# Environmental Monitor Construction Site Inspection Report MassDOT Project #608164 Construction Contract # 119678 EM Report #60

Project Description: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Right-of-Way

Permit Description(s): Order of Conditions (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 and 310 CMR 10.00, Mass DEP File No. 301-1362); 2022 EPA NPDES General Permit for Discharges from Construction Areas; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit No NAE-2021-01975.

#### I. General Project Information

Project Name: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail - Phase 2d - Sudbury				
Date of Inspections:	2025			
Bi Weekly/ Monthly Period Covered: June Weekly Inspection #2				
Inspector's Name(s): Anna Haznar				
Inspectors' Contact Information:	ahaznar@beta-inc.com			

II. Weather Information						
	Inspection #1	Inspection #2	Inspection #3	Inspection #4	Inspection #5	Inspection #6
<u>WeatherUnderground</u>	Inspector: Anna Haznar 6/6/2025	Inspector: Anna Haznar 6/9/2025	Inspector:	Inspector:	Inspector:	Inspector:
Type of Inspection (i.e. non-storm event, pre- storm event, during-storm event or post- storm event):	Non-storm	Post-storm				
Number of days since last rain event greater than .25"		2				
Has there been a storm event since the last inspection?	No	Yes				
If yes, please provide storm start date, storm duration, and approx amount of precipitation:						
Storm 1:		June 7th (6 hours 0.96" )				
Storm 2:						
Storm 3:						
Storm 4:						
Weather at the time of inspection (i.e. clear, overcast, cloudy, rain, sleet, fog, snow, windy):	Clear	Overcast				
Temperature:	77	60				
Unusual Conditions (drought, severe storm):						
Have any discharges occurred since the last inspection report?	No	No				
If yes, please describe:						

Note: Inspections should only be conducted on days during work hours while RE or ARE is onsite. The EM should contact the RE to address any immediate corrective actions.

#### III. General Description of Construction Status

6/6/2025 - At the time of the Site visit, plantings were being installed along the Bank and on the side of the path at Station 216+00 to 216+50.

6/9/2025 - At the time of the Site visit, no work was occurring.

IV. Status of Existing BMPs						
Control Measure (These are examples; list	Cleaning or Repair Needed (yes	Comments/Recommendations from the EM				
measures specific to the project)	no n/a)	Comments) Accommendations from the Livi				
Perimeter Controls	Yes	Perimeter erosion and sedimentation control measures were installed at the commencement of the Project and are in varying conditions across the Site; however, they were generally observed to be degraded. Perimeter controls were generally in degraded condition along culverts, streams, and cattle crossings. New perimeter controls were added on 6/27/2024 at Stations 310+00 through 311+00 as requested. New erosion controls have been installed between the path and the crushed stone shoulders at Station 216+00 to 217+50. Areas that still require stabilization do not appear to be at risk for erosion due to surrounding vegetation upgradient of Resource Areas, with the exception of the slopes along the stream at Station 215+00 to 217+00. Vegetation has begun stabilization the slope along the stream at Station 215+00 to 216+50; however, these areas are not considered fully stabilized. The slope will be monitored to determine if further stabilization is required.				
Inlet Protection Measures	No					
Stabilized Construction Entrances	No					
Stockpile Protections	No					
Dust Control	No					
Street Sweeping	Yes	Crushed stone was observed on the path throughout the Project in varying volumes.				
Dewatering Controls	No					
Construction Equipment and Material Storage	No					
Construction and Domestic Waste Storage and Collection	No					
Location of Sanitary Waste Facilities	No					
Washout Areas	No					
Fertilizers, Herbicides, and Landscape	N/A					
Stabilization of Exposed Soil	Yes	Varying degrees of stabilization are present within areas that were constructed/graded as part of the Project. Seed has been applied to multiple locations of exposed soil throughout the path; however, predominately non-native vegetation has become established. Erosion control blankets have been installed on the slope near Station 165+00 to 167+00 and Station 217+45. Loam that was applied to the streambank at Station 216+50 to 217+00 requires further stabilization. Vegetation has begun stabilization the slope along the stream at Station 215+00 to 216+50; however, these areas are not considered fully stabilized. The slope will be monitored to determine if further stabilization is required.				
Overall Adherence to Environmental Permits	Yes	As noted in Action Items 41 and 42, it appears that work has been conducted beyond the limits of work approved under the Order of Conditions. These areas will require coordination amongst the Project Team to confirm if any restoration is required. A Site walk was conducted with BETA staff, MassDOT staff and the Conservation Agent on 11/19/2024 to discuss potential resolutions for compliance issues. In addition, invasive species requiring management still persist throughout the entirety of the corridor.				
Note: Use station numbers, wetland ID or other means to determine locations of BMP's that need repairs.						

