



BRIDGE PERMIT

19 APR 2023

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WHEREAS by Title V of an act of Congress approved August 2, 1946, entitled "General Bridge Act of 1946," as amended (33 U.S.C. § § 525-533), the consent of Congress was granted for the construction, maintenance and operation of bridges and approaches thereto over the navigable waters of the United States;

AND WHEREAS the Secretary of Homeland Security has delegated the authority of Section 502(b) of that act to the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard by Department of Homeland Security Delegation Number: 0170.1;

AND WHEREAS before construction is commenced, the Commandant must approve the location and plans of any such bridge and may impose any specific conditions relating to the construction, maintenance and operation of the structure deemed necessary in the interest of public navigation, such conditions to have the force of law;

AND WHEREAS the - **STATE OF NEW JERSEY** - has submitted for approval the location and plans of a bridge to be constructed over Big Timber Creek, between the Boroughs of Westville and Brooklawn, New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE, This is to certify that the location and plans dated 27 December 2022, are hereby approved by the Commandant, subject to the following conditions:

1. No deviation from the approved plans may be made either before or after completion of the structure unless the modification of said plans has previously been submitted to and received the approval of the Commandant.

2. The construction of falsework, pilings, cofferdams or other obstructions, if required, shall be in accordance with plans submitted to and approved by the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, prior to construction of the bridge. All work shall be so conducted that the free navigation of the waterway is not unreasonably interfered with, and the present navigable depths are not impaired. Timely notice of any and all events that may affect navigation shall be given to the District Commander during construction of the bridge. The channel or channels through the structure shall be promptly cleared of all obstructions placed therein or caused by the construction of the bridge to the satisfaction of the District Commander, when in the judgement of the District Commander the construction work has reached a point where such action should be taken.

3. Issuance of this permit does not relieve the permittee of the obligation or responsibility for compliance with the provisions of any other law or regulation as may be under the jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local authority having cognizance of any aspect of the location, construction or maintenance of said bridge.

4. The location of, and materials to be used in the construction of, the bridge protection system as shown on the approved plans sheets 2 and 3 (of 4) dated 27 December 2022 shall be submitted to the District Commander for approval prior to commencing construction of such system.

5. Clearance gauges shall be installed and maintained in a good and legible condition by and at the expense of the owner of the bridge when so required by the District Commander. The type of gauges and the locations in which they are to be installed will be submitted to the District Commander for approval.

6. All parts of the existing to-be-replaced Route 47 Bridge over Big Timber Creek, mile 1.4, not utilized in the new bridge, shall be removed to a minimum of three feet below the mud line of the waterway, except that the existing foundations shall be removed in their entirety when in conflict with the proposed bridge foundation. The waterway shall be cleared to the satisfaction of the District Commander. Such removal and clearance shall be completed when the District Commander determines that the construction of the new bridge, mile 1.4, has reached a point where such action should be taken.

7. The permittee shall coordinate the methods and schedule of construction of this bridge project with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of keeping anadromous fish and wildlife resource harms and losses to a minimum and to preclude impacts to submerged aquatic vegetation habitat.

9. When the proposed bridge is no longer used for transportation purposes, it shall be removed in its entirety or to an elevation deemed appropriate by the District Commander and the waterway cleared to the satisfaction of the District Commander. Such removal and clearance shall be completed by and at the expense of the owner of the bridge upon due notice from the District Commander.

10. The approval hereby granted shall cease and be null and void unless construction of the bridge is commenced within three years and completed within five years after the date of this permit.

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By direction of the Commandant