



**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION
PERMIT**

Issued To:

**City of Ann Arbor
Attn: Theresa Bridges
301 East Huron Street
City of Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104**

**Permit No: WRP047663 v.1
Submission No.: HQ9-10RH-5GPG0
Site Name: 81-Liberty Street Creek Restoration-Ann Arbor
Issued: January 20, 2026
Revised:
Expires: January 20, 2031**

This permit is being issued by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division, under the provisions of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA); specifically:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams | <input type="checkbox"/> Part 323, Shorelands Protection and Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part 303, Wetlands Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Part 325, Great Lakes Submerged Lands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part 315, Dam Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Part 353, Sand Dunes Protection and Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part 31, Water Resources Protection (Floodplain Regulatory Authority) | |

EGLE certifies that the activities authorized under this permit are in compliance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program and certifies without conditions under the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401 that the discharge from the activities authorized under this permit will comply with Michigan's water quality requirements in Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the NREPA and associated administrative rules, where applicable.

Permission is hereby granted, based on permittee assurance of adherence to State of Michigan requirements and permit conditions, to:

Authorized Activity:

Perform approximately 467 linear feet of stream restoration activities in Liberty Street Creek, including riprap erosion protection, ledge rock, J-hook and cross vane installation, toe wood installation, pool and riffle construction, and bankfull bench construction. Excavate approximately 75 cubic yards of material and remove an existing retaining wall from below the ordinary high-water mark of Liberty Street Creek. Place approximately 109 cubic yards of fill material and structures below the ordinary high-water mark of Liberty Street Creek.

All work shall be completed in accordance with the approved plans and the terms and conditions of this permit.

EGLE

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Waterbody Affected: Liberty Street Creek (Tributary to Allen Drain)

Property Location: Washtenaw County, City of Ann Arbor, T02S, R06E, Section 30

Authority granted by this permit is subject to the following limitations:

- A. Initiation of any work on the permitted project confirms the permittee's acceptance and agreement to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit.
- B. The permittee, in exercising the authority granted by this permit, shall not cause unlawful pollution as defined by Part 31 of the NREPA.
- C. This permit shall be kept at the site of the work and available for inspection at all times during the duration of the project or until its date of expiration.
- D. All work shall be completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications submitted with the application and/or plans and specifications attached to this permit.
- E. No attempt shall be made by the permittee to forbid the full and free use by the public of public waters at or adjacent to the structure or work approved.
- F. It is made a requirement of this permit that the permittee give notice to public utilities in accordance with 2013 PA 174 (Act 174) and comply with each of the requirements of Act 174.
- G. This permit does not convey property rights in either real estate or material, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or invasion of public or private rights, nor does it waive the necessity of seeking federal assent, all local permits, or complying with other state statutes.
- H. This permit does not prejudice or limit the right of a riparian owner or other person to institute proceedings in any circuit court of this state when necessary to protect his rights.
- I. Permittee shall notify EGLE within one week after the completion of the activity authorized by this permit by completing and forwarding the attached preaddressed postcard to the office addressed thereon.
- J. This permit shall not be assigned or transferred without the written approval of EGLE.
- K. Failure to comply with conditions of this permit may subject the permittee to revocation of permit and criminal and/or civil action as cited by the specific state act, federal act, and/or rule under which this permit is granted.
- L. All dredged or excavated materials shall be disposed of in an upland site (outside of floodplains, unless exempt under Part 31 of the NREPA, and wetlands).
- M. In issuing this permit, EGLE has relied on the information and data that the permittee has provided in connection with the submitted application for permit. If, subsequent to the issuance of a permit, such information and data prove to be false, incomplete, or inaccurate, EGLE may modify, revoke, or suspend the permit, in whole or in part, in accordance with the new information.
- N. The permittee shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Michigan and its departments, agencies, officials, employees, agents, and representatives for any and all claims or causes of action arising from acts or omissions of the permittee, or employees, agents, or representative of the permittee, undertaken in connection with this permit. The permittee's obligation to indemnify the State of Michigan applies only if the state: (1) provides the permittee or its designated representative written notice of the claim or cause of action within 30 days after it is received by the state, and (2) consents to the permittee's participation in the proceeding on the claim or cause of action. It does not apply to contested case proceedings under the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, as amended, challenging the permit. This permit shall not be construed as an indemnity by the State of Michigan for the benefit of the permittee or any other person.
- O. Noncompliance with these terms and conditions and/or the initiation of other regulated activities not specifically authorized shall be cause for the modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit, in whole or in part. Further, EGLE may initiate criminal and/or civil proceedings as may be deemed necessary to correct project deficiencies, protect natural resource values, and secure compliance with statutes.

