

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES****Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner**

May 13, 2015

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and The Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve YMCA Camp Coniston's request to perform the following work on Lake Coniston, in Croydon. File # 2015-00535. This project will not have significant impact on or adversely affect the values of Lake Coniston.

Install an 8 ft. x 60 ft. seasonal wharf accessed by an 8 ft. x 24 ft. seasonal walkway, and construct 66 linear ft. of retaining wall to stabilize the bank on approximately 19,000 ft. of frontage within a youth camp on Lake Coniston, in Croydon.

The Department imposed the following conditions as part of this approval:

1. All work shall be in accordance with plans by Pennyroyal Hill Land Surveying and Forestry LLC dated February 25, 2015, as received by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) on March 09, 2015.
2. This permit shall not be effective until it has been recorded with the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds office by the Permittee. A copy of the recorded permit shall be submitted to the DES Wetlands Bureau by certified mail, return receipt requested, prior to installation.
3. The retaining wall shall be constructed landward of the shoreline defined by the elevation of normal high water so as not to create land in public water.
4. These shall be the only structures on this water frontage and all portions of the docking structures shall be at least 20 ft. from abutting property lines or the imaginary extension of those lines into the water.
5. The seasonal pier shall be removed from the lake for the non-boating season.
6. No portion of the pier shall extend more than 32 ft. from the shoreline at full lake elevation.
7. This seasonal dock shall be removed and an application for a new compliant docking structure, meeting the rules in effect at the time of filing, shall be submitted to the department if, at any future time, the property is no longer used as a youth camp.
8. Appropriate siltation and erosion controls shall be in place prior to construction, shall be maintained during construction, and remain in place until the area is stabilized. Silt fence(s) must be removed once the area is stabilized.
9. Appropriate turbidity controls shall be installed prior to construction, shall be maintained during construction such that no turbidity escapes the immediate dredge area, and shall remain in place until suspended particles have settled and the water at the work site has returned to normal clarity.

10. All activities shall be in accordance with the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, RSA 483-B. The owner is responsible for obtaining any Shoreland Permit that may be required per RSA 483-B, for construction, excavation or fill that will occur within the Protected Shoreland.

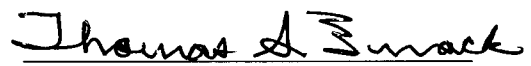
EXPLANATION

The DES Wetlands Bureau approved this project on April 30, 2015. DES supported its decision with the following findings:

1. This project is classified as a major project per Rule Env-Wt 303.02(d), construction of a major docking facility.
2. The applicant owns the entire frontage around Lake Coniston with an approximate frontage of 19,000 linear ft.
3. A maximum of 254 slips may be permitted on this frontage per Rule Env-Wt 402.13, Frontage Over 75 ft.
4. The proposed docking facility will provide 5 slips as defined per RSA 482-A:2, VIII and therefore meets Rule Env-Wt 402.13.
5. The proposed docking structure will provide a safer platform for launching canoes and kayaks and monitoring the swimming area for a seasonal youth camp.
6. The Department approves the waiver request of Env-Wt 402.03 limiting the width of the structure to 6 ft.
7. Public hearing is waived with the finding that the project impacts will not significantly impair the resources of Lake Coniston.

Application file documents are being forwarded to the Governor and Executive Council in connection with their consideration of this matter pursuant to RSA 482-A:3,II.(a) as it is a major project in public waters of the state.

We respectfully submit this request for your consideration.


Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner



WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION

Water Division/ Wetlands Bureau
Land Resources Management

Check the status of your application: <http://des.nh.gov/onestop>



RSA/Rule: Env-Wq 100-900

		Administrative Use Only	File No.: <u>2015-00535</u>
			Check No.: <u>625</u>
			Amount: <u>1047.00</u>
			Initials: <u>SB</u>

1. REVIEW TIME:

Indicate your Review Time below. Refer to Guidance Document A for instructions.

- Standard Review (Minimum, Minor or Major Impact)
 Expedited Review (Minimum Impact only)

2. PROJECT LOCATION:

Separate applications must be filed with each municipality that jurisdictional impacts will occur in.

