



Clean Water Act Section 404: Site Visit/Case Development

For inspections authorized pursuant to Clean Water Act sections 308 and 404 (33 U.S.C. §§ 1318 and 1344)

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

Inspector Name(s)	Stephanie Andreescu	Time In	10:50 AM	Start Date	April 16, 2021
		Time Out	11:40 AM	End Date	April 16, 2021
Inspector's Organization	US EPA Region 2				
Organization Requesting Inspection (if different)					
Inspection Type	Evaluation	Inspection Status	Original		
Site Name	Brian Arico Property				
Site Address*	Bog Hollow Road				
City*	Wassaic	County*	Dutchess	State*	NY
Zip Code*	12592				
Mailing Address*	U.S. FOIA (b)(6)				
City*	U.S. FOIA (b)(6)	County*	U.S. FOIA (b)(6)	State*	U.S. FOIA (b)(6)
Zip Code*	U.S. FOIA (b)(6)				
Latitude*	41.774767	Longitude*	-73.518548		
Estimated Size of Site (acres)	126.43 acres	Is there a home on the site?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
Inspector Signature				Date	4/21/21
Supervisor Signature				Date	4/22/21

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Site Name	Brian Arico Property	Start Date	April 16, 2021
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Inspection Purpose	Initial site visit		
Opening Conference			
☐ Presentation of Inspector Credentials Name and Title (Use N/A if owner/operator not available to join the inspection) N/A			
☐ Opening Conference Name of person authorizing access if applicable Sarah Pawliczak, biologist from NYSDEC's Bureau of Ecosystem Health, arranged the inspection of the property with Brian Arico, the property owner.			
Notes from Opening Conference N/A			
☐ Access Issues if Any Describe N/A			
Inspection Observations and Sample Collection			
Site Owner/Site Operator/Responsible Party (Name, title and contact information) Brian Arico, Property Owner			
Additional Persons Present at Inspection Sarah Pawliczak, biologist from NYSDEC's Bureau of Ecosystem Health			
General Site Characteristics (layout of property, etc.) The Site is a 126.43-acre undeveloped property located off of Bog Hollow Road in Wassaic, NY. The property contains two large ponds, wetland, forest, and a stream (Bog Hollow Brook) that flows north to south through the property and connects the ponds. An access road from Bog Hollow Road borders the southern edge of the northern pond and crosses over Bog Hollow Brook.			
Purpose and Need for Discharge of Dredged and/or Fill Material Material (rock and timber matting) had been brought to the site to create an access road. Cobble-sized rock had been placed at the entrance of the access road from Bog Hollow Rd. 700+ feet of timber matting had been placed on top of an existing path.			
Site Overview (Past inspections, site description, permits, etc.) There are no NYSDEC or Corps permits for the Site. EPA has not inspected the property in the past.			
Scope of Inspection (Areas inspected or not inspected) Inspected areas included the access road and areas surrounding the access road, the bridge over Bog Hollow Brook and areas just beyond the bridge.			

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Environmental Conditions (e.g., wind, rain, smoke, dust, temperature, snow)			
40's, overcast			
Field Work Conducted			
EPA walked the length of the access road from the entrance at Bog Hollow Road to the bridge over Bog Hollow Brook and took photographs of the access road, areas adjacent to the access road, and stabilization/erosion control measures along the road. Timber matting had been placed on top of the 700+ feet of existing trail from the rock-stabilized entrance to the bridge. Presumed wetland areas were observed on the northern side of the access road near the northern pond. Vegetation on this side of the access road included common reed (<i>Phragmites australis</i>)(FACW) and <i>Alnus serrulata</i> (OBL). Vegetation on the southern side of the access road included Morrow's honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera morrowii</i>)(FACU), multiflora rose (<i>Rosa multiflora</i>), and yellow archangel (<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>)(presumed UPL). Fresh straw bales had been placed along portions of the road. Grass had been planted in disturbed areas along the access road; however, some areas were still in need of stabilization.			
Closing Conference			
Documents Received and/or Requested During the Inspection			
N/A			
Compliance Assistance Provided (If any)			
N/A			
Observations Relayed to Site Owner/Operator			
N/A			
Actions Taken by Owner/Operator During the Inspection (If any)			
N/A			
Potential Issues of Concern Including Regulatory Citations			
Any fill in wetlands resulting from placement of the timber matting beyond the original footprint of the existing trail likely would have qualified for Nationwide Permit #14 authorization from the Corps, which requires pre-construction notification.			
Attachments*			
☐ Maps and Sketches ☒ Photographs (including location) and Photo Log ☐ Other (SSIP, Wetlands Delineation Forms, etc.)			
Additional Notes			
Heavy precipitation day before inspection (4/15/2021) led to wet/muddy conditions on the day of the inspection			

CWA 404 Inspection
Brian Arico Property
Bog Hollow Road
Wassaic, NY

April 16, 2021



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:02 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 1 – P4160132

Description:

Bog Hollow Creek looking
upstream toward northern
pond; photo taken from bridge



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:02 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 2 – P4160133

Description:

Bog Hollow Creek looking downstream; photo taken from bridge



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:02 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 3 – P4160134

Description:
Bridge over Bog Hollow Creek



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:07 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 4 – P4160135

Description:
Fresh straw bales at edge of
access road west of bridge



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:10 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 5 – P4160136

Description:

Photo taken by accident from
bridge over Bog Hollow Creek



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:10 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 6 – P4160137

Description:
Upstream culvert; Bog Hollow
Creek



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:21 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 7 – P4160138

Description:
Timber mat access road; Photo taken facing west towards bridge (in background)



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:21 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 8 – P4160139
Description:
Timber mat access road; Photo taken facing east towards Bog Hollow Road



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:32 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 9 – P4160140

Description:

Trail off of main timber mat
access road



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:34 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 10 -P4160141

Description:

Soil disturbance adjacent to
timber mat access road



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:34 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 11 -P4160142

Description:

Soil disturbance adjacent to
timber mat access road



Date: 4/16/2016
Time: 11:36 AM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 12 -P4160143

Description:

Rock placed at entrance of
access road off of Bog Hollow
Road for stabilization; timber
mat access road in foreground