#### V. Compliance Table - Compliance Action Items

#### V. 1. Compliance Action Items Observed During the One Month Reporting Period Ending [June 30, 2025].

Current Open and Closed Compliance Action Items Observed During the Reporting Period Ending [June 30, 2024]. For those items within the most current two week period, color the Item in blue, as shown on lines 48-50 as an example. RED text indicates that the item is outstanding. Once item is resolved, place resolution date in 'Recommended Resolution/Resolution Date' column, convert to BLACK text, and move to the bottom of the Action Item list. Place resolution date on TOP of resolution action. Each Compliance Action Item is assigned a unique number only to be used to reference that item for the duration of the project. Separate but related Action Items will be labeled in an "Item Number-1 and Item Number-2" manner or similar. Completed action items can be removed once they have appeared in the Bi-Weekly Report to MassDEP

"<u>Urgent</u>" - Needs to be completed immediately, "<u>High</u>" - Needs to be completed in < 7 days due to site conditions, proximity to resource areas, anticipated weather, etc., "<u>Medium</u>" - Needs to be completed within 7 days and has short-term potential to impact resource areas, "<u>Low</u>" - Needs to be completed within 7 days with minimal potential to impact resource areas

Item	Location/ Description	Observation Date	Resolution Due Date	Recommended Resolution / Resolution Date	Comments/Updates
62	Loam and seed was applied to the streambank at Station 215+00 to 217+00 and requires further stabilization Priority: High	11/25/2024	12/2/2024	An erosion control blanket should be installed along this slope.	12/2/2024 - Loam and seed have been applied to the streambank at Station 215+00. Stabilization is required at Stations 215+00 to 217+00. 12/6/2024 - Observation remains. Rill erosion was observed within the loam applied to this area from Station 215+00 to 216+00. 12/20/2024 - Observation remains. Loam has begun to erode, resulting in a discharge to the stream at Station 216+50. 12/26/2024 - Observation remains. No further discharge was observed in this location. 12/31/2024 - Observation remains. No further discharge was observed in this location. 12/31/2025 - Observation remains. No further discharge was observed in this location. 1/9/2025 - Observation remains. Straw was observed to have been placed along portions of the streambank; however, this area should be stabilized using an erosion control blanket. 1/15/2025 - Observation remains. Straw was observed to have been placed along portions of the streambank; however, this area should be stabilized using an erosion control blanket. 1/15/2025 - Observation remains. Snow coverage is present within the stream and on the streambank. No further discharge was observed during this inspection. 1/2/2025 - Observation remains. Snow coverage is present within the stream and on the streambank. No further discharge was observed during this inspection. 1/3/2/2025 - Observation remains. Snow coverage is present over a majority of the stream and on the streambank. No further discharge was observed for however, stabilization is still required. 2/1/1/2025 - Observation remains. Snow coverage is present over the stream and on the streambank. No further discharge was observed for however, stabilization is still required. 2/1/1/2025 - Observation remains. Snow coverage is present over the stream and on the streambank. No further discharge was observed on the streambank at Station 216+25. 2/1/2025 - Observation remains. Stope has been installed around the culvert at Station 215+75 to stabilize the Bank. No further discharge in this location was observed; however stabilization strea

5	3 t	Stone was observed requiring removal from the swale on the east side of the trail at Station 172+00 to 173+00 Priority: High	7/29/2024	8/6/2024	Remove stone from the swale.	1/9/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 1/15/2025 - Observation remains. Further stone has discharged into the swale at this location, and stone is still present under leaf litter. 1/23/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter and snow. 1/30/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter and snow. Trash was also observed within the swale in this area. 2/4/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter and snow. Trash was also present within the swale in this area. 2/11/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter and snow. Trash is present within the swale in this area. 2/11/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 4/2/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 4/2/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 4/2/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 4/2/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 4/2/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 5/5/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 5/12/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 5/23/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 5/23/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 5/29/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 5/29/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 6/6/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 5/29/2025 - Observation remains. Stone is present within the swale under the leaf litter. 6/6/2025 -
4	17 2	Slope stabilization required due to condition of compost filter tubes at Stations 265+50 and 273+00 Priority: High	6/7/2024	6/14/2024	Stabilize the slope with the approved seed mixture and provide interim stabilization such as straw mulch.	where hydroseed was applied will be monitored to determine if more seed is required. 4/28/2025 - Observation remains. See previous update. 5/5/2025 - Observation remains. See pupdate from 4/7/2025 and 4/21/2025. 5/12/2025 - Observation remains. See update from 4/7/2025 and 4/21/2025. 5/12/2025 - Observation remains. Application of seed is required on multiple areas of exposed soil along this section of the trail. See update from 4/7/2025 and 4/21/2025. 5/23/2025 - Observation remains. Application of seed is required on multiple areas of exposed soil along this section of the trail. See update from 4/7/2025 and 4/21/2025. 5/29/2025 - Observation remains. Application of seed is required on multiple areas of exposed soil along this section of the trail. See update from 4/7/2025 and 4/21/2025. 6/6/2025 - Observation remains. Application of seed is required on multiple areas of exposed soil along this section of the trail. See update from 4/7/2025 and 4/21/2025. 6/6/2025 - Observation remains. Application of seed is required on multiple areas of exposed soil along this section of the trail. See update from 4/7/2025 and 4/21/2025. 6/6/2025 - Observation remains. Observations from 6/19/2024 to2/11/2025 have been removed for readability, see report #59 for previous observations. Areas of exposed soil are present within this area of the trail. Before hydroseed is applied leaf litter should be removed to ensure soil to seed contact. The seed mix used should be submitted to the Conservation Commission.

