



Right-Size That Culvert!

A Practical Overview of Right-Sizing Considerations



Today's To-Do List

- 1) Why do we care about undersized crossings?
- 2) How do we identify undersized crossings and AOP barriers?
- 3) What do we do about them?
- 4) Case Studies in the Beaver River Watershed:
 - a) Brewery
 - b) Long Pond

QUESTION: HOW MANY CULVERTS DO YOU DRIVE OVER EVERY DAY?

I cross a total of NINE culverts on the 5-mile drive to school drop off!



Barrier to organism passagePublic safety issue with scour of banks

Most of us probably don't notice a culvert until it fails...





Upstream:

- Acts like a dam,
- Can cause the road to flood.

Downstream:

- Acts like a firehose,
- Creates scour;
- Undermines even large armor.







Municipal Priorities

- Maintenance Issues: (Wood, boulders)
- Public Safety Concerns
 - Flooding
 - Failing structure (corrosion, collapsing headwalls, wingwalls, road damage)
 - Lengthy Detours

Prioritization

Multiple Objectives to *Prioritize* Sites



Community Priorities

Safety Flood Risk



Ecological Priorities

- Aquatic Org. Passage
- Priority Watershed
- Miles reconnected
- Habitat Quality
- Brook trout value
- Freshwater Type
- WQ Standard

Municipal Concerns

- Structural Issues:
 - Road Closure
 - Corrosion
 - Collapsing headwalls
 - Road damage
 - Scour of abutments











Ecological concerns: Barriers affect thousands of organisms that rely on the health of the stream...



How does TU decide where to work?



Priority Waters (TU)



What Are Priority Waters?

Rooted in science and developed in collaboration with TU volunteers and trusted partners, our shared Priority Waters are the foundation of a strategic blueprint to protect, restore and reconnect America's wild and native trout and salmon watersheds.



Adirondack Priority Waters:

Reconnect streams and watersheds Understand current conditions Partnership establishment and engagement Assess/Reconnect/Restore/Engagement



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How to Identify Barriers?

Step 1: NAACC Road Stream Crossing Assessments

- Methodology to Identify and Assess Road Stream Crossings.
- Conducted by trained observers (SWCDs, DEC, Nonprofits: TU, TNC)
- Record features of crossings, ie:
 - Location,
 - Size,
 - Type,
 - Condition,
 - Alignment
 - Constriction
- Rate the passage capability of the crossing.
- Serves as Level 1 Prioritization for future work.
- https://naacc.org/naacc_data_center_home.cfm







Welcome to the NAACC Data Center!

This website stores all the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC) data for road-stream crossings assessments. You may search, view, map and download most of the data in Excel or Shapefile format without logging on. If you are logged on, pages accessed from the navigation bar allow for entering and correcting crossing records. If logged on, you may also manage user data and download the <u>Offline Data Manager</u>. Only certified NAACC lead observers and coordinators can log on. To return to this page, click the "NAACC Data Center" title at the top of any page.

About the NAACC

The <u>NAACC</u> is a network of individuals from agencies and organizations focused on improving aquatic connectivity across a thirteen-state region. The NAACC provides protocols for road-stream crossings (culverts and bridges) to assess and score crossings for fish and wildlife passability, as well as culvert condition and other data useful for evaluating risk of failure.



How to use the online NAACC Tool

Stream Crossing Explorer (SCE):

To analyze search results with the SCE, check the box before choosing your search parameters. Note that **only** parameters still showing after checking the box will be used for your search.

Location (choose multiple towns, watersheds):	Other:	Dates:
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Chautauqua [0]		All
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Personnel	UMass Stream Continuity Project (2005-2017)	
	Connecticut (2004-2013)	
Any Observer 🗸 🗸	Vermont (11/20/2002-10/29/2015)	
	Maine (2007-2015)	
Any Coordinator	New Hampshire (2006 - 2016)	•
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Search