ADDRESS: **YMCA Camp Coniston, 34 Main Camp Rd** TOWN/CITY: **Croydon**

TAX MAP: **8** BLOCK: _____ LOT: **366** UNIT: _____

USGS TOPO MAP WATERBODY NAME: **Lake Coniston** NA STREAM WATERSHED SIZE: NA

LOCATION COORDINATES (If known): **N.348630 E.864900** Latitude/Longitude UTM
 State Plane

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Provide a brief description of the project outlining the scope of work. Attach additional sheets as needed to provide a detailed explanation of your project. DO NOT reply "See Attached" in the space provided below.

The YMCA proposes to install a retaining wall 66 feet long and 20 inches high as an erosion deterrent in front of the Camp Coniston boat house. It will serve as a rest for a proposed "T" shaped, temporary dock for the boat house. The proposed dock is extends ±28 feet from normal waterline and is 8' wide by 60 feet long at the Tee, with a 8' x 24' ramp/dock area.

4. RELATED PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION, SHORELAND, ALTERATION OF TERRAIN, ETC...

None

5. NATURAL HERITAGE BUREAU & DESIGNATED RIVERS:

See the Instructions & Required Attachments document for instructions to complete a & b below.

a. Natural Heritage Bureau File ID: NHB 15 - 0563

- b. Designated River the project is in ¼ miles of: _____; and date a copy of the application was sent to Local River Advisory Committee: Month: ___ Day: ___ Year: ___
- NA

6. APPLICANT INFORMATION (Desired permit holder)LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: **YMCA Camp Coniston**

TRUST / COMPANY NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS: **PO Box 185**TOWN/CITY: **Grantham**STATE: **NH**ZIP CODE: **03753**EMAIL or FAX: **office@coniston.org**PHONE: **6038631160**

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here: _____, I hereby authorize DES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically

7. PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (If different than applicant)

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.:

TRUST / COMPANY NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TOWN/CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

EMAIL or FAX:

PHONE:

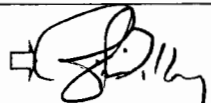
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here _____, I hereby authorize DES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically

8. AUTHORIZED AGENT INFORMATIONLAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: **Clayton Platt**COMPANY NAME: **Pennyroyal Hill Land Surveying and Forestry, LLC**MAILING ADDRESS: **414 Pine Hill Rd**TOWN/CITY: **Croydon**STATE: **NH**ZIP CODE: **03773**EMAIL or FAX: **claytonplatt@pennyroyalhill.com**PHONE: **6035045557**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here **cep**, I hereby authorize DES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically**9. PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE:**

See the Instructions & Required Attachments document for clarification of the below statements

By signing the application, I am certifying that:

1. I authorize the applicant and/or agent indicated on this form to act in my behalf in the processing of this application, and to furnish upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application.
2. I have reviewed and submitted information & attachments outlined in the Instructions and Required Attachment document.
3. All abutters have been identified in accordance with RSA 482-A:3, I and Env-Wt 100-900.
4. I have read and provided the required information outlined in Env-Wt 302.04 for the applicable project type.
5. I have read and understand Env-Wt 302.03 and have chosen the least impacting alternative.
6. Any structure that I am proposing to repair/replace was either previously permitted by the Wetlands Bureau or would be considered grandfathered per Env-Wt 101.47.
7. I have submitted a Request for Project Review (RPR) Form (www.nh.gov/nhdhr/review) to the NH State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) at the NH Division of Historical Resources to be reviewed for the presence of historical/ archeological resources.
8. I authorize DES and the municipal conservation commission to inspect the site of the proposed project.
9. I have reviewed the information being submitted and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and accurate.
10. I understand that the willful submission of falsified or misrepresented information to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is a criminal act, which may result in legal action.
11. I am aware that the work I am proposing may require additional state, local or federal permits which I am responsible for obtaining.
12. The mailing addresses I have provided are up to date and appropriate for receipt of DES correspondence. DES will not forward returned mail.



Property Owner Signature

John Tilley

Print name legibly

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
Date

MUNICIPAL SIGNATURES

10. CONSERVATION COMMISSION SIGNATURE

The signature below certifies that the municipal conservation commission has reviewed this application, and:

1. Waives its right to intervene per RSA 482-A:11;
2. Believes that the application and submitted plans accurately represent the proposed project; and
3. Has no objection to permitting the proposed work.




