



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 Tougas	Time In	10:00AM	Start Date	July 23 2021
		Time Out	11:00AM	End Date	July 23, 2021
Inspector's Organization	USEPA				
Organization Requesting Inspection (if different)					
Inspection Type	Evaluation	Inspection Status	Original		
Site Name	Balch Bridge Street Corporation				
Site Address*	222 South Main Street				
City*	East Windsor	County*	Hartford	State*	CT
				Zip Code*	06088
Mailing Address*	PO Box 678				
City*	East Windsor	County*	Hartford	State*	CT
				Zip Code*	06088
Latitude*	41°52'40.55"N		Longitude*	72°36'40.95"W	
Estimated Size of Site (acres)	Approx 1-2 acres	Is there a home on the site? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
Inspector Signature				Date	



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Inspection Purpose	Joint inspection with CT DEEP, town of East Windsor, and USACE -tip received by town alleging violation.		
Opening Conference			
☒ Presentation of Inspector Credentials			
Name and Title (Use N/A if owner/operator not available to join the inspection)			
Mr. James (Jim) Balch, property owner			
☐ Opening Conference			
Name of person authorizing access if applicable			
Mr. Balch			
Notes from Opening Conference			
Mr. Balch stated that he did not respond to the Town's initial letters because he was sick with Covid-19 in the hospital. Mr. Balch and his attorney indicated to the Town, USACE, CTDEEP and EPA that he wanted to resolve the matter.			
☐ Access Issues if Any			
Describe			
Inspection Observations and Sample Collection			
Site Owner/Site Operator/Responsible Party (Name, title and contact information)			
Mr. James (Jim) Balch, property owner			
Additional Persons Present at Inspection			
Mr. Balch, Mr. Balch's attorney, Brian Levin, Cori Rose (USACE), Ruthanne Calabrese (Town of East Windsor) Amanda Gurren (Town of East Windsor attorney), Brian Golembiewski (CTDEEP)			
General Site Characteristics (layout of property, etc.)			
Fill (possibly construction aggregate) adjacent to a stream and wetland and likely on top of a wetland based on surrounding vegetation. Approximately 1-2 acres of fill. West of the tributary is agricultural fields. Property extends half mile north and west from fill area.			
Purpose and Need for Discharge of Dredged and/or Fill Material			
Mr. Balch claimed the fill was for maintenance.			
Site Overview (Past inspections, site description, permits, etc.)			
The Town of East Windsor had been out to the site on 11-4-2020 to document alleged fill			
Scope of Inspection (Areas inspected or not inspected)			
The area where the fill had been deposited.			



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Environmental Conditions (e.g., wind, rain, smoke, dust, temperature, snow)			
75 degrees, dry, sunny			
Field Work Conducted			
We walked along the edge of the fill, documenting the fill, stream and vegetation with photographs.			
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			
Cori Rose informed Mr. Balch that there appeared to be a CWA section 404 violation. Cori explained that restoration would be necessary to resolve the matter and that Mr. Balch needs to work with the town to create a satisfactory restoration plan. Cori told him that before the restoration can occur, Mr. Balch needs to hire a wetlands scientist that can delineate the wetland area as well as determine the parent material below the fill. I informed Mr. Balch that EPA has the discretion to take an action and will be monitoring the matter and that he should cooperate with the town to restore the wetland.			
Actions Taken by Owner/Operator During the Inspection (If any)			
N/A			
Potential Issues of Concern Including Regulatory Citations			
Potential CWA Section 404 violation			
Attachments*			
☐ Maps and Sketches			
☐ Photographs (including location) and Photo Log			
☐ Other (SSIP, Wetlands Delineation Forms, etc.)			
Additional Notes			