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Lake Ontario Storm Recovery Permit Guidance

Buffalo, NY – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Buffalo District, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) have issued guidance regarding storm recovery permits available for the purpose of shore protection to safeguard existing functional erosion control structures, roads, bridges, infrastructure, and property along Lake Ontario shoreline and the Saint Lawrence River including affected portions of navigable bays and tributaries.

The DEC has issued a Storm Recovery General Permit (GP) **GP-0-17-006** for Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River Shoreline areas of the counties of Cayuga, Jefferson, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, Oswego, St. Lawrence and Wayne in DEC Regions 6, 7, 8 and 9 effective May 2, 2017.

Details of the GP and instructions for applicants can be found at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/89343.html>.

Projects that qualify for the General Permit will also qualify for the USACE Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 3 and/or 13. For NWP No. 13 if proposed work will exceed 500 linear feet you must contact the USACE at 716-879-4330 prior to proceeding with work.

Additionally, to ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act the USACE must be contacted before proceeding with work:

1. Involving tree removal in any of the affected counties
2. For projects in federal jurisdictional wetlands in the Towns of Huron and Wolcott, Wayne County, and all Towns in Cayuga and Oswego County
3. For any work subject to this permit in the Towns of Sandy Creek and Richland, Oswego County, and the Towns of Henderson and Ellisburg, Jefferson County.

To ensure permit compliance please review the complete terms and conditions of the Corps Nationwide Permits at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Nationwide-Permits/District-Permit-Program/NWP-NY/>

Repair of damages resulting from Lake Ontario high water levels beyond the scope of the General Permit or Nationwide Permit will receive priority permit application review or may qualify for an individual emergency authorization.

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