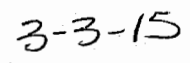
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DIRECTIONS FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1. Expedited review ONLY requires that the conservation commission's signature is obtained in the space above.
2. Expedited review requires the Conservation Commission signature be obtained **prior** to the submittal of the original application to the Town/City Clerk for signature.
3. The Conservation Commission may refuse to sign. If the Conservation Commission does not sign this statement for any reason, the application is not eligible for expedited review and the application will reviewed in the standard review time frame.

11. TOWN / CITY CLERK SIGNATURE

As required by Chapter 482-A:3 (amended 2014), I hereby certify that the applicant has filed four application forms, four detailed plans, and four USGS location maps with the town/city indicated below.

 <small>Town/City Clerk Signature</small>	 <small>Print name legibly</small>	 <small>Town/City</small>	 <small>Date</small>
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DIRECTIONS FOR TOWN/CITY CLERK:

Per RSA 482-A:3,I

1. For applications where "Expedited Review" is checked on page 1, if the Conservation Commission signature is not present, NHDES will accept the permit application, but it will NOT receive the expedited review time.
2. IMMEDIATELY sign the original application form and four copies in the signature space provided above;
3. Return the signed original application form and attachments to the applicant so that the applicant may submit the application form and attachments to NHDES by mail or hand delivery.
4. IMMEDIATELY distribute a copy of the application with one complete set of attachments to each of the following bodies: the municipal Conservation Commission, the local governing body (Board of Selectmen or Town/City Council), and the Planning Board; and
5. Retain one copy of the application form and one complete set of attachments and make them reasonably accessible for public review.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICANT:

1. Submit the original permit application form bearing the signature of the Town/ City Clerk, additional materials, and the application fee to NHDES by mail or hand delivery.

12. IMPACT AREA:

For each jurisdictional area that will be/has been impacted, provide square feet and, if applicable, linear feet of impact

Permanent: impacts that will remain after the project is complete.

Temporary: impacts not intended to remain (and will be restored to pre-construction conditions) after the project is complete.

JURISDICTIONAL AREA	PERMANENT Sq. Ft. / Lin. Ft.	TEMPORARY Sq. Ft. / Lin. Ft.
Forested wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Scrub-shrub wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Emergent wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Wet meadow	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Intermittent stream	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Perennial Stream / River	/	/
Lake / Pond	/	/
Bank - Intermittent stream	/	/
Bank - Perennial stream / River	/	/
Bank - Lake / Pond	132 /	/
Tidal water	/	/
Salt marsh	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Sand dune	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Prime wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Prime wetland buffer	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Undeveloped Tidal Buffer Zone (TBZ)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Previously-developed upland in TBZ	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Docking - Lake / Pond	820	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Docking - River	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
Docking - Tidal Water	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF	<input type="checkbox"/> ATF
TOTAL	/	/

