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This report includes only factual information gained by documentation, onsite observations, and/or onsite interviews.

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| Inspector Name(s) | Stephanie Andreescu | Time In | 1:30 PM | Start Date | October 5, 2021 |
| | | Time Out | 3:30 PM | End Date | October 5, 2021 |

Inspector's Organization

Organization Requesting Inspection (if different)

Inspection Type Inspection Status

Site Name

Site Address*

City* County* State* Zip Code*

Mailing Address*

City* County* State* Zip Code*

Latitude* Longitude*

Estimated Size of Site (acres) Is there a home on the site? Yes No

Inspector Signature  Digitally signed by STEPHANIE ANDREESCU Date: 2021.11.12 15:07:36 -05'00' Date

Supervisor Signature **MARCO FINOCCHIARO** Digitally signed by MARCO FINOCCHIARO Date: 2021.11.15 16:01:58 -05'00' Date



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| Site Name | Chelkas Chassidim Cemetery | Start Date | October 5, 2021 |
| | | End Date | October 5, 2021 |
| Inspection Purpose | Initial site visit | | |
| Opening Conference | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Inspector Credentials | | | |
| Name and Title (Use N/A if owner/operator not available to join the inspection) | | | |
| Mr. David Glick (property owner/representative) and Mr. Moses Koth | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Opening Conference | | | |
| Name of person authorizing access if applicable | | | |
| Mr. Glick authorized access of property during scheduling of the inspection | | | |
| Notes from Opening Conference | | | |
| EPA explained the purpose of the inspection and what areas would be inspected. Mr. Glick explained that the property was purchased March 2020 and that tree clearing occurred within the past few months. Mr. Glick and Mr. Koth emphasized the importance of the property being able to function as a cemetery. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access Issues if Any | | | |
| Describe | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Inspection Observations and Sample Collection | | | |
| Site Owner/Site Operator/Responsible Party (Name, title and contact information) | | | |
| Mr. David Glick, Chelkas Chassidim Cemetery LLC, U.S. FOIA (b)(6) | | | |
| Additional Persons Present at Inspection | | | |
| Mr. Moses Koth; Seika Robinson, EPA Region 2 | | | |
| General Site Characteristics (layout of property, etc.) | | | |
| The Site is comprised of a 3.52-acre parcel zoned as a cemetery. A developed cemetery is situated on the western half of the parcel. The eastern half of the parcel is undeveloped and was forested prior to being cleared and grubbed of trees and vegetation. Approximately 2/3 acre had been disturbed. Unpaved roads run along the southern perimeter and middle of the parcel. A ditch/stream runs north-south on the eastern half of the parcel. | | | |
| Purpose and Need for Discharge of Dredged and/or Fill Material | | | |
| The area east of the ditch/stream (approximately 2/3 acre) had been cleared and grubbed of trees and vegetation for the planned expansion of the developed cemetery. | | | |
| Site Overview (Past inspections, site description, permits, etc.) | | | |
| There are no known Corps wetland permits for activities at the Site. Prior to EPA's CWA 404 Inspection, EPA had not inspected the property. NYSDEC has concluded that there are no State-jurisdictional aquatic resources on the property. | | | |



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| Scope of Inspection (Areas inspected or not inspected) | | | |
| Inspected areas included the ditch/stream and the cleared and grubbed area to the east. EPA did not inspect the western half of the parcel. | | | |



