

**TOWN OF YORKTOWN - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
MS4 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION
WETLAND PERMIT APPLICATION and/or TREE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Section 69.08
Block 1
Lot # 11

Approval Authority: TE [] PB [] TB []
Application #: 004-21
Date Received: 1/22/21
Date Issued: _____
Date Expires: _____
Fee Paid: \$ 3,300.00

Job Site Address: 408 Illington Road
City/State/Zip: Ossining, NY 10562

NOTE: Application, Fee, Short/Long Form EAF, Map/Survey to be submitted to the Engineering

APPLICANT:

OWNER:

YOUR NAME: Marcia Saunders
COMPANY: _____
ADDRESS: 410 Illington Road
Ossining, NY ZIP 10562
PHONE: (914) 762-1126
EMAIL: marcia.c.saunders@citi.com

YOUR NAME: Marcia Saunders
COMPANY: _____
ADDRESS: 410 Illington Road
Ossining NY ZIP 10562
PHONE: (914) 762-1126
EMAIL: marcia.c.saunders@citi.com

APPROVED PLANS AND PERMIT SHALL BE ON-SITE AT ALL TIMES

Select One	Type	Approval Authority	Cost
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wetland/Watercourse/Buffer Area Permit (Administrative)	Town Engineer	\$800.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wetland/Watercourse/Buffer Area Permit	Town Board/Planning Board	\$1,800.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal of Wetlands/Watercourse/Buffer Area Permit (1 Year)	Town Engineer	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	MS4 Stormwater Management Permit (Administrative)	Town Engineer	\$300.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	MS4 Stormwater Management Permit	Town Board/Planning Board	\$1,500.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal of a MS4 Stormwater Management Permit (1 Year)	Town Engineer	\$150.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tree Permit	Town Engineer	\$0.00

Application fees are doubled with issuance of a Stop Work Order/Notice of Violation as per Town Code.

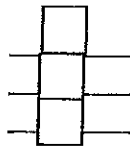
PROPOSED ACTIVITY - If not located in wetland/wetland buffer (skip to 2b)

1. Description of wetlands (check all that apply):

a. Lake/pond

b. Stream/River/Brook

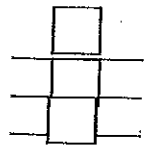
c. Wetlands



Control area of lake/pond

Control area of stream/river/brook

Control area of wetlands



2a. **Description of activity in the wetland and/or wetland buffer.** Describe the proposed work including the following: i.e. maintenance, construction of dwelling, addition, driveway, culverts, including size and location.

Removal of dam remnants

Installation of temporary bi-pass channel/stream crossing

Installation of permanent forebay

Pouring of concrete dam and cofferdam (2 phases)

Installation of stone stream vane

Repair of dam earth berms, Install NYSDER Buffer Plants

2b. **Stormwater/Excavation - Description of proposed activity:**

Removal of pond sediment: 2930 CY cut / 1440 CY fill /
1500 CY excess removed offsite. Refer to Cut/Fill Plan in
project outline. Range 2' to 5' deep.

3. Tree Removal:

Amount of trees and/or stumps to be removed: 21

Sizes; approximate DBH: 6" to 18" ±

Species of trees to be removed (i.e. Birch, Spruce - if known): Tulip, Maple, Beech

Reason for removal: _____

Trees marked in field (trees must be marked prior to inspection): Yes: No:

Tree removal contractor: TBD

Attach survey/sketch indicating property boundaries, existing structures, driveways, roadways and location of existing trees. Trees must be marked in the field before inspection. Refer to Existing Plan

4. **PROPERTY OWNER CONSENT:** If another entity (e.g. contractor, consultant) is applying on the owner's behalf, the PROPERTY OWNER is to complete, sign and date this authorization:

I, Marcia Saunders hereby authorize PEDER Scott to apply for this Stormwater/Wetland Permit/Tree Permit on my behalf.

Signature: Marcia C. Saunders Date: 1/20/21

No application will be processed without the above-mentioned, required information.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The permittee is responsible for maintaining an active application. If no activity occurs within a six (6) month period, as measured from the date of application, the application will become null and void. Applications fees are non-refundable.
2. The Town of Yorktown reserves the right to modify, suspend or revoke this permit at any time after due notice when:
 - a. Scope of the project is exceeded or a violation of any condition of the permit or provision of the law pertinent regulations are found; or
 - b. Permit was obtained by misrepresentation or failure to disclose relevant facts; or
 - c. Newly discovered information or significant physical changes are discovered.
3. The permittee is responsible for keeping the permit active by requesting renewal from the Approval Authority. Any supplemental information that may be required by the Approval Authority, including forms and fees, must be submitted 30 days prior to the expiration date. The expiration date is one year from the date the bond is paid to the Engineering Department. In accordance with Chapter 178 of the Town Code, Freshwater Wetlands, Section 178-16 -Expiration of a Permit.
4. This permit shall not be construed as conveying to the applicant any right to trespass upon private lands or interfere with the riparian rights of others in order to perform the permitted work or as authorizing the impairment of any right, title or interest in real or personal property held or vested in person not party to this permit.
5. The permittee is responsible for obtaining any other permits, approvals, easements and right-of-way, which may be required.
6. Any modification of this permit granted by the Approval Authority must be in writing and attached hereto.
7. Granting of this permit does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility of obtaining any other permission, consent or approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, N.Y.C. Department of Environmental Protection, N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation or local government, which may be required.