How to use the online NAACC Tool

Lat/Long of crossing			Showing 400 Records , 25 per page.			Sort by any field Except Evaluation		
Survey ID	Crossing Code	Date Observed	Last Updated	Town	Stream	Road	Evaluation	Culvert
30188	xy4248665773558329	2016/05/03	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	ny 66	Significant barrier	1
30189	xy4248586873559350	2016/05/03	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	ny 66	Severe barrier	1
30190	xy4248570873560038	2016/05/03	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	ny 66	Severe barrier	1
30191	xy4248053573566544	2016/05/03	2017/12/05	Chatham NY	Green Brook	ny 66	Insignificant barrier	1
30204	xy4247573173580307	2016/05/05	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	Pratt Rd	Severe barrier	1
30205	xy4247130673589800	2016/05/05	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	Unnamed	Hoes Rd	Insignificant barrier	1
30206	xy4247546973591246	2016/05/05	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	Albany Turnpike Rd	Severe barrier	1
30207	xy4248208473573541	2016/05/05	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	Bachus Rd	Severe barrier	1
30208	xy4248251573575342	2016/05/05	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	Pratt Rd	Severe barrier	1
30209	xy4248085273572944	2016/05/05	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	driveway off Bachus Rd	Significant barrier	1
30210	xy4248110573573150	2016/05/05	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	driveway off Bachus	Moderate barrier	1
30211	xy4248419973575398	2016/05/05	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	Fredenberg Rd	Moderate barrier	1
30212	xy4247739773578641	2016/05/05	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	Pratt Rd	Severe barrier	1
30213	xy4248460173574853	2016/05/05	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	Pratt Rd	Severe barrier	1
30215	xy4248064873575619	2016/05/05	2016/05/09	Chatham NY	unnamed	Pratt Rd	Moderate barrier	1
30396	xy4246992573532314	2016/05/13	2016/05/18	Chatham NY	unnamed	County Rd 13	Severe barrier	1
30397	xy4246961273529636	2016/05/13	2016/05/18	Chatham NY	unnamed	County Rd 13	Significant barrier	1
30398	xy4246981873527374	2016/05/13	2016/05/18	Chatham NY	Green Brook	County Rd 13	Severe barrier	1
30399	xy4247429273523312	2016/05/13	2016/05/18	Chatham NY	unnamed	County Rd 13	Significant barrier	1
30400	xy4247450973523392	2016/05/13	2016/07/26	Chatham NY	unnamed	private driveway off county rd 13	no score - missing data	0
30401	xy4247921373521869	2016/05/13	2016/05/18	Chatham NY	unnamed	County Rd 13	Significant barrier	1
30402	xy4247170673525317	2016/05/13	2016/05/18	Chatham NY	unnamed	County Rd 13	Minor barrier	1
30403	xy4248307973539440	2016/05/13	2016/05/18	Chatham NY	unnamed	Ashley Hill Rd	Moderate barrier	1
30404	xy4248180973540082	2016/05/13	2016/05/18	Chatham NY	unnamed	Ashley Hill Rd	Severe barrier	1
30428	xy4244483873565854	2016/05/20	2016/05/20	Chatham NY	unnamed	Albany Turnpike Rd	Severe barrier	1

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Understanding the NAACC Map

- The colored circles on the map represent surveyed NAACC crossings (Non-tidal Aquatic Connectivity, Terrestrial Connectivity, Tidal Aquatic Connectivity or Culvert Condition Assessments) and colored squares represent UMass Stream Continuity Project crossings color coded as follows:
 - No barrier: blue
 - Insignificant barrier: blue green
 - Minor barrier: green
 - Moderate barrier: yellow
 - Significant barrier: orange
 - Severe barrier: red
 - Missing data: magenta
 - No crossing: black circle with bold red x X
 - New crossing pending approval: black circle with red slash

- NAACC map: quickly see where the Significant and Severe barriers are located.
- Black dots are crossings that were not accessible.



Stream Continuity

streamcontinuity.org/naacc

Survey Id: 30206 Crossing Code: xy4247546973591246 AOP Coarse Screen: No AOP NAACC Aquatic Passability Score: 0.11 Data checked and accurate by Josh Thiel on 07-20-2016









Entry Date: 05-09-2016 Last Updated: 05-09-2016 NHD-HUC8 Watershed: Middle Hudson Local ID: No data Lead Observer: Erica Capuana Stream/River: unnamed Type: Paved

Number of Culverts/Bridge Cells: 1 Crossing Condition: OK Alignment: Flow-Aligned Bankfull Width (feet): No data Constriction: Severe

- Great baseline information.
- Identifies priorities.
- Next steps:
 - Connect with highway supers,
 - Assess from a design/build standpoint.
 - Funding & Access are critical.
 - Work together to find \$\$ for priorities (Fed, State, Local)



SCAN ME

Database Entry By: No data

Coordinator: Josh Thiel

GPS to Crossing Distance (meters): 0.0

Crossing Code: xy4247546973591246

Date Observed: 05-05-2016

Town/County: Chatham, NY

Road: Albany Turnpike Rd

GPS: Lat: 42.47547, Long: -73.59125

Location Description: intersect albany turnpike rd and syring rd

Crossing Type: Culvert

Flow Condition: Moderate

Tidal Site: No

Road Fill Height (feet) : 3

Bankfull Width Confidence: No data

Tailwater Scour Pool: Large

Crossing Comments: stream takes 90 degree turn left downstream

Evaluation of this stream crossing is estimated as severe BARRIER

Priority Waters + NAACC Watershed Results



Watershed and Stream Science



Stream Basics: What is a Watershed?







All the land that drains to a design point. Stream appearance is a partly a function of watershed properties:

- LAND USE: ie, % forested, % developed, % ag SOILS
- TOPOGRAPHY: Mountains? Rolling Hills? Flat? SHAPE
- **PRECIPITATION:** Geographic

Streams are dynamic, living systems!

"Rivers and streams are more than mere conduits for water and fish. They are long, linear ecosystems made up of the physical environment, communities of organisms, and a variety of ecological processes that shape and maintain these ecosystems over time." (USFS Stream Simulation) Stable streams convey flows and transport sediment without excessive erosion or deposition.