- P. If any change or deviation from the permitted activity becomes necessary, the permittee shall request, in writing, a revision of the permitted activity from EGLE. Such revision request shall include complete documentation supporting the modification and revised plans detailing the proposed modification. Proposed modifications must be approved, in writing, by EGLE prior to being implemented.
- Q. This permit may be transferred to another person upon written approval of EGLE. The permittee must submit a written request to EGLE to transfer the permit to the new owner. The new owner must also submit a written request to EGLE to accept transfer. The new owner must agree, in writing, to accept all conditions of the permit. A single letter signed by both parties that includes all the above information may be provided to EGLE. EGLE will review the request and, if approved, will provide written notification to the new owner.
- R. Prior to initiating permitted construction, the permittee is required to provide a copy of the permit to the contractor(s) for review. The property owner, contractor(s), and any agent involved in exercising the permit are held responsible to ensure that the project is constructed in accordance with all drawings and specifications. The contractor is required to provide a copy of the permit to all subcontractors doing work authorized by the permit.
- S. Construction must be undertaken and completed during the dry period of the wetland. If the area does not dry out, construction shall be done on equipment mats to prevent compaction of the soil.
- T. Authority granted by this permit does not waive permit requirements under Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the NREPA, or the need to acquire applicable permits from the County Enforcing Agent (CEA).
- U. Authority granted by this permit does not waive permit requirements under the authority of Part 305, Natural Rivers, of the NREPA. A Natural Rivers Zoning Permit may be required for construction, land alteration, streambank stabilization, or vegetation removal along or near a natural river.
- V. The permittee is cautioned that grade changes resulting in increased runoff onto adjacent property is subject to civil damage litigation.
- W. Unless specifically stated in this permit, construction pads, haul roads, temporary structures, or other structural appurtenances to be placed in a wetland or on bottomland of the water body are not authorized and shall not be constructed unless authorized by a separate permit or permit revision granted in accordance with the applicable law.
- X. For projects with potential impacts to fish spawning or migration, no work shall occur within fish spawning or migration timelines (i.e., windows) unless otherwise approved in writing by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Division.
- Y. Work to be done under authority of this permit is further subject to the following special instructions and specifications:
1. To avoid take of Indiana and northern long-eared bat, which are federally listed as endangered species, any trees greater than three (3) inches dbh with cracks/crevices, cavities/hollows, and/or exfoliating bark on the project site shall not be cut between April 1 and November 15 in any permit year.
 2. The permittee and contractors shall take steps to minimize the risk of spreading terrestrial and aquatic invasive species during this project where feasible, including:
 - a. Visually inspecting footwear (boots, hip-boots, and waders), and removing and properly disposing of any plants or mud.
 - b. Visually inspecting field equipment (nets, shovels, rakes, etc.) and vehicles and removing and properly disposing of any plants and mud.

- c. Draining all water from vehicles and equipment prior to leaving the site and before entering a new waterbody.
- d. Thoroughly drying equipment (5-7 days, if possible) between sites, when possible.
- e. Disinfecting vehicles and equipment between sites (e.g. diluted bleach solution, heated pressure washer), when possible. Disinfection shall be conducted away from surface waters, where the disinfecting solution will not enter any storm sewers and/or surface waters.
 - i. Typical diluted bleach solution treatment is one half cup (4 fluid ounces) bleach to 5 gallons of water, applied by spraying or sponge so that the surface is thoroughly exposed to bleach solution for 10 minutes.
 - ii. Typical heated pressure wash is 140°F water temperature, sprayed for 5-10 seconds.
 - iii. Thoroughly washing vehicles and boats between sites (e.g. drive-through car wash).
- f. Using only native plants and seed for restorations and best management practices.

If invasive aquatic or terrestrial plants are removed from a site, the permittee will take steps to minimize the spread of these species. Dispose of invasive plant material by bagging and transporting to a landfill, composting, or burning, as appropriate and in compliance with local and state laws.

A "Watch List" of Michigan's high priority aquatic invasive species along with how to report sightings can be found at <https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/id-report/watchlist>.

- 3. Prior to the initiation of any permitted construction activities, a sedimentation barrier (e.g., silt fence, straw bale barrier, etc.) shall be constructed immediately downgradient of the construction site. Sedimentation barriers shall be specifically designed to handle the sediment type, load, water depth, and flow conditions of each construction site throughout the anticipated time of construction and unstable site conditions. The sedimentation barrier shall be maintained in good working order throughout the duration of the project. Upon project completion, the accumulated materials shall be removed and disposed of at an upland (i.e., non-wetland, non-floodplain, non-bottomland) site and stabilized with seed and mulch. The sedimentation barrier shall then be removed in its entirety and the area restored to its original configuration and cover. In the event there is a problem with the sedimentation barrier, and a failure to contain the sediments from leaving the project site, the project shall be immediately stopped, evaluated, and appropriate measures shall be taken to stop the release of sediments/turbidity. The permittee, agent or contractor shall immediately notify the EGLE representative through MiEnviro Schedules of Compliance submission, or via phone or email at BalesJ@Michigan.gov or 517-257-4532, on the turbidity curtain failure and the measures being taken to stop the release of sediments/turbidity.
- 4. All fill/backfill shall consist of clean inert material that will not cause siltation nor contain soluble chemicals, organic matter, pollutants, or contaminants. All fill shall be contained in such a manner so as not to erode into any surface water, floodplain, or wetland. All raw areas associated with the permitted activity shall be stabilized with sod and/or seed and mulch, riprap, or other technically effective methods as necessary to prevent erosion.

