



December 14, 2022

Timothy Krall, Utilities Manager
City of Reading
503 North 6th Street
Reading, PA 19601

Re: DEP File No. D06-012EA

Dear Mr. Krall:

The Division of Dam Safety reviewed and approved the restoration plan to breach and remove Willow Creek Dam to eliminate a threat to public safety and restore the stream to a free-flowing condition. In addition, the Department conducted an environmental assessment and concluded the project will not have a significant adverse impact on aquatic resources. The dam is located across Willow Creek in Ontelaunee Township, Berks County. An approval letter for this work was originally issued and dated October 16, 2018. That letter has been rescinded and this letter supersedes that approval to include federal authorization in addition to the state authorization.

Construction associated with restoration activities is authorized under the provisions of 25 Pa. Code, Section 105.12(a)(16). This authorization also includes Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.A. 1341(a)).

We have determined that your proposed work, if accomplished in accordance with the enclosed terms and conditions, is authorized by the Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit-6 (PASPGP-6). This PASPGP-6 verification provides U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorization pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This authorization may be subject to modification, suspension, or revocation if any of the information contained in the application, including the plans, is later found to be in error.

The enclosed list of conditions must be followed for purposes of the PASPGP-6.

This letter may be considered state approval to remove the dam with the following special conditions:

- The Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan has been reviewed in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures. Provided the erosion and sediment control measures are properly implemented and maintained, this plan is adequate to minimize accelerated soil erosion and sediment pollution.

- Willow Creek supports a reproducing population of trout. You are requested to refrain from working within the stream channel between October 1 and December 31 to protect the wild trout population.
- The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Southeast Regional Office must be notified at 717.626.0228 prior to starting work.
- The Department's Division of Dam Safety must be notified at least ten days in advance of the proposed time of commencement of this work. Please contact Mr. Josh Fair by email at josfair@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.772.5988.
- The enclosed Dam Breach Completion Certification must be submitted to this office, with the owner signature, within ten days after completion of this work. Please include photos of the work area with this notification. If plans were modified during removal of the dam, a detailed set of as-built drawings must be submitted to this office within 30 days after completion of this work.

This authorization does not give any property rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges. It does not grant or confer any right, title, easement, or interest in, to, or over any land belonging to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It also does not grant any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations; nor does it obviate the necessity of obtaining Federal assent when necessary.

If you have any questions regarding our requirements in this matter, please contact Mr. Josh Fair of our staff at josfair@pa.gov or 717.772.5988.

Sincerely,



Kirk A. Kreider, P.E.
Chief
Division of Dam Safety

Enclosures: Dam Breach Completion Certification
Drawdown Permit Application

cc: Mr. Bill Weihbrecht, AECOM (with copy of enclosures)
Mr. David Dippold, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
Mr. Todd Schaible, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District

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