They are stable for **both** the human community and the aquatic and terrestrial organisms that reside there.





Remember! Streams Move Water AND Sediment



Interspency Stream Restoration Working Group (15 Federal Agencies of the US).

Landslides

Surface erosion

DEPOSITION

Water: Rainfall Snowmelt Stormwater Drainage Loss of Greenspace **EROSION OF BED** AND BANKS!

"Why do you only care about the fish??" Stream Functions Pyramid

A Guide for Assessing & Restoring Stream Functions

We can't achieve





What Does a Stable Stream Look Like?

- Balances flows and sediment transport.
- Maintains dimensions and pattern in multiple storms.
- Has access to a vegetated floodplain.
- Vegetation creates roughness to slow flow.
- Bridge doesn't squeeze channel.

- Floodplains spread out and slow down flows and trap sediment.
- No Excessive Erosion or Deposition Present!
- Stable Streams are good for everyone!

What Does an <u>UNstable Stream Look Like?</u> *Deposition* – Sediment Transport Problems



Unstable: Over-wide

- Upstream erosion or bed failure.
- Crossing acts like a dam.
- Center Bar Deposition upstream of crossing where energy is low.
- Center bar splits channel
- Both banks become unstable.
- More sediment delivered downstream.

What Does an UNstable Stream Look Like? Incision (Bed Scour) - Erosion Mobilizes Sediment



Unstable: Incision

- Bed Scour (Incision)
 caused by undersized
 culvert.
- Stream is overly narrow, no floodplain, digs deeper.
- Wing Wall is collapsing.
- When the bed fails, the banks fail.
- Driveway and Road are at the top of the bank!
- Sediment delivered downstream.



Prioritize Reconnection of Floodplains!

Floodplain Function: Slow it down! Spread it out!

- Vegetation creates roughness.
 Roughness <u>slows down</u> the water and traps sediment.
- Slow water is less erosive!
- Floodwater **<u>spreads out</u>** and absorbs into the soil.
- No floodplain = more energy stays in the stream = more erosion = more sediment bars.
- If this was bermed, the flow and sediment would be forced downstream.



What Does an UNstable Stream Look Like? No Flood Plain



No Floodplain:

- Channelized,
- Moved to make room
 for a parking lot,
- No flood prone area,
- Undersized culvert
- Road floods,
- Downstream home incurs flood damages.



What Does an UNstable Stream Look Like? No Flood Plain





Channel evolution model, with channel cross sections illustrating the 5 channel stages (modified from NRCS 2007, Ch3).



No Floodplain:

- Incised channel
- Flows cannot reach a floodplain;
- Banks undermined.
- Property Damage
- Deposition above crossing.
- Can be caused by flood response efforts!

Understanding Headcutting

Headcuts happen when:

- Excavation of gravel in the bed.
- Overly narrow channel.

River Geomorphology – Headcut Migration



Video courtesy of Emriver Inc.



Examples of Headcutting & Incision



Removal of beaver dam triggered a headcut that moved upstream into the tributary. Approx. 2'-3'.

Undermining rip rap

How Can You Tell if a Crossing is Undersized?

Crossing is narrower than channel width:

Channel width here is ~13', but the pipe is 6' diameter... Channel forming flow = Bankfull ~ Ordinary High Water Mean High Water: Terrestrial vegetation





NEW YORK STATE:

New Crossing = 1.25x Channel Width!

How Can You Tell if a Crossing is Undersized?



Channel Distance (ft)

Undersized Crossing: Acts like a dam on upstream side. Deposition at the inlet leads to post storm dredging.

Undersized Crossings Continued



Perched Culvert: High Velocity at outlet = High Scour.

Signs of an Undersized Crossing

Oversized Pool at Outlet

Not a Barrier...<u>yet</u> – Important to work toward ensuring that the **Replacement** doesn't become a Barrier!



Even if it's not a barrier...



While not a barrier, this is undersized and corroding; if the municipality replaces it, it should be right sized.

Is the crossing needed? This private road is not used so, can the crossing be removed?

Aquatic Organism Passage Barriers

- Perched culverts: Free fall >0.7 feet is not passable for most native trout.
- High Velocity: Less than 3 feet/second is ideal.
- High Turbulence
- Shallow Depth: Low flow channel in natural bed is ideal.
- Long Distance (ie, length of pipe): The longer the pipe, the more difficult to make it through the barrel.

Perched with HIGH Velocity







Functional AOP Upgrades

Photos Courtesy of Steve Swenson, NYSDEC



Eliminated perched conditions










Ecological Considerations

HOW MANY MILES OF RECONNECTION ARE POSSIBLE?