43	Overtopped compost filter tubes and exposed soils beyond the limits of work at Station 105+00 Priority: High	6/7/2024	6/14/2024	Stabilize the area with the approved seed mixture and provide interim stabilization such as straw mulch.	6/14/2024 - Observation remains. 6/17/2024 - Observation remains. 6/17/2024 - Observation remains. 6/27/2024 - Observation remains. 8/5/2024 - Observation remains. 8/5/2024 - Observation remains. 8/12/2024 - Observation remains. 9/3/2024 - Observation remains. 9/2/2024 - Observation remains. Germination has not been observed. 10/12/2024 - Observation remains. Germination has not been observed. 10/12/2024 - Observation remains. Germination has not been observed since the last inspection. 10/12/2024 - Observation remains. Some germination has been observed since the last inspection. 11/12/2024 - Observation remains. See update from 11/19/2024. 11/12/2024 - Observation remains. See update from 11/19/202
					6/9/2025 - Observation remains. Exposed soil past the limits of work is present and requires further stabilization.

#### V.2. On Going (Longer-Term) Compliance Items

Typically, these items require coordination with MassDEP. If so, remove once approval is obtained from MassDEP

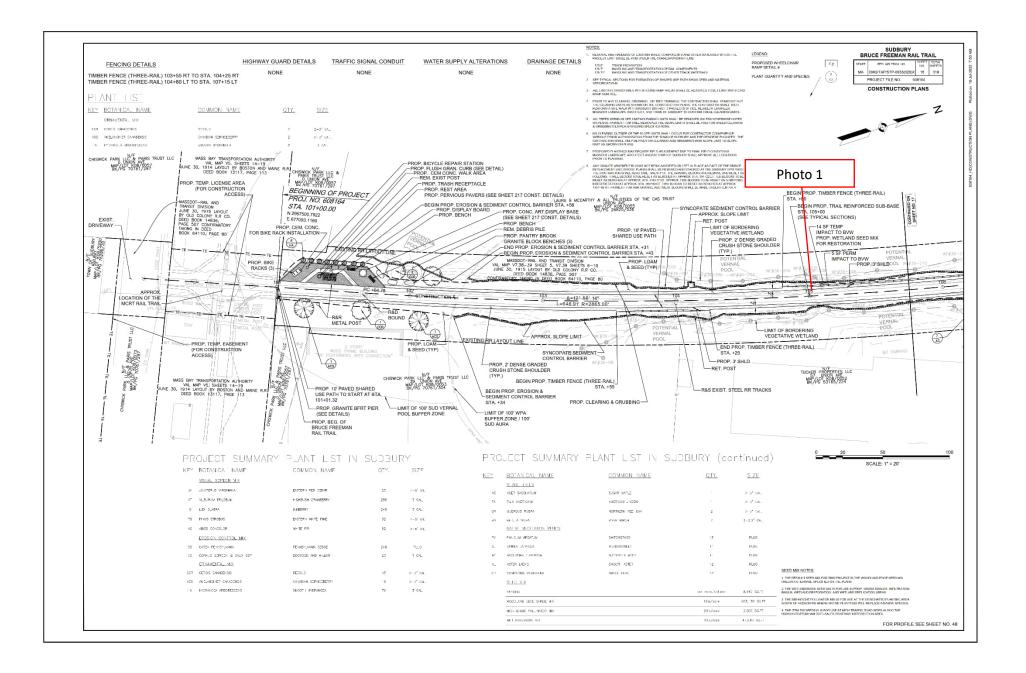
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ŀ	tem	Location/ Description	Observation Date	Resolution Due Date	Recommended/Discussed Resolution	Comments/Updates		
	61	Invasive/ non-native vegetation including Japanese knotweed (Reynoutria japonica), bittersweet (Celastrus orbiculatus), bush honeysuckle (Lonicera spp.), burning bush (Euonymus alatus), purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria), glossy buckthorn (Frangula alnus) multiflora rose (Rase multiflora), lesser celandine (Ficaria verna), barberry (Berberis thunbergii), and garlic mustard (Alliaria petiolata) have been observed throughout the path. Priority: High	10/22/2024	10/29/2024	Invasive Species should be removed by manual and/or chemical removal methods	10/29/2024 - Invasive species are present throughout the trail both within upland and Resource Areas. Populations of glossy buckhorn and purple loosestrife are present within the wetland replication area.  11/5/2024 - Observation remains. See update from 10/29/2024.  11/12/2024 - Observation remains. Invasive species are still present throughout the trail. Some invasives have been observed with no leaves due to winter die back.  11/12/2024 - Observation remains. Turther invasive species management will be required during the next growing season.  11/25/2024 - Observation remains.  11/25/2024 - Observation remains.  11/26/2024 - Observation remains.  11/26/2024 - Observation remains.  11/26/2024 - Observation remains.  11/26/2024 - Observation remains.  11/21/2024 - Observation remains.  11/21/2024 - Observation remains.  11/21/2024 - Observation remains.  11/21/2025 - Observation remains.  11/21/2025 - Observation remains.  11/21/2025 - Observation remains.  11/31/2025 - Observatio		

