

**Notice of Availability - Draft Environmental Assessment:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Sullivan County, on behalf of the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC), has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the proposed replacement of County Bridge 368 on Flugertown Road over Willowemoc Creek in the Town of Neversink, New York (the Proposed Action).

NEPA requires that federal agencies consider the effects of a proposed action and any reasonable alternatives on the human environment. This Draft EA evaluates the potential impacts that would result from the implementation of the Proposed Action as compared to the No Action alternative.

The Draft EA is available upon request. Please send an email request to [nepa@nbrc.gov](mailto:nepa@nbrc.gov). The Draft EA will be provided in electronic format unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

**Project Title:** Sullivan County Bridge 368 Replacement Project

**Project Proponent:** NBRC

**Project Location:** Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York

**Purpose of the Proposed Action:** The Proposed Action is needed to replace Bridge 368, which is in severely deteriorated condition and currently restricted to vehicles weighing 5 tons or less. The bridge replacement would restore safe access for all legal-weight vehicles, including emergency services, commercial traffic, and recreational users. The project would also improve public safety, enhance resilience to extreme weather events, and support tourism and recreation in the Willowemoc Wild Forest.

**Project Description:** The Proposed Action involves replacing the existing bridge at its current location using advanced timber materials. Approximately 85% of the replacement bridge would be constructed within the existing bridge footprint, with a minor 15% expansion. Construction activities would include removal of the existing structure, installation of a glue-laminated timber bridge deck with a waterproof membrane and asphalt surface, new railings, and minor vegetation clearing for safe installation. Construction is anticipated to take approximately three months, with work occurring Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**Public Comments:** NBRC is accepting comments on this Draft EA for a 30-day public comment period, beginning July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and ending August 15<sup>th</sup> 2025. Comments should be submitted by email to [nepa@nbrc.gov](mailto:nepa@nbrc.gov) or mailed to The Clark Group LLC, 137 Elm Street, Montpelier, VT 05602.

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