Common Goals for a Right Sized Crossing

- Safe structure for the public.
- Provide capacity for future events.
 - 20% more than the 2% storm
- Reconnected habitat for native species.
- Limited maintenance needs.
- Affordable installation.
- Minimal disruption in road access.
- Stable stream reach.
 - Make the crossing invisible to the stream.
 - Natural, stable bed with ample span to convey flows and debris.
 - Diverse bed features



Considerations for a Right Sized Crossing

- **Cost**: Ensure that proposed budget makes sense for the setting.
 - ~\$700-\$1000/foot of work if hired out.
- Channel Dimensions
- Capacity: Flow, Sediment, Wood
- Alignment
- Cover
- Utilities
- Access:
 - Municipal ROW
 - Landowner permission
- Time
- PERMITTING!

16'x7'1" SRA Pipe was \$16,836, \$400/ft PIPE, Project ~\$185K 170 lf 14 grade controls

Information to Collect: Site History

- Drainage Area
- Property Ownership
- Road ROW
- Wood
- Ice
- Flooding
- Road Closure
- Property damage (private and public)



Information to Collect: Longitudinal Profile



Information to Collect: Pebble Count



Size (mm)						
D16	21					
D35	51					
D50	87					
D65	130					
D84	280					
D95	420					

- What size moves in which event?
- Helps calculate Shear Stress and Stream Power
- Helps determine what size rock to use for grade controls.



Information to Collect: Stream Dimensions

ttps://streamstats.usgs.gov/ss,



StreamStats Report: Federal Hill #2

 Region ID:
 NY

 Workspace ID:
 NY20191015195337950000

 Clicked Point (Latitude, Longitude):
 42.26261, -74.87371

 Time:
 2019-10-15 15:53:53 -0400



Bankfull Dimensions:

- Difficult to identify
 bankfull in a degraded
 reach!
- Identify bankfull based on veg, sed, capacity, etc.

State and Federal Permits: 1.25x BF Width!

USGS StreamStats:

- Free tool,
- Good starting point,
- <u>Drainage Area</u>,
- Est. Bankfull dimensions,
- Peak flows.
- Field Truthing is needed!

PII: Prediction Interval-Lower, PIu: Prediction Interval-Upper, SEp: Standard Error of Prediction, SE: Standard Error (other -- see report)

Statistic	Value	Unit	PII	Plu
Bankfull Area	12.1	ft^2	5.22	28.1
Bankfull Depth	0.864	ft	0.382	1.95
Bankfull Streamflow	51.1	ft^3/s	7.5	348
Bankfull Width	14.4	ft	6.06	34.1

Information to Collect: Channel Dimensions





Brewery Road site: Proposed Span 10-11 feet. Bankfull/Ord. High Water Mark Dimensions:

Very hard to id in incised reach!!

- Incipient point of flooding.
- NOT WETTED WIDTH!
- Depositional
- Look for stable reach
- Ideally <u>above the influence</u> of the crossing unless slope is too flat.
- If channel width is 20' or more, a bridge is best option;

Example of Cross Section for Stream Dimensions



information together to calculate Forces and Power.

8.4 width (ft) 1.4 mean depth (ft)	6.0 entrenchment ratio 1.9 low bank height (ft)	27 D84 Riffle (mm) 27 D84 Riffle (mm) 35 Threshold grain size (mm
1.9 max depth (ft) 10.2 wetted parimeter (ft) 1.1 hyd radi (ft) 6.1 width-depth ratio	1.0 Now bank height ratio	
Bankfull Flow	Flow Resistance	Forces & Power
5.8 💙 velocity (ft/s)	0.028 Manning's roughness	1 Channel slope (%)
67.3 🏅 discharge rate (ofs)	0.09 🌁 D'Arcy-Weisbach fric.	0.71 🍼 shear stress (lb/sq.ft.)
0.97 🌁 Froude number	9.7 📑 resistance factor u/u"	0.60 🎈 shear velocity (ft/s)
	15.5 📑 relative roughness	5 unit strm power (Ib/ft/s)

StreamStats Flow Data: Estimates

Peak-Flow Statistics Flow Report [2006 Full Region 1]

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	Statistic	Value	Unit	SE	ASEp	Equiv. Yrs.
	80-percent AEP flood	36.4	ft^3/s	31.6	31.6	2.2
	66.7-percent AEP flood	44	ft^3/s	30.3	30.3	2
	50-percent AEP flood	54.4	ft^3/s	29	29	2.1
	20-percent AEP flood	83.2	ft^3/s	27.3	27.3	3.6
	10-percent AEP flood	105	ft^3/s	27.2	27.2	5.1
	4-percent AEP flood	135	ft^3/s	28.2	28.2	6.9
	- 2-percent AEP flood	158	ft^3/s	29.4	29.4	8
	1-percent AEP flood	183	ft^3/s	30.8	30.8	8.8
	0.5-percent AEP flood	208	ft^3/s	32.5	32.5	9.4
	0.2-percent AEP flood	245	ft^3/s	35.1	35.1	9.8

New DEC Capacity Reg: Adjust 2% by 20% and provide 2' of freeboard, ie, 158 cfs adjusted to 190 cfs..

