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Invitation to Bid

To: Interested Parties

From: Jacquelyn Reese, Association Administrator
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Date: Monday, July 7th, 2025

Re: Siuslaw Model Forest bridge installation

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties are the owners and managers of the Siuslaw Model Forest (SMF), a 142-acre NYC watershed demonstration and recreation site.

The Siuslaw Model Forest, located in Acra, NY, is split roughly in half by the Sawmill Creek. The South-Southeastern portion of the property has two access points along NY 23. There is a stewardship entrance formally used as a log landing as well as a main entrance to the parking lot and donor residence. The North-Northwestern acreage is not accessible by road, RoW or CCE-owned property. There are stable trails, demonstrations, and woodland stewardship projects throughout the entire property that staff, visitors and vehicles must cross the Sawmill Creek to access.

A sizeable stretch of the Sawmill Creek runs through Siuslaw but is largely inaccessible. It is mostly flanked by steep banks with fluctuating stability due to high energy flows. The one relatively stable area for crossing was established as a ford connecting the main forest road, but is unpredictable and is not a feasible option for pedestrians.

To provide both vehicular and pedestrian access across Sawmill Creek, a 50-foot, steel frame hinged portable bridge will be installed to span the ford crossing. The structure will be a permanent demonstration of a temporary bridge used during logging operations.

This project involves the permanent installation of the bridge (weighs 36,000 pounds), which is currently located on site. Plans are to bury large stackable rock as footers across the road on either side of the stream to set the bridge on. Installation of the bridge will require sourcing and placing (excavate and bury) the rock base footers and setting, leveling and securing the bridge.

This project would need to be completed September 30, 2025 to comply with NYS DEC timing restrictions for work in a trout stream. A stream disturbance permit application has been submitted to NYS DEC and compliance with DEC stream crossing rules and regulations apply.

All bidders must sign and deliver along with their bid, a Certificate of Non-Collusion. The certificate as well as insurance requirements will be provided at the time of the showing. To qualify, schedule a bid showing by contacting Tracey Testo at tet35@cornell.edu or 518-894-9899.

Bids are invited for:

1. **Installation** of the bridge (described above)

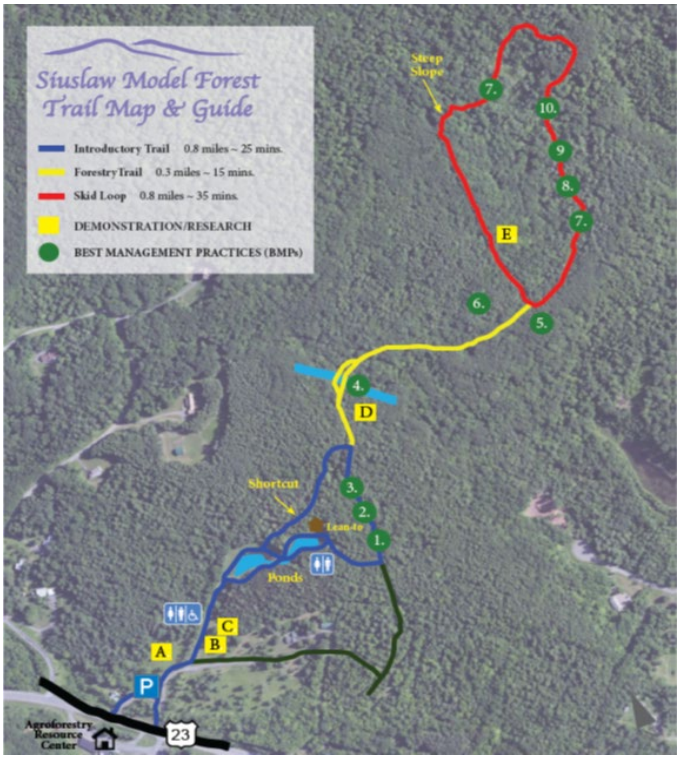
Bids shall be sealed and delivered to Cornell Cooperative Extension, Agroforestry Resource Center, 6055 Route 23, Acra, NY 12405 on or before July 28 at 1:00 p.m. at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud.