5. All raw areas in uplands resulting from the permitted construction activity shall be effectively stabilized with sod and/or seed and mulch (or other technology specified by this permit or project plans) in a sufficient quantity and manner to prevent erosion and any potential siltation to surface waters or wetlands. Temporary stabilization measures shall be installed before or upon commencement of the permitted activity and shall be maintained until permanent measures are in place. Permanent measures shall be in place within five (5) days of achieving final grade.
6. All dredge/excavated spoils including organic and inorganic soils, vegetation, and other material removed shall be placed on upland (non-wetland, non-floodplain or non-bottomland), prepared for stabilization, and stabilized with sod and/or seed and mulch in such a manner to prevent and ensure against erosion of any material into any waterbody, wetland, or floodplain.
7. All riprap shall be properly sized and graded based on wave action and velocity and shall consist of natural field stone or rock (free of paint, soil or other fines, asphalt, soluble chemicals, or organic material). Broken concrete is not allowed.
8. Exposed streambanks resulting from this construction shall be stabilized with temporary measures in accordance with appropriate Best Management Practices based on site conditions, and if necessary, may be riprapped extending above the ordinary high water mark, to provide adequate erosion protection. Temporary stabilization measures shall be maintained until permanent measures are in place.
9. If the project, or any portion of the project, is stopped and lies incomplete for any length of time other than that encountered in a normal work week, every precaution shall be taken to protect the incomplete work from erosion, including the placement of temporary gravel bag riprap, temporary seed and mulch, or other acceptable temporary protection.
10. No work shall be done in the stream during periods of above-normal flows except as necessary to prevent erosion.
11. During stream restoration activities, and until the site is stabilized, the stream shall be blocked off with clean stone, gravel bags, or other acceptable materials, and the water pumped around the crossing. Water shall be discharged into the watercourse with appropriate treatments to remove suspended particles and to dissipate energy. An extra pump shall be kept on site in the event of failure.
12. All natural and engineered stabilization materials shall be firmly staked and otherwise secured using biodegradable materials to prevent movement due to wind, waves, high water, or ice. Vegetation, including plantings and other potentially viable material such as live stakes, brush bundles, or other gathered woody material, shall be comprised only of plant species native to Michigan according to the Floristic Quality Assessment for the State of Michigan and appropriate to the site. Engineered plant material such as jute and coconut fabric, shall be comprised of inert plant fiber that may be nonnative.
13. The local unit of government in which this project site is located has a wetland ordinance. Authority granted by this permit does not waive permit requirements or the need to obtain a separate permit from the local unit of government.

14. Authority granted by this permit does not waive permit or program requirements under Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the NREPA or the need to acquire applicable permits from the CEA. To locate the Soil Erosion Program Administrator for your county, visit <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/water-resources/soil-erosion/sesc-overview> and select "Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Agencies".
15. The authority to conduct the activity as authorized by this permit is granted solely under the provisions of the governing act as identified above. This permit does not convey, provide, or otherwise imply approval of any other governing act, ordinance, or regulation, nor does it waive the permittee's obligation to acquire any local, county, state, or federal approval or authorization necessary to conduct the activity.
16. No fill, excess soil, or other material shall be placed in any wetland, floodplain, or surface water area not specifically authorized by this permit, its plans, and specifications.
17. This permit does not authorize or sanction work that has been completed in violation of applicable federal, state, or local statutes.
18. The permit placard shall be kept posted at the work site in a prominent location at all times for the duration of the project or until permit expiration.
19. This permit is being issued for the maximum time allowed and no extensions of this permit will be granted. Initiation of the construction work authorized by this permit indicates the permittee's acceptance of this condition. The permit, when signed by EGLE, will be for a five-year period beginning on the date of issuance. If the project is not completed by the expiration date, a new permit must be sought.
20. Upon signing by the permittee named herein, this permit must be returned to EGLE's Water Resources Division, Jackson District Office for final execution. This permit shall become effective on the date of the EGLE representative's signature.

Permittee hereby accepts and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

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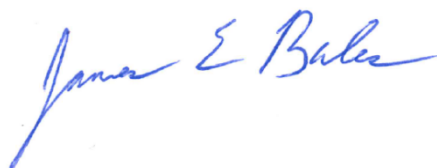


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Permittee Date

X Theresa Bridges, P.E., Engineering Project Manager

Printed Name and Title of Permittee



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