66.7% ~ BF Flow

USACE allows span to equal <u>width</u> at 50% Flow

2% = "50 year"

Information to Collect: Culvert and Road Data

HY-8 Program

(Federal Highway Admin)

Inputs for Existing Crossing

Name: Brewery Road existing

Parameter	Value	Units
🕜 DISCHARGE DATA		
Discharge Method	Minimum, Design, and Maximum 💌	
Minimum Flow	41.000	cfs
Design Flow	190.000	cfs
Maximum Flow	250.000	cfs
7 TAILWATER DATA		
Channel Type	Trapezoidal Channel 💌	
Bottom Width	8.000	ft
Side Slope (H:V)	2.000	_:1
Channel Slope	0.0100	ft/ft
Manning's n (channel)	0.030	
Channel Invert Elevation	93.340	ft
Rating Curve	View	
ROADWAY DATA		
Roadway Profile Shape	Constant Roadway Elevation 💌	
First Roadway Station	40.000	ft
Crest Length	20.000	ft
Crest Elevation	100.130	ft
Roadway Surface	Paved 💌	
Top Width	20.000	ft

Est. Capacity Design for Pr	at Road oposed Stru	ctures.			
Culvert 1	Add Culvert Duplicate Culvert Delete Culvert				
Parameter	Value				
OULVERT DATA		-			
Name	Culvert 1				
Shape	Circular	101-			
O Material	Corrugated Steel	100-			
Diameter	3.000	-			
② Embedment Depth	0.000	99-			
Manning's n	0.024	-			
Oulvert Type	Straight	Ê 98- ⊑ -			
Inlet Configuration	Square Edge with Hea	97 -			
Inlet Depression?	No				
SITE DATA		96-			
Site Data Input Option	Culvert Invert Data	-			
Inlet Station	36.500	95-			
Inlet Elevation	93.170	94 -			
Outlet Station	77.400	-			
Outlet Elevation	93.300	93-			
Number of Barrels	1	25			
Computed Culvert Slope	-0.003178	Critica			

	Headwater Elevation (ft)	Total Discharge (cfs)	Culvert 1 Discharge (cfs)	Roadway Discharge (cfs)	Iterations
	96.95	41.00	41.00	0.00	1
	98.16	61.90	61.90	0.00	1
	100.23	82.80	80.87	1.90	10
	100.61	103.70	83.82	19.87	6
	100.87	124.60	85.84	38.76	6
	101.10	145.50	87.54	57.95	5
	101.31	166.40	89.05	77.35	5
	101.52	190.00	90.58	99.41	5
	101.68	208.20	91.68	116.52	5
	101.84	229.10	92.87	136.23	5
	102.01	250.00	93.98	156.01	4
	100.13	80.05	80.05	0.00	Overtopping
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			1	90 cfs	
			over	tops roa	nd
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Hydraulic Jump

Crossi

Let's Talk About: Capacity

On paper, this culvert can take the 50 year storm (2% storm)...but only if it isn't blocked with trees. Sediment and wood transport are essential considerations in culvert replacements.

Capacity: Published Data From USGS StreamStats What are the peak flows in the channel? What is the existing capacity? What is the proposed capacity?

Statistic	Value	Unit	SE	SEp	Equiv. Yrs.
2 Year Peak Flood	86.9	ft^3/s	27.9	27.9	2.5
5 Year Peak Flood	139	ft^3/s	24.7	24.7	4.2
10 Year Peak Flood	179	ft^3/s	23.1	23.1	6.5
25 Year Peak Flood	233	ft^3/s	22	22	9.9
50 Year Peak Flood	277	ft^3/s	21.6	21.6	12.6
100 Year Peak Flood	323	ft^3/s	21.6	21.6	15
200 Year Peak Flood	371	ft*3/s	21.7	21.7	17.1
500 Year Peak Flood	437	ft^3/s	22.4	22.4	19.4





Let's Talk About: Wood

- Wood is a natural part of a healthy stream;
- Build a crossing that prevents wood from blocking the entrance

Stream Simulation

Table 4.1—Qualitative criteria for assessing the risk of plugging by woody debris at a road-stream crossing structure

Woody Debris Risk	Description
LOW	Debris mostly absent or well anchored on banks and in channel.
	Debris dispersed uniformly along the reach (i.e., it has not moved).
	 Available wood is much larger than the stream's ability to move it (i.e., large trees in small streams).
	Little or no wood available for local recruitment.
	Bed material not anchored by debris.
	 Woody debris likely to remain at or near source area.
MODERATE	Most wood pieces anchored in the channel bed or channel banks.
	Potential for local recruitment of wood.
	History of occasional maintenance to remove wood at the crossing.
	Small translational slides or undercut slopes adjacent to channel.
HIGH	 Unstable accumulations of woody debris present along banks, gravel bars, and channel constrictions.
	Most wood pieces not anchored to bed or banks.
	Considerable wood available for local recruitment.
	 History of frequent maintenance to remove wood at the crossing.
	 Upstream watershed susceptible to debris flows.