13. APPLICATION FEE: See the Instructions & Required Attachments document for further instruction

Minimum Impact Fee: Flat fee of \$ 200

Minor or Major Impact Fee: Calculate using the below table below

Permanent and Temporary (non-docking) 100 sq. ft. X \$0.20 = \$ 27.00

Temporary (seasonal) docking structure: 820 sq. ft. X \$1.00 = \$ 820.00

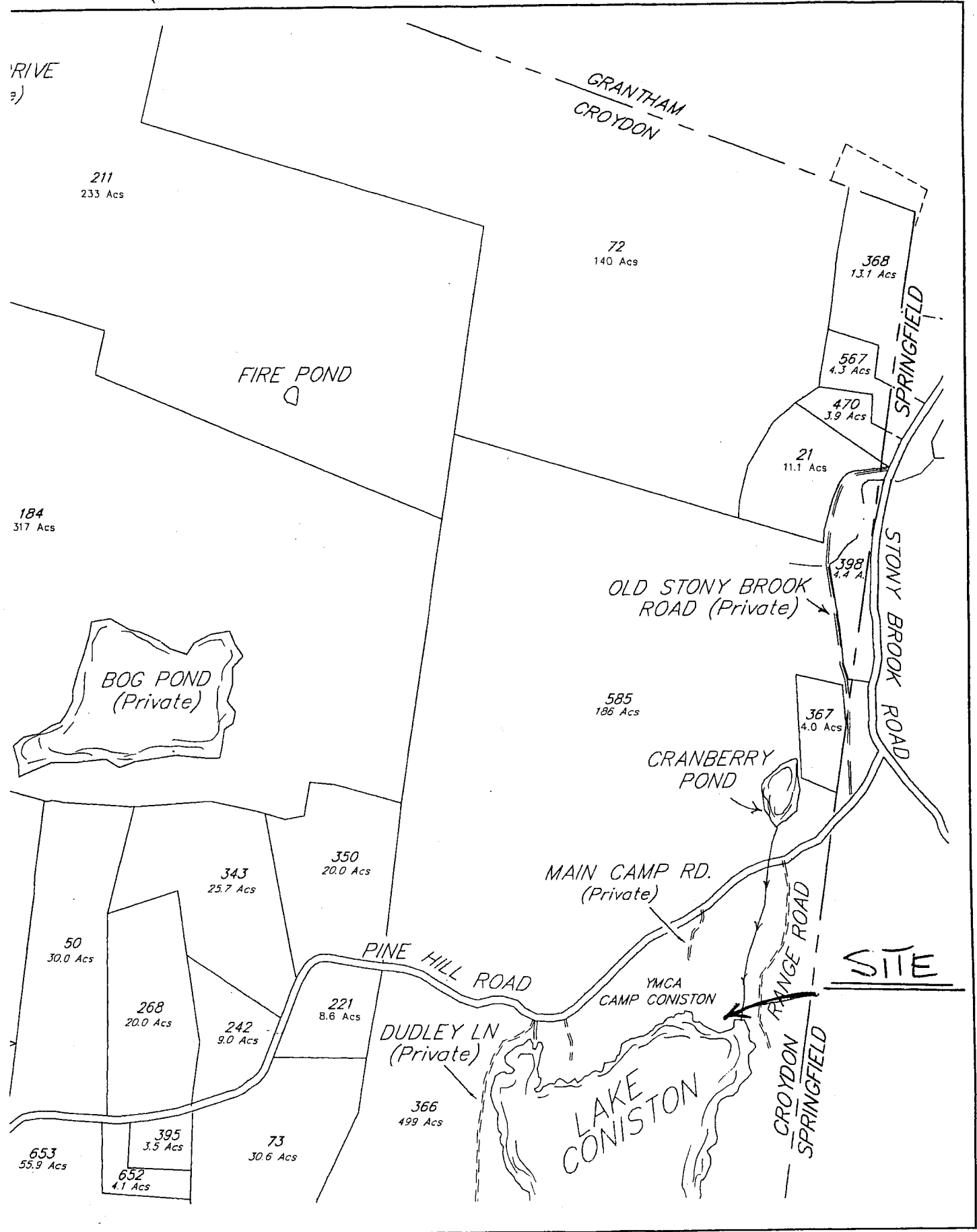
Permanent docking structure: _____ sq. ft. X \$2.00 = \$ _____

Projects proposing shoreline structures (including docks) add \$200 = \$ 200.00

Total = \$ 1047.00

The Application Fee is the above calculated Total or \$200, whichever is greater = \$ _____

CROYDON TAX MAP - SHEET 8*



PREPARED SPRING, 2004
 LAST UPDATED MARCH, 2013

MAP 8

* SEE MEMORANDUM FOR ALL Y.M.C.A. PROPERTY



USGS SUNAPEE QUADRANGLE
1" = 1000'

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Memo



NH NATURAL HERITAGE BUREAU
NHB DATACHECK RESULTS LETTER

To: Clayton Platt
414 Pine Hill Road
Croydon, NH 03773

From: Melissa Coppola, NH Natural Heritage Bureau

Date: 2/12/2015 (valid for one year from this date)

Re: Review by NH Natural Heritage Bureau

NHB File ID: NHB15-0563

Town: Croydon

Location: Tax Maps: Map 8 Lot 366

Description: Construct +/- 60' Retaining Wall and dock at boat storage/launch area at YMCA Camp Coniston

cc: Kim Tuttle

As requested, I have searched our database for records of rare species and exemplary natural communities, with the following results.

