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July 18, 2022

Town of Oxford
C/o Underwood And Associates
Attn: Keith Binsted
1787 Severn Chapel Rd
Millersville, Maryland 11108

Keith.binsted@ecosystemrestoration.com

Re: Agency Interest Number: 168866
Tracking Number: 202061098
Tidal Authorization Number: 22-WQC-0012

Dear Town of Oxford:

Your project did not qualify for approval under the Maryland State Programmatic General Permit (MDSPGP); therefore a separate review and issuance of the federal permit will be required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The federal permit is not attached.

Additionally, your project required a Wetlands License to be approved and issued by the Maryland Board of Public Works (BPW). The Wetlands License will be sent to you by BPW's Wetlands Administrator.

A project that does not qualify for approval under the MDSPGP requires an individual Water Quality Certification (WQC) to be issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment, which is attached. Please take a moment to read and review your WQC to ensure that you understand the limits of the authorized work and all of the general and special conditions.

You should not begin any work until you have obtained all necessary State, local, and federal authorizations. Please contact Matt Wallach at 410-207-0893 or matthew.wallach@maryland.gov with any questions.

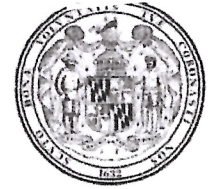
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Roberson".

Tammy Roberson
Division Chief
Tidal Wetlands Division



STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION



22-WQC-0012

EFFECTIVE DATE: **July 18, 2022**
CERTIFICATION HOLDER: **Town of Oxford**
ADDRESS: **PO Box 339**
Oxford, MD 21654
PROJECT LOCATION: **The beach at West Strand Road (Lovers Lane);
Tred Avon Yacht Club, 102 West Strand Road;
Oxford-Bellevue Ferry Terminal, Ferry
Crossing Slip Road and Strand Road;
Northwest shore of Strand Road between
Stewart Street and 501 E Strand Street;
Southeast shore of E Strand Road (Town Creek
area); Oxford MD 21654**

UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 401 OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT AND ITS AMENDMENTS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-313 THROUGH § 9-323, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION HAS DETERMINED THAT THE REGULATED ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN THE REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED TOWN OF OXFORD SHORELINE RESILIENCY PROJECT AND AS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED PLAN SHEETS DATED JUNE 1, 2022 AND ANY SUBSEQUENT MODIFICATIONS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT VIOLATE MARYLAND'S WATER QUALITY STANDARDS, IF CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THIS CERTIFICATION.

THIS CERTIFICATION DOES NOT RELIEVE THE APPLICANT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR OBTAINING ANY OTHER APPROVALS, LICENSES, OR PERMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND DOES NOT AUTHORIZE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. A COPY OF THIS REQUIRED CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS. THE CERTIFICATION HOLDER SHALL COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS LISTED BELOW.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Authorize 97,346 square feet (2.24 acres) of shoreline improvements within the following five distinct locations:

1. The beach at West Strand Road (Lovers Lane):



- j. Construct a 131-foot long by 4-foot wide timber walkway with a 5-foot by 5-foot mid-walkway platform over the proposed marsh vegetation extending 40 feet channelward of the mean high water line;
 - k. Construct a 72-foot long by 4-foot wide timber pier with a 5-foot by 5-foot mid-walkway platform over the proposed marsh vegetation landward of the mean high water line;
5. Town Creek (Southeast shoreline of East Strand Road):
- a. Construct a 73-foot long by 22-foot wide "Living Headland (East)" groin that includes 111 cubic yards of stone and sand fill and planted with 596 square feet of tidal marsh vegetation;
 - b. Construct a 28-foot long by 24-foot wide "Living Headland (West)" breakwater that includes 24 cubic yards of stone and sand fill and planted with 233 square feet of tidal marsh vegetation;
 - c. Emplace 437 cubic yards of sand along 110 feet of shoreline and plant with 2,912 square feet of tidal marsh vegetation within 32 feet channelward of the mean high water line;
 - d. Remove an existing outfall pipe and replace that discharge with a regenerative stormwater conveyance (RSC) landward of the mean high water line.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. This Certification does not obviate the need to obtain required authorizations or approvals from other State, federal or local agencies as required by law.
2. All additional authorizations or approvals, including self-certifying General Permits issued by the Department, shall be obtained and all conditions shall be completed in compliance with such authorizations.
3. The proposed project shall be constructed in accordance with the approved final plan by the Department, or, if Department approval is not required, the plan approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and its approved revisions.
4. All fill and construction materials not used in the project shall be removed and disposed of in a manner which will prevent their entry into waters of this State.
5. This Certification does not authorize any injury to private property, any invasion of rights, or any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations.
6. Authorized representatives of the Department shall be provided access to the site of authorized activities during normal business hours to conduct inspections and evaluations of the operations and records necessary to assure compliance with this Certification.
7. Authorized work under this Certification shall be performed in accordance with the required Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan as approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment.
8. No stockpiles of any material shall be placed in Waters of the U.S. or state or private tidal wetlands.
9. Temporary construction trailers or structures, staging areas and stockpiles shall not be located within tidal wetlands, nontidal wetlands, nontidal wetlands buffers, or the 100-year floodplain unless specifically included on the Approved Plan.