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Siuslaw Model Forest map (stream crossing site located at #4):



Bridge Install approach and crossing

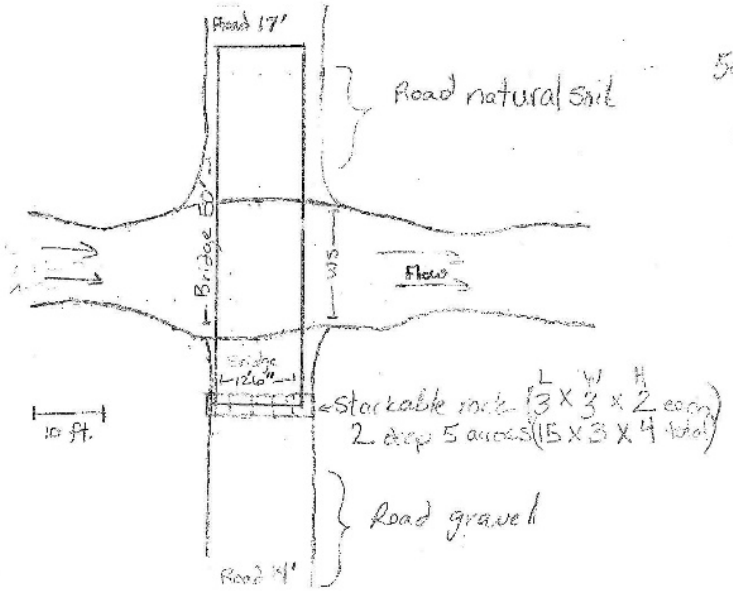


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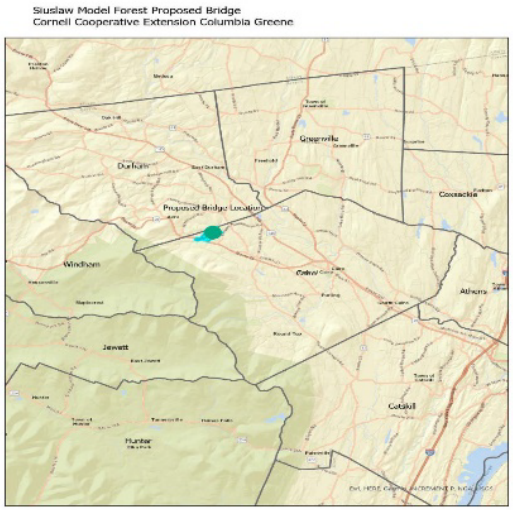
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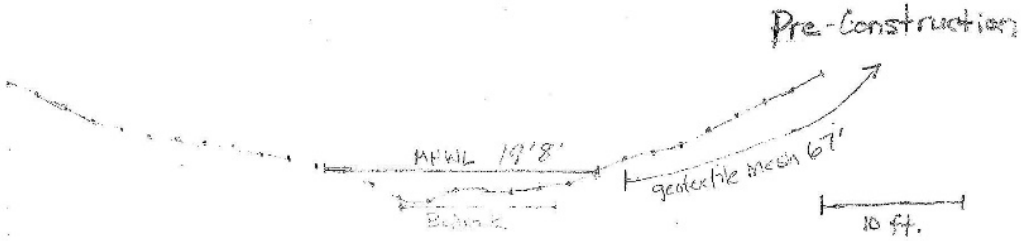
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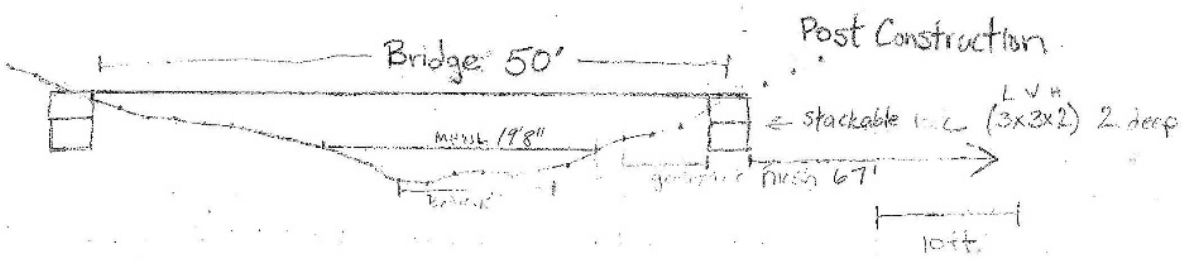
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50'x126" bridge on rock footers
Excavate and fill with stackable rock (2 deep 5 across)
6.67 cubic yards each side 13.34 cubic yards total
coverage (15x3) 45 square feet each side 90 ft² total







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