57-:	Japanese hops ( <i>Humulus japonicus</i> ) has been observed throughout the Project and requires removal <b>Priority: High</b>	10/22/2024	10/29/2024	The Contractor should manage remaining Japanese hops by hand pulling and the application of herbicide.	10/22/2024 - This Action Item has been reopened due to observations of both dead and living Japanese hops in select locations along the Project. BETA and MassDOT will coordinate further with the Sudbury Conservation Agent to clarify the extents of remaining living vegetation as removal efforts progress.  10/29/2024 - Plants that were observed as alive along Route 117 during the last inspection were observed to be wilting due to winter die back.  4/14/2025 - Japanese hops were observed within Parkinsons Field and require removal.  4/21/2025 - Japanese hops were observed within Parkinsons Field and require removal. Japanese hops have not been observed in other locations throughout the trail.  4/28/2025 - Observation remains. See previous update.  5/5/2025 - Observation remains. Japanese hops have been observed in multiple locations throughout the trail.  Management should occur prior to the setting of seed to ensure further spread does not occur.  5/12/2025 - Observation remains. See previous update.  5/16/2025 - Observation remains. See previous update.  5/16/2025 - Observation remains. See previous update.  5/29/2025 - Observation remains. See previous update.  5/29/2025 - Observation remains. For readability observations from 11/5/2024 to 4/7/2025 have been removed. Japanese hops have been observed throughout the trail in both vegetated areas and areas of exposed soils.  Management should occur prior to the setting of seed to ensure further spread does not occur.  6/6/2025 - Observation remains. For readability observations from 11/5/2024 to 4/7/2025 have been removed. Japanese hops have been observed throughout the trail in both vegetated areas and areas of exposed soils.  Management should occur prior to the setting of seed to ensure further spread does not occur.  6/6/2025 - Observation remains. Traement occurred on some plants throughout the trail in wowever, evidence of treatment was not observed on all plants. Japanese hops will continue to be monitored to evaluate the success of the treatment.  6/9/2025
59	Multiple locations of exposed soils along the Project corridor require stabilization Priority: High	9/3/2024	9/10/2024	The contactor should apply the approved seed mixture to areas of exposed soils and place straw.	4/21/2025 - For readability all previous observations have been removed from the report. Please reference the report from 4/14/2025 to see past observations. Observation remains. Vegetation has begun sprouting in some areas that were hydroseeded, however, most areas are not considered fully stabilized. Multiple areas of exposed soil along the trail still require the application of hydroseed. The seed mix used for stabilization should be submitted to the Conservation Commission.  4/28/2025 - Observation remains. See previous update.  5/5/2025 - Observation remains. Areas where hydroseed was applied have been observed as being partially or fully stabilized. Areas of exposed soil are still present in multiple locations throughout the trail. Further application of hydroseed should occur. The seed mix used for stabilization should be submitted to the Conservation Commission.  5/12/2025 - Observation remains. Areas of exposed soil are present in multiple locations throughout the trail. Further application of hydroseed should occur. The seed mix used for stabilization should be submitted to the Conservation Commission.  5/23/2025 - Observation remains. See previous update.  5/29/2025 - Observation remains. See update for 5/16/2025.  6/6/2025 - Observation remains. See update for 5/16/2025.  6/9/2025 - Observation remains. See update for 5/16/2025.  6/9/2025 - Observation remains. See update for 5/16/2025.
58	Crushed stone used for the dense graded crush stone shoulders has been observed as migrating both onto the path, off the sides of the path, and into the adjacent Resource Areas throughout the Project  Priority: High	8/7/2024	8/14/2024	Remove all crushed stone from Resource Areas and develop a plan to cease discharges of stone.	4/21/2025 - For readability all previous observations have been removed from the report. Please reference the report from 4/14/2025 to see past observations. Observation remains. Crushed stone was observed both on and off the trail in multiple locations. 4/28/2025 - Observation remains. See previous update. 5/5/2025 - Observation remains. See update from 4/21/2025. 5/12/2025 - Observation remains. See update from 4/21/2025. 5/12/2025 - Observation remains. Crushed stone is present both on and on the side of the trail in multiple locations. 5/23/2025 - Observation remains. See previous update. 5/29/2025 - Observation remains. Crushed stone is present both on and on the side of the trail in multiple locations. 6/6/2025 - Observation remains. See previous update. 6/9/2025 - Observation remains. Crushed stone is present both on and on the side of the trail in multiple locations.