Is wood transport an issue at the crossing?



Trees deposited in high water event.

Existing Crossing is undersized for Wood and Flows! Consider a floodplain culvert to help with overflows.

Let's Talk About: Cover

- Minimal cover is a common concern:
- Options include
 - Concrete box (or arch),
 - prefab bridge,
 - or raising road.
- Most metal pipes require at least 1.5' cover with strongest gage for HL93 loading.





Poor Alignment Issues



Figure 6.3—Three alignment options for a culvert where the road crosses the stream at an acute angle (high road-to-channel skew).

How to address skewed alignment? A wider span helps with alignment <u>and</u> wood transport. A longer pipe may be needed.

Geotech: Essential for footer designs

What is bearing capacity of foundation (4000 psf)? Depth and type of bedrock? Silt? Can Town provide backhoe and operator? Is drilling needed?

In-Stream Structures

Grade Controls

- Grade controls prevent headcutting.
- Project USUALLY REQUIRES GC UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM
 - MUNICIPAL ROW
 - LANDOWNER PERMISSION
- Place inside the new structure
- Construct with Rock or Logs
- Tie in critical to avoid outflanking
- Vertical spacing of GC is 0.5'-0.7'.
- Horizontal spacing is guided by the slope of the proposed bed.
- Steeper beds need more structures.
- When slope is <8%, each structure consists of a step and a pool.
- Provides bed diversity and cover.
- Can be used to retrofit a crossing.



In-Stream Structures

CAUTION: Crossings without Grade Controls can scour.

- Key-in, especially on downstream structure, is really important to prevent scour.
- <u>**Right of Way**</u> limitations can affect the placement of grade controls.
- Grade controls are an investment to protect the lifespan of the new structure.



In-Stream Structures





Headcutting in tributary in pasture



Corrected with Constructed Cascade due to steep slope. Approx. 6 weeks postconstruction.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS



NO

THRU-TRAFFIC

WEIGHT

LIMIT 6

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Construction

Duration:



Utilities

Staging areas

Permitting: Federal (USACE) & State (NYSDEC)



Permitting!

- Even if Class C, need a DEC Water Quality Cert and USACE permit.
- Stream Classification
- Wetlands
- Natural Communities/Rare Plants or Animals
- Regulated Flood Hazard Areas may require HEC-RAS analysis.
- Cultural Resources
- Dam(s) in watershed; Hazard Level
- Dewatering Regs vary by Region and Watershed!

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION **Environmental Resource Mapper** Search +Tools _ Layers and Legend Bacon St W Wetland Layers All Lavers Previously Mapped Freshwater Wetlands (Outside of the Adirondack Park) \checkmark Informational Freshwater Wetland Mapping □ × 87 # Informational Freshwater Wetland Mapping Informational Freshwater Wetland National Wetlands Inventory Zoom to Estuarine and Marine Deepwater Waterville Estuarine and Marine Wetland Cemeter Freshwater Emergent Wetland Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland Freshwater Pond Lake Other Riverine Reference Layers Tell Me More... Need A Permit? Contacts

DEWATERING

Pump around is often required for the duration of the project. Pump around must remain active during curing time.









DEWATERING

Dirty water gets pumped to a stable filtration site nearby with good vegetation.



section to prevent scour.

Permitting: Cultural Resources

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Permitting: Flood Zones



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Work in regulated Flood Hazard Area may require **HEC RAS to prove No Rise** to meet local FP Regs

Quick check on Floodplains: FEMA Flood Map Service Center: Search By Address

PIN	•	Approximate location based on user input and does not represent an authoritative property location	SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS	Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V. A99 With BFE or Depth Regulatory Floodway Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
		Selected FloodMap Boundary Digital Data Available No Digital Data Available		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
AP PANELS		Unmapped Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X Effective LOMRs Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D Otherwise Protected Area	OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD	Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes, Zone X Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D





USDA NRCS Web Soil Survey:

First step in Soil Bearing Capacity for structures.

Map Unit Legend				
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Madison County, New York (NY053) 🛞				
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI	l
LwD	Lordstown channery silt loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	0.1	1.5%	
SgC	Stockbridge channery silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	0.3	7.2%	
ShB	Stockbridge- Howard gravelly silt loams, 3 to 8 percent slopes	1.1	23.0%	
ShC	Stockbridge- Howard gravelly silt loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes	0.4	8.7%	
ShD	Stockbridge- Howard gravelly silt loams, 15 to 25 percent slopes	2.8	59.6%	
Totals for Area of Interest		4.7	100.0%	•



Replacement Options: Pipe Arch (Steel or Aluminum)

Pipe Arch:

- Gradient <u>should be nearly flat</u> (Avoid if >3% slope).
- Use when channel width is 13' or less;
- Bury the pipe to create natural bed;
 - <40% at inlet; 20% at outlet
- Install with an excavator;
- Requires 18-30" of cover depending on span.
- Relatively low price: ~\$600/foot; depends on span;
- Relatively quick install
- No Footers needed; use gravel for base below pipe.
- Rises are <u>high</u> so not ideal for sites with minimal cover.
- NOT FOR STEEP SITES!!

