



October 9, 2025

**RE: Town of Penobscot Mill Creek Crossing Replacement Project
Bayview Road, Penobscot, ME
Notice of Public Informational Meeting & Notice of Intent to File**

Dear Neighboring Property Owner:

Please take notice that the Town of Penobscot (1 Southern Bay Road, Penobscot, Maine, 04476; clamchair@gmail.com; 207-326-8524) is intending to file Natural Resources Protection Act Tier 3 permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (the Department) pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-A thru 480-KK on or about October 24th, 2025 (anticipated filing date).

The application is for the replacement of a stone box culvert conveying Mill Creek (a.k.a. Mill Brook) under Route 175 (Bayview Road) in the Town of Penobscot. The project consists of installing a 16' span by 10' rise precast concrete box culvert, in addition to elevating the roadway through the crossing area to reduce coastal flooding risk. The culvert includes a Habitat Connectivity Design (HCD) stream-simulation 12-foot bankfull width channel with channel streambed material infill bottom, void-filled riprap channel banks, and wildlife passage shelves. This project aims to greatly improve climate resiliency, fish passage and wildlife connectivity at the crossing.

Representatives from VHB, the project's engineering team, will conduct a PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING on October 21, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM online over Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the proposed project, its anticipated environmental impacts, and the opportunity to submit written comments to the Department. Representatives from VHB will be available to explain the project and answer questions. Participants may access the meeting at the following URL link:

<https://bit.ly/mill-creek-pub-mtg> (note: if typing manually, use all lowercase)

If prompted:

Meeting ID: 892 8064 0302

Passcode: 537320

Via one-tap mobile:

+13017158592,,89280640302#

Via Direct Dial:

(301) 715-8592

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A request for a public hearing must be received by the Department in writing no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the application processing period.

For Federally licensed, permitted, or funded activities in the Coastal Zone, review of this application shall also constitute the State's consistency review in accordance with the Maine Coastal Program pursuant to Section 307 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1456.

The application will be filed for public inspection on the DEP's website at: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/mels/hub.html>.

Written public comments may be sent through the website. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Penobscot. Questions about the project may also be directed to Sean Hale, VHB 207-536-2588.