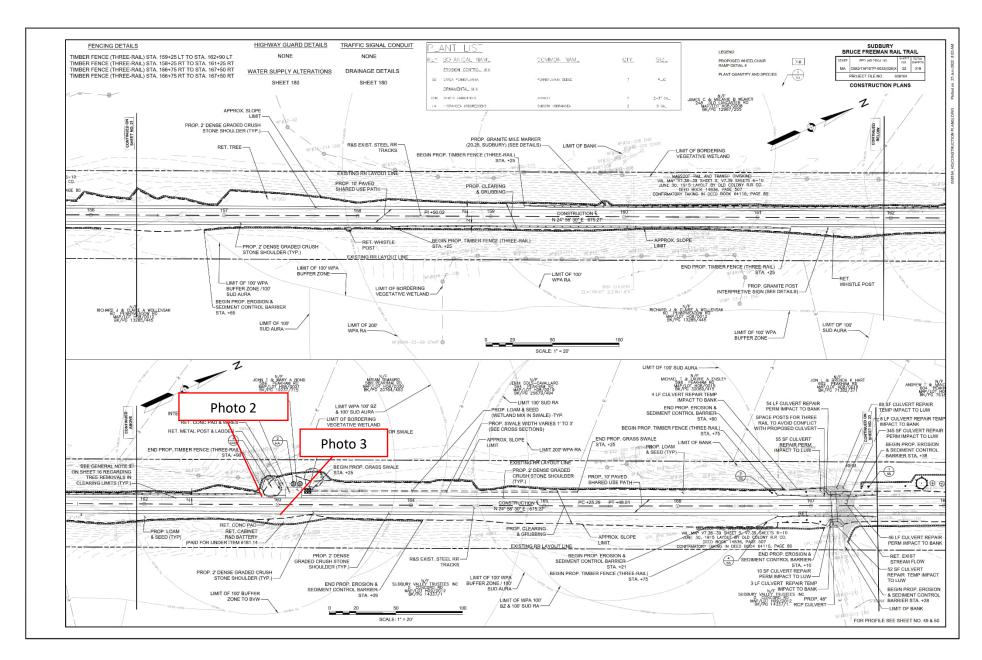
	VI. Agency Submittals (Note: only filled out for monthly report)				
Submittal	Date Submitted	Description	Status		
VII. Attachments (#3 only attached with monthly report)					
1. Field Sketch					
2. Photographic Documentation	2. Photographic Documentation				
3 3 Week Look shead schedule					

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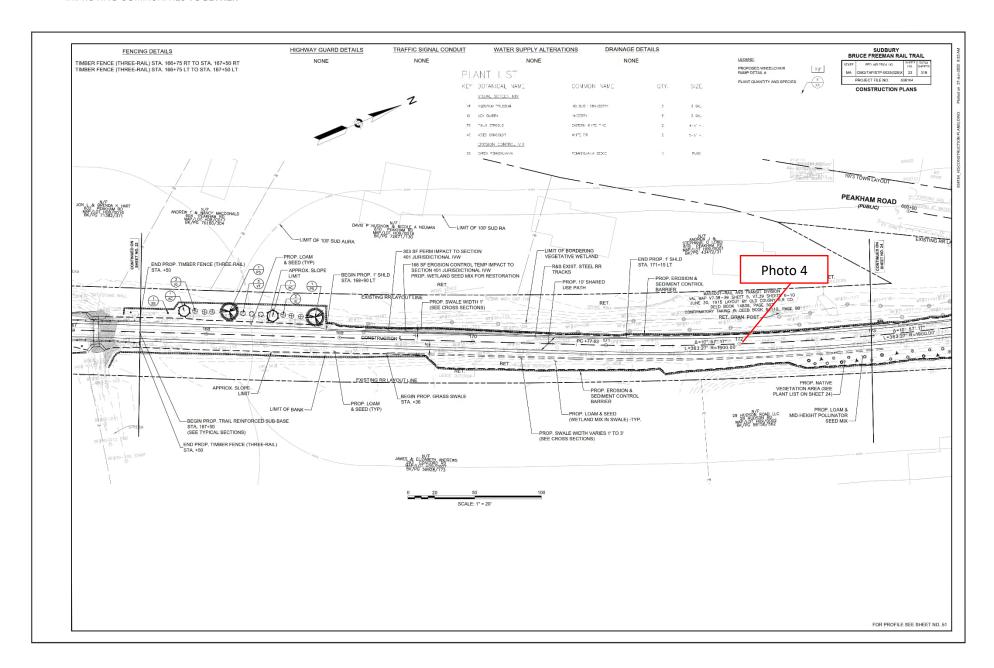