Before: 6' round After: 17' pipe arch T/O Ghent built : 2 crossings 1 50' & 1 20' 17' x 10' PA 70' Pipe: \$49,028

Single Radius Arch: Steel or Aluminum

If stream gradient is 3% or greater, open bottom required.

- Good for creating wide span with natural bed.
- Requires concrete footers
- Cast In Place requires curing time (~\$500/cy).
- Extends duration of road closure.
- Low price for structure (~\$500/ft) relative to ABC and Concrete. Depends on span.
- But, Footer costs vary based on local contractors.
- Footer design usually based on **<u>Geotech</u>**.
- Requires 18"-30" cover depending on span.
- EXTENSIVE DE-WATERING REQUIREMENTS UNTIL CURE TIME COMPLETED.



Replacement Options: SRA



Replacement Options

Aluminum Box Culvert

- Ideal for wide-span low rise scenarios.
- Can be installed with 1.4' cover minimum.
- Can be installed with full invert which reduces construction duration.
- STATE REGS: NO BOTTOMS ON SLOPES >3%
- If full invert is used (buried for natural bed): Max Cover is 4'
- Not good for sites with more than 4.5' cover!
- MATERIAL More costly than SRA and PA; LABOR is easier.
- Place with an excavator.
- Concerns with durability voiced by some partners.
- Shell only: ~ \$1200/ft (depends on span)
- Shell + Invert: ~\$2000/ft or more (depends on span)

AVOID INSTALLATION HALF AT A TIME.



Replacement Options

Concrete :

- Ideal for wide span and minimal cover.
- Requires a crane for installation.
- Durable structure
- Most costly up front (>\$3000/ft).
- 3 sided on footers or 4 sided box allow for natural bed.
- **BURY THE BOX** FOR A NATURAL BED!
- Use grade controls to hold bed material in place.



Replacement Options

Pre-Fab Bridge (can be less than 20' span)

- Ideal for wide span, low cover.
- Pre-fab components can be installed quickly (~\$200/sf)
- Competitive pricing with ABCs depending on required span. (26' between rails, 20' length, ~\$52,000, (\$2600/ft)
- Cover not an issue
- Good for sites with alignment issues.

Bridges:

- Any span <u>></u>20' is a "bridge" (NYS).
- If Bankfull width is over 17 feet, then the 1.25x rule can result in a bridge.
- USACE allows span to equal width at 50% flow.
- If Drainage Area is ~ 0.75 square miles (~450 acres), a bridge may be recommended.
- Bridges usually require more stringent design
- Bridges require annual inspection to conform with NYSDOT requirements.
- Cost:Benefit important especially on low traffic crossings.

Laurel Creek Single lane bridge ~\$22,000 and prefab blocks: ~\$12,000

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A Cautionary Tale

Each site is different with different challenges and constraints!





Smooth, round pipes set at-grade are common culprits in failures and barriers.

Retrofitting:

Restoring Connectivity in Existing Structure









Consider Downstream Grade Controls to restore a natural bed and reconnect the stream.

> 11 grade controls + private dam removal, \$37,000

Cost

Replacement is Expensive but there is help!

- PLEASE DON'T REPLACE A CULVERT BASED SOLELY ON COST!
- ALMOST ALWAYS THE DRIVING FACTOR IN PERMANENTLY UNDERSIZED INFRASTRUCTURE!
- FEDERAL/STATE/NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE LIKELY AVAILABLE.

	Option 1	Option 2
Size	16'8"x7'6"x50'	16'x8'4"x50'
Flow (cfs)	900	800
Туре	ABC	SRA
Lifespan <mark>(</mark> yrs)	50	50
Constructability	ABC with invert can reduce constrution duration	SRA requires footers to cure which prolongs construction time and road closure duration.
Maintenance	Minimal	Minimal
Road Closure	1 week	1 month
Costs		
Structure	\$ 47,350.00	\$ 13,200.00
Footer	\$ 11,313.00	\$ 11,378.00
Grade Control	\$ 2,333.00	\$ 2,333.00
Headwall/Wingwall	\$ 7,038.00	\$ 7,038.00
Dewatering	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
E&S/Restoration	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Labor	\$ 26,250.00	\$ 33,250.00
Road Resurfacing	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Sub-Total	\$ 110,284.00	\$ 83,199.00
15% Contingency	\$ 16,542.60	\$ 12,479.85
Total Estimated	\$ 126,826.60	\$ 95,678.85
Municipal Match: Range of Opportunities









Case Studies: Brewery and Long Pond WQIP Round 18 (C01898GG)



Brewery: Class C(T) Un-named Tributary to Black Creek

Reconnection: ~ 3 miles DA: 0.98 sm NAACC Significant Barrier, 3' corrug metal. 8' Bankfull Width Capacity increased from ~ 50 cfs to ~ 400 cfs. 11'9"x7'2" Embedded Pipe Arch Completed in 2 days by Hodge Creek Excavating Hydroseeded by SWCD.