Comments:

Vertebrate species

State¹ Federal Notes

Common Loon (*Gavia immer*)

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Contact the NH Fish & Game Dept (see below).

¹Codes: "E" = Endangered, "T" = Threatened, "SC" = Special Concern, "--" = an exemplary natural community, or a rare species tracked by NH Natural Heritage that has not yet been added to the official state list. An asterisk (*) indicates that the most recent report for that occurrence was more than 20 years ago.

Contact for all animal reviews: Kim Tuttle, NH F&G, (603) 271-6544.

A negative result (no record in our database) does not mean that a sensitive species is not present. Our data can only tell you of known occurrences, based on information gathered by qualified biologists and reported to our office. However, many areas have never been surveyed, or have only been surveyed for certain species. An on-site survey would provide better information on what species and communities are indeed present.

Department of Resources and Economic Development
Division of Forests and Lands
(603) 271-2214 fax: 271-6488

DRED/NHB
PO Box 1856
Concord NH 03302-1856

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau - Animal Record

Common Loon (*Gavia immer*)**Legal Status**

Federal: Not listed
 State: Listed Threatened

Conservation Status

Global: Demonstrably widespread, abundant, and secure
 State: Not ranked (need more information)

Description at this Location

Conservation Rank: Not ranked
 Comments on Rank:

Detailed Description: 2013: Nest 4: 1 chick hatched, 0 chicks survived.2012: Nest 3: 1 chick hatched, 1 chick survived.2011: 1 pair, no nest.2010: Nest 3: 2 chicks hatched, 2 chicks survived.2009: 1 pair, no nest.2008: Nest 3: 1 chick hatched, 1 chick survived.2007: Nest 2: 2 chicks hatched, 2 chicks survived.2006: pair, no nest.2005: pair, 1 hatched and survived.2003-2004: pair.2002: Nest 1: pair, 1 hatched, 0 survived.2001: Nest 1: pair, 2 hatched and survived.2000: Nest 1: pair, nest and eggs.

General Area:

General Comments: LPC territory NHT0084.

Management

Comments:

Location

Survey Site Name: Lake Coniston
 Managed By:

County: Sullivan
 Town(s): Croydon
 Size: 4.8 acres

USGS quad(s): Sunapee Lake North (4307241)

Lat, Long: 432719N, 0720658W

Elevation:

Precision: Within (but not necessarily restricted to) the area indicated on the map.

Directions:

Dates documented

First reported: 2000-05-17

Last reported: 2013

The New Hampshire Fish & Game Department has jurisdiction over rare wildlife in New Hampshire. Please contact them at 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301 or at (603) 271-2461.