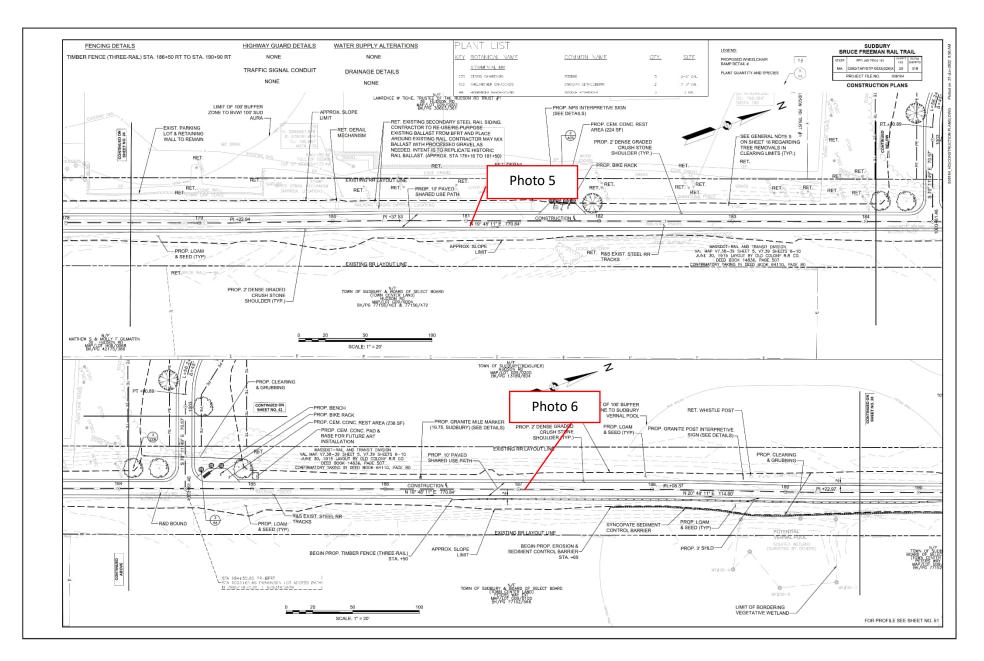




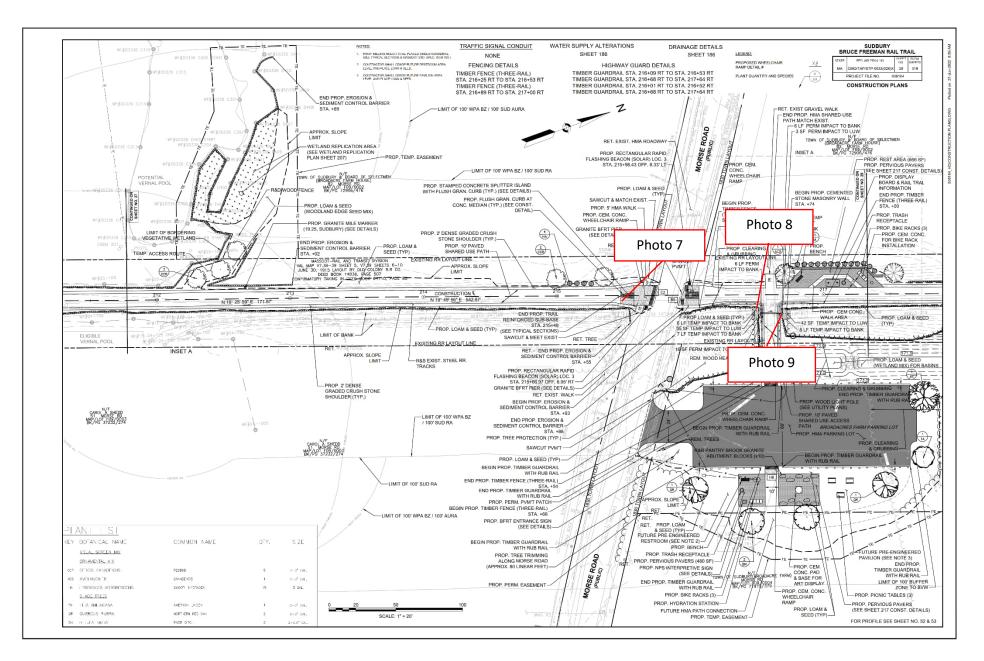
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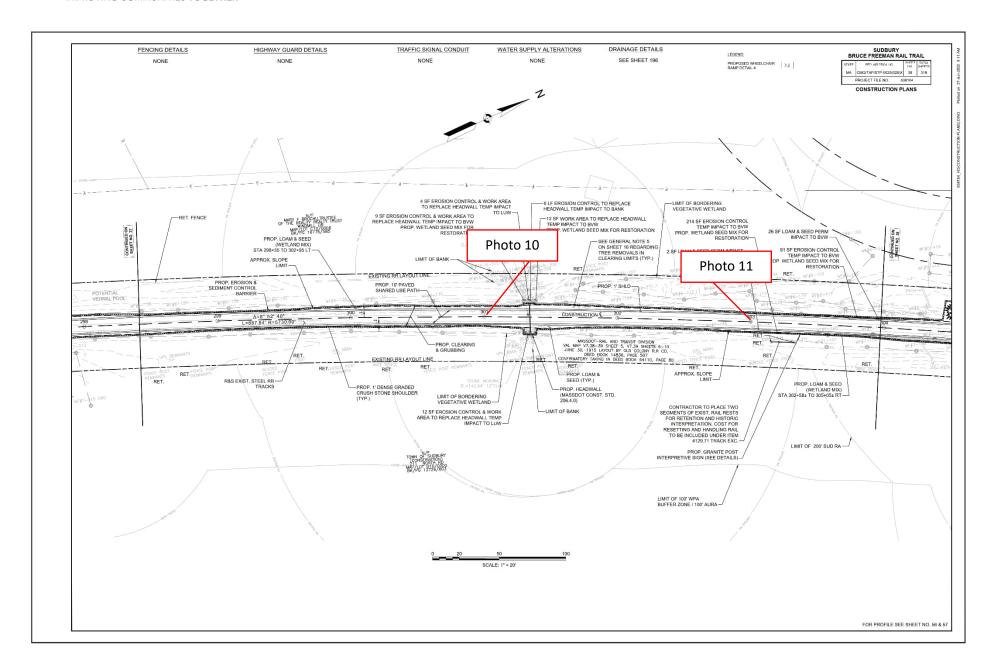