MARCIA SAUNDERS
PRINT NAME

Marcia C. Saunders
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

1/20/21
DATE

Marcia Saunders
Illington Road
Ossining, New York
10562

February 22, 2020

Historical Report for Dam and Pond Repairs
408 Illington Road

New York has history all around us, some of it grand and some of it local. As a lifetime resident of Yorktown, we grew up with the local cemetery, dam, and pond as part of our lives.

When the Town of Yorktown foreclosed on the 6 acres next door to us, the Town Supervisor - knowing that we were interested in the property - informed us that the land would be available.

In the Supervisor's view, it was in the best interest of the Town to have us own the property, as the Town did not have the resources to restore the cemetery, nor the pond and its dam.

It has taken a significant amount of effort to make transfer of ownership happen, including action by the New York State Assembly and Senate, as well as Governor Cuomo's signature.

Given the property has historical elements – an 18th-19th century Gerow family cemetery, a pond and a dam, the decedents of the Gerow family had written to the Town of Yorktown, voicing their support of our purchase of their ancestral land.

In the purchase agreement signed between me and the Town, it is recognized that I will continue to restore the revolutionary war era Gerow family cemetery, as well as the dam and the pond.

At your request, we want to provide additional history on the cemetery, dam and pond.

In 1768, as per the attached copy of the land deed, (attachment #3) the Gerow family purchased a large 109 acre parcel of land, including my childhood home and the property with the dam and cemetery next door. Interestingly, the land was sold to the Gerow's by the Schuyler/Cochran family and specifically Dr. John Cochran (George Washington's personal physician) and his wife Gertrude Schuyler Cochran, whose brother Phillip was the first senator from NY. The Gerow family has a long history in New York. Having left La Rochelle, France, they were one of the founding families of New Rochelle, NY.

Along with the dam and cemetery, the property also has old stone walls, and we know from the 1850 census that the Gerow family were farmers and had various livestock, and the pond was likely used for irrigation and livestock, with stonewalls often used to contain or guide animals.

The Gerow family maintained the land for generations, burying family members in the little plot near the pond, which has been an integral part of the cemetery complex.

The oldest tombstones disappeared long ago, and the more recent stones, from burials beginning in 1839, were stolen, leaving behind only 5 tiny, initialed stones from the death of children. Old photos we had of the tombstones, drawings from the Gerow family itself, and tombstone records from the DAR - all provided us with clues to the 7 replicas we have made to date.

Interestingly, we know from the Gerow family themselves that the family was divided over the American revolutionary war. The Library of Congress has the original muster roll with Gerow men signing up for a British regiment and the famous battle of Pines Bridge happening just a few miles away from us.

In 1855, *part* of the property was sold to Hiram Farrington, the local Postmaster.

Farmers owned his part of the property again after him, with the Kuchenmeister family growing cucumbers on the land, which were sold to Delmonico's restaurant, as per a Kuchenmeister descendant who came back to visit us in the 1980's.

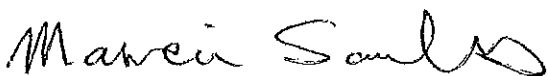
The property was taken over by the Town of Yorktown, when it foreclosed on a subsequent owner for back taxes. While the Town owned the property, the dam unfortunately collapsed, and the tombstone theft occurred. With the dam having fallen, it is interesting to see the interior construction of the dam, which is a simple layer of rough stone with earth behind it. The dam has a concrete spillway, which was believed to have been added in the early 1900's, when the dam was improved upon.

Since the pond was part of this historic cemetery, it is the desire of our family and the Town of Yorktown to repair this facility. The dam provides for the scenic qualities noted as well as providing flood control for the streams which converge on the property. As noted in site visits – extensive sediment loading is no longer collected by the pond providing downstream protection of the large linear wetland and streams which continue to the north along Illington Road and the Taconic State Parkway, then Aqueduct Street to the New Croton Reservoir. The new dam shall include a forebay for sediment collection, is deep enough to mitigate thermal impacts with a discharge spillway proposed to the original watercourse.

Lastly, we have agreed to allow the Town of Yorktown to install a dry fire hydrant for community wide fire safety.

Please review this outline of the project history and the benefits to be realized with this proposed project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia Saunders". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marcia Saunders