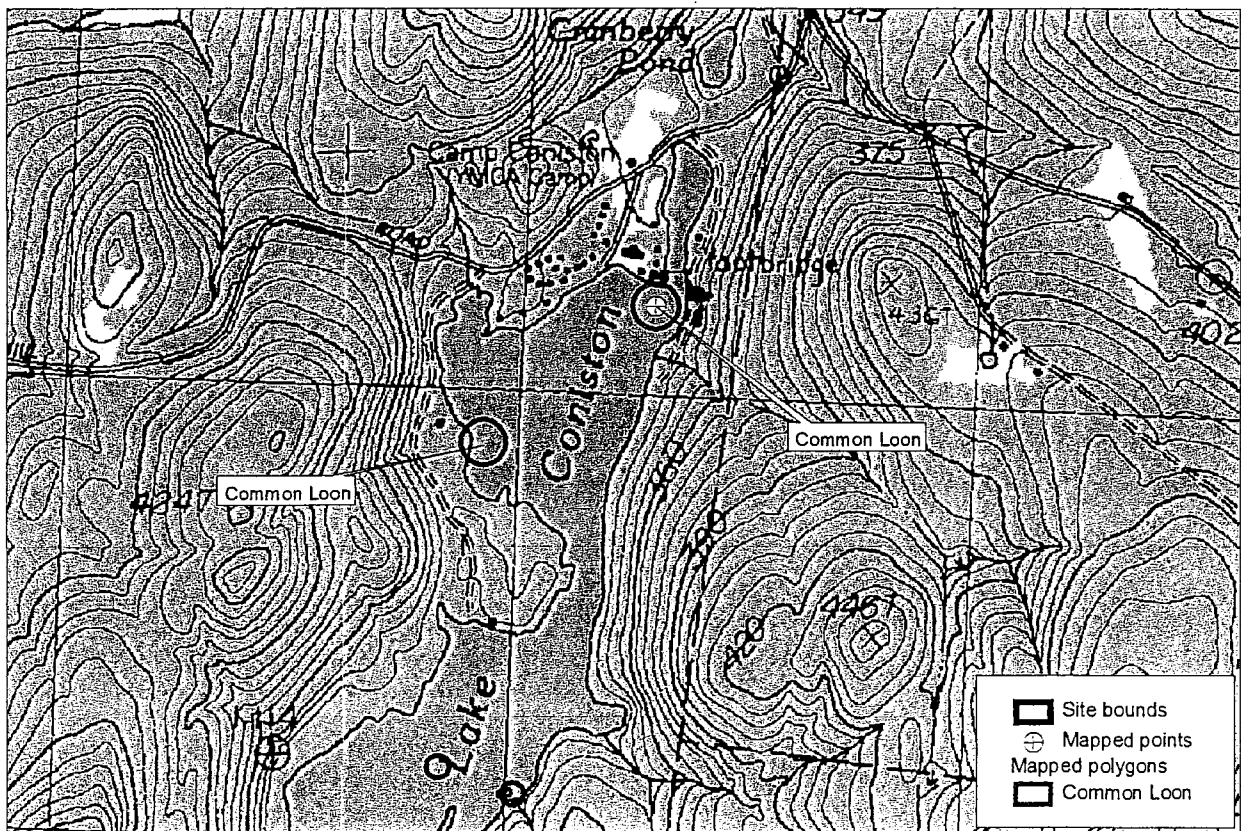
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NH NATURAL HERITAGE BUREAU

Known locations of rare species and exemplary natural communities

Note: Mapped locations are not always exact. Occurrences that are not in the vicinity of the project are not shown.



*Historical record

PENNYROYAL HILL, LAND SURVEY
CLAYTON E. PLATT, LICENSED SURVEYOR
 414 PINE HILL ROAD, CROYDON NH 03773 Tel. and Fax (603) 888-1200

Don and Paula Breese
 [Redacted]
 Grantham, NH 03753

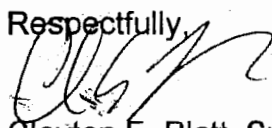
March 2, 2015

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Breese:

Thank you very much for taking the time to meet with me and sign off on the waiting period for the waiver request at the YMCA camp. My understanding of NH DES requirements is that I am still required to send you this certified letter even though we have gone over the proposal and you have signed a letter to that effect,

This is an official notification to you that YMCA Camp Coniston has applied for a wetlands permit with the NHDES requesting approval for a dock and retaining wall by the boathouse at 32 Main Camp Road in Croydon. This notification is required to all abutters by state law.

No action is required on your part. If you would like to review the plans proposed for the neighboring property, a copy is available at the Croydon Town Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number above.

Respectfully,

 Clayton E. Platt, Surveyor

Note: This is the only abutter to the project. They have been notified in person and by certified mail. See attached letter from Don Breese.

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PS Form 3800, August 2006 See Reverse for Instructions

Donald and Paula Bresse

[REDACTED]
Grantham NH 03753

NH DES – Wetlands Division
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302

Re: Proposed Dock and Wall,
YMCA Camp Coniston
Croydon, NH

February 24, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing regarding the proposed dock and retaining wall at the YMCA Camp adjoining our property. This letter is written to acknowledge to NH DES that we have been notified that a wetlands permit has been submitted for the proposed work.

We have also been informed that the YMCA Camp is requesting permission to install an 8' tee dock and that the width of the dock requires a specific waiver from the State. We have no objections to the 8' width or to the waiver request. We hereby waive our right to comment and/or object on the wetlands permit application within the 30 days allowed for such action.

Sincerely,

Donald and Paula Bresse