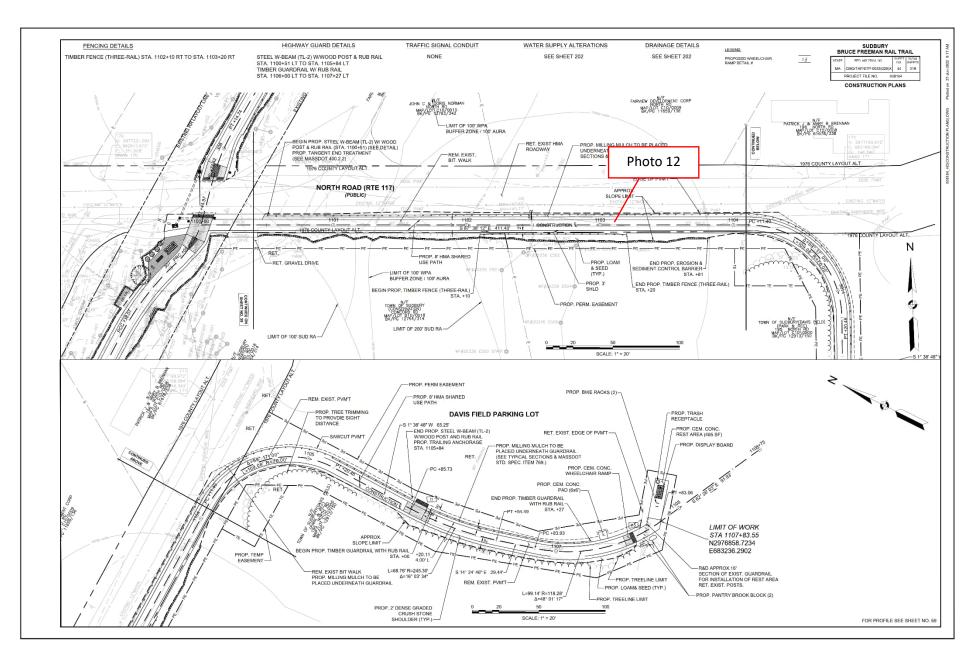




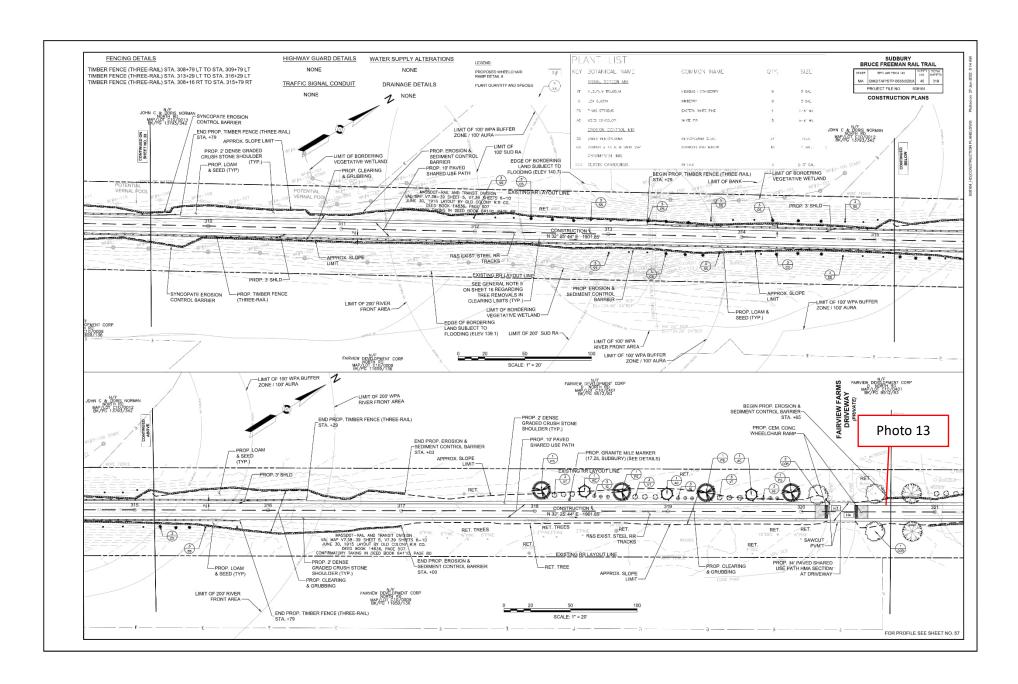
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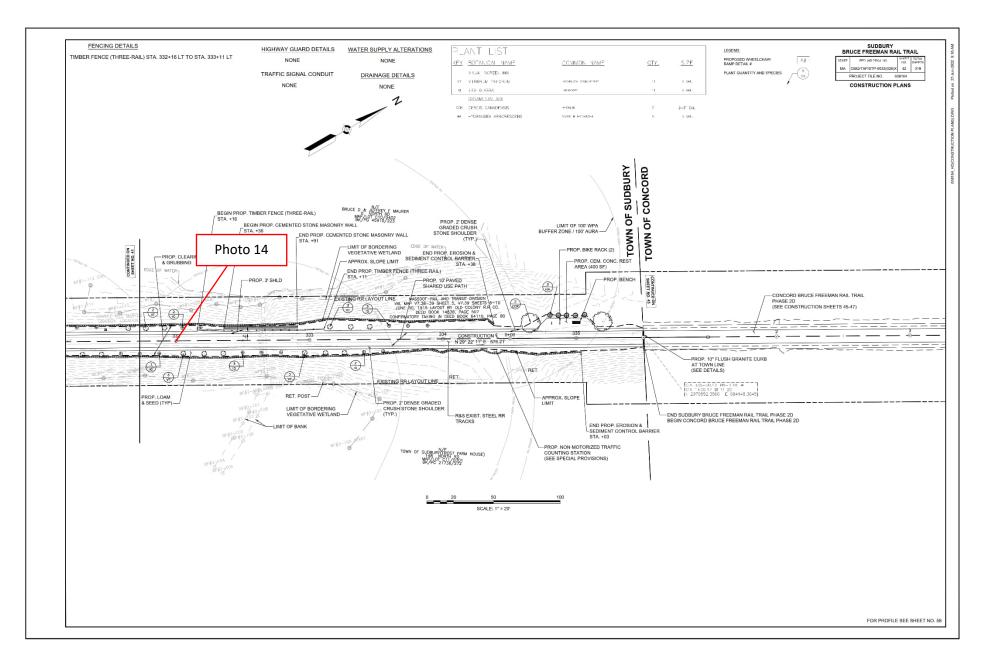














