



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	9:00AM	Start Date	September 24, 2021
		Time Out	10:30AM	End Date	September 24, 2021
Inspector's Organization	USEPA				
Organization Requesting Inspection (if different)					
Inspection Type	Focused	Inspection Status	Original		
Site Name	Lawson Dairy Farm				
Site Address*	1179 Covered Bridge Road				
City*	Irassburg	County*	Orleans	State*	VT
				Zip Code*	05845
Mailing Address*	1179 Covered Bridge Road				
City*	Irassburg	County*	Orleans	State*	VT
				Zip Code*	05845
Latitude*	44°49'25.18"N		Longitude*	72°16'16.63"W	
Estimated Size of Site (acres)	8	Is there a home on the site?		☐ Yes	☒ No
Inspector Signature	Tougas, Stephanie Digitally signed by Tougas, Stephanie Date: 2021.10.07 17:08:48 -04'00'			Date	
Supervisor Signature	DENNY DART Digitally signed by DENNY DART Date: 2021.10.08 06:40:32 -04'00'			Date	



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Inspection Purpose	Post AO/AOC		
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			
Douglas Lawson			
Notes from Opening Conference			
Called Mr. Lawson prior to site visit requesting access to observe the progress of the plantings as well as the check dams			
☐ Access Issues if Any			
Describe			
Inspection Observations and Sample Collection			
Site Owner/Site Operator/Responsible Party (Name, title and contact information)			
Douglas Lawson, owner, 802-754-6820			
Additional Persons Present at Inspection			
Dave Blodgett (NRCS)			
General Site Characteristics (layout of property, etc.)			
pasture, previously forested wetland, surrounded by forest adjacent to the Black River			
Purpose and Need for Discharge of Dredged and/or Fill Material			
to create pasture			
Site Overview (Past inspections, site description, permits, etc.)			
Scope of Inspection (Areas inspected or not inspected)			
we inspected the restoration work that has begun as required by the AOC			

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Environmental Conditions (e.g., wind, rain, smoke, dust, temperature, snow)			
65 degrees, raining			
Field Work Conducted			
Walked the length of the tributary, observing the condition of the plantings. I documented the locations of the check dams that Mr Lawson had installed. I also noted the Balsam fir plantings on the southern side of the tributary and the fence installation.			
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			
The southern side of the tributary has been planted with Balsam fir, but not the northern side. Also, it appears that the southern side has only been planted with Balsam fir and no other plantings or wetland seed mix. In the spring, please finish planting the northern side of the tributary with some Balsam fir plantings, and finish seeding and planting the southern side. As discussed, live stakes from nearby trees (such as Willow and dogwood species) should be planted in early spring, before bud-break, as needed, to supplement the woody species density (as required by the performance standards).			
Attachments*			
☐ Maps and Sketches ☐ Photographs (including location) and Photo Log ☐ Other (SSIP, Wetlands Delineation Forms, etc.)			
Additional Notes			
Thank you for your continued work on this restoration. If the remaining plantings can be completed in spring 2022, then the monitoring period can begin.			