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| Environmental Conditions (e.g., wind, rain, smoke, dust, temperature, snow) | | | |
| Low 60s, Overcast, Precipitation the day prior | | | |
| Field Work Conducted | | | |
| <p>During the inspection, EPA collected photographs, GPS points, and handwritten notes. Observations were recorded with the understanding that the site was disturbed from vegetation removal activities and that it rained the day prior.</p> <p>EPA started the inspection where the ditch/stream met the unpaved road near the southern perimeter of the parcel. At this location, there was a pre-existing small pit of water. EPA walked north (downstream) along the ditch/stream. EPA observed that the ditch/stream had standing water in it and that it continued north off of the property. At the northern edge of the property, EPA observed pink wetland delineation flagging tied to a tree. Additional wetland flagging was observed further into the neighboring property to the north.</p> <p>EPA walked along each edge of the disturbance (roughly a square) and recorded GPS points at its four corners. Based on these locations, EPA estimated that approximately 2/3 acre had been disturbed.</p> <p>Remnants of roundleaf greenbriar (<i>Smilax rotundifolia</i>)(FAC) were observed in the disturbed area. Outside of this area to the east, species observed included roundleaf greenbriar, Asiatic tearthumb (<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i>)(FAC), and red maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>) (FAC).</p> <p>EPA dug two soil pits and recorded GPS points within the disturbed area; however, soils were heavily disturbed from the clearing/grubbing of vegetation. The disturbed soils were generally very dark (10 YR 2/1 or 10 YR 2/2) and mucky. Soils were saturated.</p> | | | |
| Closing Conference | | | |
| Documents Received and/or Requested During the Inspection | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Compliance Assistance Provided (If any) | | | |
| EPA provided the name of the NY Corps project manager assigned to the geographic area. | | | |
| Observations Relayed to Site Owner/Operator | | | |
| EPA relayed to the Site owner/operator that the cleared and grubbed area is mapped as a forested wetland by the National Wetland Inventory (NWI). | | | |
| Actions Taken by Owner/Operator During the Inspection (If any) | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| Potential Issues of Concern Including Regulatory Citations | | | |
| Potential wetland areas were cleared and grubbed of trees and vegetation without seeking prior Corps authorization. | | | |



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Attachments*

- Maps and Sketches
- Photographs (including location) and Photo Log
- Other (SSIP, Wetlands Delineation Forms, etc.)

Map with GPS Points and Photolog

Additional Notes

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CWA 404 Inspection
Chelkas Chassidim Cemetery
Brick Church Road
New Hempstead, Rockland County, NY

October 5, 2021



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 1:48 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 1 – PA050144

Description:

(1/3) Panorama of disturbance, which included tree and vegetation clearing, grubbing, and grading

Ditch/stream in center of photo



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 1:49 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 2 – PA050145

Description:

(2/3) Panorama of disturbance, which included tree and vegetation clearing, grubbing, and grading



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 1:49 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 3 – PA050146

Description:

(3/3) Panorama of disturbance, which included tree and vegetation clearing, grubbing, and grading

Small pre-existing pit in foreground



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 1:59 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 4 – PA050147

Description:
Wetland delineation flagging
tape hanging on tree

Located on ditch/stream at
northern property boundary
(Labeled "K")



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 2:29 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 5 – PA050148

Description:
Soil Pit “SS1”



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 2:31 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 6 – PA050149

Description:
Soil profile from soil pit “SS1”



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 2:40 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 7 – PA050150

Description:
Soil profile from soil pit “SS2”



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 2:43 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 8 – PA050151

Description:
Soil Pit “SS2”



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 2:45 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 9 – PA050152

Description:

Soil from soil pit "SS2" showing faint redox features



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 3:00 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 10 – PA050153

Description:

Photo taken of disturbance from
NE Limit of Disturbance; photo
facing southwest



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 3:02 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 11 – PA050154

Description:

Photo taken of disturbance from SE Limit of Disturbance; photo facing northwest



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 3:09 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 12 – PA050155

Description:

Photo taken of disturbance from SW Limit of Disturbance; photo facing northeast



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 3:13 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 13 – PA0050156

Description:

Photo taken of disturbance from
NW Limit of Disturbance; photo
facing southeast



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 3:13 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 14 – PA0050157

Description:

Photo of potential wetland and
ditch/stream facing Brick
Church Road



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 3:15 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 15 – PA0050158

Description:

Photo of potential wetland and ditch/stream facing treeline/neighbor property to north



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 3:22 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 16 – PA0050159

Description:
Debris/earthen fill material
deposited by a previous owner
located on west side of
ditch/stream



Date: 10/05/2021
Time: 3:35 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 17 – PA0050160

Description:
Photo of trunks of trees removed from disturbed area.
Photo taken from the private unpaved road that run downs the middle of the parcel.