Site Location Brue

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Right-of-Way

**BETA Project No.** 24.10326.23

Photo No. 1 **Date:** 6/9/2025

Direction Photo Taken:

Toward the North

#### **Description:**

View of the location of the overtopped compost filter tube and exposed soils beyond the limits of work at Station 105+00 per Compliance Action Item 43.



Photo No. 2

**Date:** 6/9/2025

Direction Photo Taken:

Toward the North

### Description:

View of exposed soil that requires stabilization and bittersweet and barberry that require removal at Station 163+00 per Long Term Compliance Action item 59 and 61.





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Photo No. 3 **Date:** 6/9/2025

Direction Photo Taken:

Toward the East

#### **Description:**

View of exposed soil that requires stabilization and multiflora rose that requires removal at Station 163+00 per Long Term Compliance Action item 59 and 61.



Photo No. 4 **Date:** 6/9/2025

Direction Photo Taken:

Toward the East

#### **Description:**

View of bittersweet and Japanese knotweed that require removal in an area of exposed soil at Station 172+00 per Long Term Compliance Action Item 59 and 61.





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Photo No. 5 **Date:** 6/9/2025

Direction Photo Taken:

Toward the East

#### **Description:**

View of a location where crush stone has migrated off of the path at Station 181+00 per Long Term Compliance Action Item 58.



Photo No. 6 **Date:** 6/9/2025

Direction Photo Taken:

Toward the North

### Description:

View of Japanese hops that require removal within exposed soil that requires stabilization Station 187+00 per Long Term Compliance Action Item 59 and 57-1.





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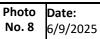
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#### **Description:**

View of the location where the stream bank has been regraded beyond the limits of work and exposed soils along the Bank at Station 215+75 per Long Term Compliance Action Items 41 and 62. Note some vegetation has been observed along the Bank.



Direction Photo Taken:

Toward the South

#### **Description:**

View of exposed soils requiring stabilization and plantings being installed at Station 216+50 per Compliance Action Item 62. Note some vegetation has been observed along the Bank.







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Photo No. 9

Date:

6/9/2025

**Direction Photo** Taken:

Toward the West

### **Description:**

View of exposed soils requiring stabilization at Station 217+25 per Long Term **Compliance Action** item 62.



Photo

Date: **No. 10** 6/9/2025

**Direction Photo** Taken:

Toward the North

### **Description:**

View of exposed soil that requires stabilization at Station 301+50 per Long Term **Compliance Action** item 59.





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**BETA Project No.** 24.10326.23

Photo No. 11 Date: 6/9/2025

**Direction Photo** Taken:

Toward the South

#### **Description:**

View of a location where crushed stone has migrated off of the path at Station 303+00 per **Compliance Action** Item 58.



Photo Date:

**No. 12** 6/9/2025

**Direction Photo** Taken:

Toward the South

#### **Description:**

View of Japanese hops that require removal at Station 1103+00 per Long Term Compliance Action Item 57-1.





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Photo D No. 13

**Date:** 6/9/2025

Direction Photo Taken:

Toward the West

#### **Description:**

View of the location of placed loam that requires stabilization and Japanese hops within the loam that require removal at Station 311+50 per Long Term Compliance Action Item 59 and 57-1.

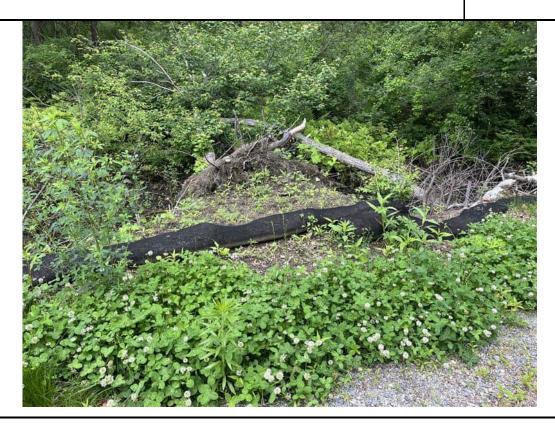


Photo D No. 14 6

**Date:** 6/9/2025

Direction Photo Taken:

Toward the South

### **Description:**

View of the location of the riprap slope that extends beyond the limit of work along the WF1 Series wetland and exposed soil requiring stabilization at Station 332+00 per Long Term Compliance Action Item 42 and 59.

