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## CHAPTER UPDATES

### President's Message

Greetings members and future members. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer. While COVID-19 disrupted our "normal," I think we all learned some new ways to manage our home lives, integrate new work styles, and enjoy time with family and friends, even if it is virtually or at a distance.

While many activities and plans were cancelled or severally modified by COVID-19, the job of rebuilding the Northeast Chapter of the IECA was not hampered. I'm excited about the passion and efforts of the Board as we continue to revive the Chapter. Since April, the Chapter Board has met (via conference call) at least monthly to take on the challenge of rebuilding the Chapter. Over the past months we have accomplished much, including:

- Issuing our newsletter!
- Planning for our first virtual conference to be held November 17, 18, and 19, 2020. More information is provided in this newsletter and will be posted to our website and sent via email.
- Upgrading our website.
- Initial planning for an in-person conference in Plymouth, MA for November 2, 3, and 4, 2021. Stay tuned for more information.

Initiatives in progress include: (a) obtaining nominations for Board positions that will open in 2021; (b) updating the Chapter by-laws; and (c) partnering with interested universities/colleges to establish student chapters.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, our Chapter has a lot of momentum and we look forward to member participation in our initiatives. Please contact any of the Board members to find out how to get involved.

- ERIC STEINHAUSER. PRESIDENT

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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE NEWS

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

On June 2, 2020, the NHDES Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau issued a revised rule related to threatened and endangered species – Env-WQ 1503.19(h). Prior to June 2, 2020, the rule required that the project be “*designed in a manner that will not result in adverse impacts to state- or federally listed threatened or endangered species or habitat...*” and the process to understanding if threatened or endangered species or habitat exist at your site was relatively straight forward. With the rule change, the process is much more intensive and requires: (a) a site study by a wildlife biologist; and (b) consultation with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD). The new rule may be found using the following link - <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/documents/env-wq150319h-adtpstd.pdf>.

The impacts of this rule change are now been vetted and are anticipated to increase both the cost and time to develop a site. NHDES and NHFGD have yet to provide guidance on who in the state will be qualified as a “wildlife biologist” except for the vague requirement “...*who has education and experience in performing property surveys for threatened or endangered species, using an accepted process...*” NHFGD also indicated that they have limited staff and funding to address the increase of consultations they will be required to complete under this new rule. NHDES and NHFGD should be contacted early in the permitting process to confirm qualifications and help limit delays to a project.

Time will tell if further rule modifications are pending. In the meantime, for your New Hampshire development projects that require an AoT permit, plan on partnering with a wildlife biologist acceptable to the AoT Bureau and the NHFGD, schedule the site study to be performed early in the project, and be prepared for changes to your design, project schedule and budget, and the regulations.

## MAINE

The State of Maine has been moving in the direction of clean energy including solar farms. Many solar farm projects that are popping up throughout the State. These projects are throughout the State.

There are three models that the state is working with. Community solar farms, that allow people to produce their own renewable energy and do not have the room. Solarize community solar farms allow groups purchase solar panels in bulk and reduce costs. Municipal-owned solar farms have solar panels on municipal properties and residents, that benefit tax payers. According to Natural Resources Council of Maine’s website, Maine’s solar law dictates that shared solar farms, which may be located on private or public land, can be used by up to 200 households or businesses.

## VERMONT

On September 1, 2020 the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation issued General Permit #3-9050, better known as the 3-Acre Permit. Unlike most permits, this one is required even if you are not building or expanding anything.

Draft General Permit 3-9050 serves as the “Three-Acre General Permit” as required under the Vermont Clean Water Act. A “three-acre site” is an impervious surface of three or more acres that has never had an operational stormwater permit, or was permitted to standards in place prior to the 2002 Stormwater Management Manual

The Stormwater Rule defines these sites as follows:

- Impervious surface of three or more acres means a single tract of land with three or more acres of impervious surface;
- a project on a tract or tracts of land that was previously authorized under a stormwater permit that authorized the discharge of stormwater from three or more acres of impervious surface; and
- impervious surface adjacent to or adjoining the foregoing types of impervious surfaces where the surface in question are part of a related operation, such as a hospital, resort, or campus.
  - Rhode Island - <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/media>
  - Vermont - <http://dec.vermont.gov/>

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Pete Hanrahan



- Many people across America know Pete. He has been an active participant in IECA and EnviroCert International for many years. Pete has presented numerous talks on erosion and sediment control and is the author of EJ Prescott Stormwater Field Guide.
- In July of 2020, Pete retired from EJ Prescott and formed his own company Hanrahan Environmental, LLC to focus on environmental consulting, education, and technical writing.
- Pete has served as the President of the Northeast Chapter IECA and has served on various boards for IECA. He is also currently serving on the Senior Advisory Board of EnviroCert International.

# UPCOMING CONFERENCE

## NE CHAPTER – VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 17-19, 2020

The Northeast Chapter strives to bring together stakeholders interested in protecting the waters and wetlands in New York and the New England states. While our in-person 2020 event needed to be cancelled, we are pleased to offer an excellent on-line event that features well known regional experts on topics that span the interests of our chapter members. The theme of our three-day event conference is to build a better site management toolbox. The conference begins with a panel discussion on the future vision for our chapter, and the next two days include six live presentations and several on-demand sessions. We also hope you will join in for our Annual Meeting on Thursday so you can learn how to become involved in the Chapter.

This event is free to members and \$50.00 to non-members.

## REGION 1 NEWS

The IECA ehub provides a wealth of educational opportunities to members that provide professional development hours. Many of the offerings are free or discounted to IECA members.

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