Long Pond: Warner Brook, trib to Balsam Creek Reconnection: up to 10.7 miles DA ~ 3 sm NAACC Significant Barrier, 3' corrug metal. 10' BFw, Capacity increased from ~ 70 cfs to ~ 400 cfs 13'3" span x 6'9" embedded ABC. Completed in 3 days by Hodge Creek. Hydroseeded by SWCD EXTREMELY CHALLENGING SITE: Traffic, utilities, wetlands, schedule, soils, pipe fittings. Trout Unlimited Brewery Rd Culvert Replacement Project – Town of New Bremen, NY Permit Designs Version 1 June 6, 2025









HY-8 Analysis (Existing Conditions)





Distance (ft)

Current Conditions – Longitudinal Profile





5) Bankfull elevations shown are based on features identified in the field.

6) In scenarios where bankfull features are not discernable in the field we use active channel indicators such as vegetation.

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Proposed Conditions – Longitudinal Profile





Headwater Elevation (ft)	Total Discharge (cfs)	Culvert 1 Discharge (cfs)	Roadway Discharge (cfs)	Iterations
97.02	190.00	190.00	0.00	1
97.17	201.00	201.00	0.00	1
97.33	212.00	212.00	0.00	1
97.44	220.00	220.00	0.00	1
97.64	234.00	234.00	0.00	1
97.79	245.00	245.00	0.00	1
97.94	256.00	256.00	0.00	1
98.10	267.00	267.00	0.00	1
98.25	278.00	278.00	0.00	1
98.41	289.00	289.00	0.00	1
98.57	300.00	300.00	0.00	1
100.20	438.86	438.86	0.00	Overtopping

HY-8 Analysis showing proposed conditions.

HY-8 Analysis (Proposed Conditions)

Brewery Road: Before and After





TU Long Pond Road Over Warner Creek Culvert Replacement Project Town of Croghan NY Permit Designs Version 1 June 6, 2025

Forest Pond Cottage

Indian River

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Kirschnerville

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Lowville Fish

Croghan

Adirondack Steel Works

Indian Pipe State Forest

Beaver Falls (126)

New Bremen

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Beartown State Forest

Adirondack International Speedway

White's Farm Supply

Castorland

Vancey's Sugarbush Balsam Creek State Forest Belfort Eagle Falls Climbi

Warner Creek Crossin 85040, 3' cm

Google

Address: Near 8235 Long Pond Rd., Croghan, NY 13327

Location Description: The Warner Creek crossing is located on Long Pond Road feet ~500' south/southwest of the intersection of Long Pond Road and Bisha (or Kilbourn) Road in the Town of Croghan in Lewis County (Figure 1).

HUC12: 041403011103

Latitude/Longitude: 43.95102, -75.28877



Cold Creek

Jpdated 6/6/2025





HY-8 Analysis showing existing conditions

Headwater Elevation (ft)	Total Discharge (cfs)	Culvert 1 Discharge (cfs)	Roadway Discharge (cfs)	Iterations
107.59	255.00	115.39	139.61	17
107.74	259.50	116.06	143.44	3
107.88	264.00	116.73	147.27	3
108.02	268.50	117.39	151.11	3
108.16	273.00	118.03	154.97	3
108.30	277.50	118.67	158.83	3
108.44	282.00	119.30	162.70	3
108.63	288.00	120.13	167.87	3
108.72	291.00	120.55	170.45	3
108.86	295.50	121.17	174.33	3
108.99	300.00	121.78	178.22	3
99.60	69.57	69.57	0.00	Overtopping





Channel Distance (ft)

Current Conditions – Longitudinal Profile





Distance (ft)

Current Conditions – Cross-sections

Cross Section Notes:

1) All cross sections are facing downstream.

2) River left and river right are facing downstream

3) All dimensions in feet unless otherwise noted.

4) WFPA is the Width of the Flood prone Area drawn at 2x the maximum Bankfull depth.

5) Bankfull elevations shown are based on features identified in the field.

6) In scenarios where bankfull features are not discernable in the field we use active channel indicators such as vegetation.





HY-8 Analysis showing estimated capacity of proposed ABC structure

Headwater Elevation (ft)	Total Discharge (cfs)	Culvert 1 Discharge (cfs)	Roadway Discharge (cfs)	Iterations
95.64	100.00	100.00	0.00	1
95.95	120.00	120.00	0.00	1
96.24	140.00	140.00	0.00	1
96.51	160.00	160.00	0.00	1
96.78	180.00	180.00	0.00	1
97.05	200.00	200.00	0.00	1
97.31	220.00	220.00	0.00	1
97.56	240.00	240.00	0.00	1
97.82	260.00	260.00	0.00	1
98.19	288.00	288.00	0.00	1
98.37	300.00	300.00	0.00	1
99.60	435.96	435.96	0.00	Overtopping





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Helpful References















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