/city of _____ as required by Chapter 482-A:3.

Signature of Municipal Clerk

Date