

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clean Water Act, Section 401 Certification Culvert Replacement on Skanee Road at Unnamed Tributary to Silver River

Baraga County Road Commission (BCRC) is proposing to complete a permanent culvert replacement on Skanee Road at a Silver River tributary. After a flash flooding event in 2025 the culvert was slip lined with a 60-inch diameter CMP pipe as a temporary emergency structure repair. BCRC is proposing replacing the existing culvert with a larger concrete box culvert. It is proposed that a temporary road and bypass culvert will be constructed to maintain traffic and stream flow during construction.

In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is evaluating the submitted materials to determine if there is a reasonable assurance- with conditions attached- that the activities associated with the Army Corps of Engineers' verification of the Nationwide Permit will be consistent with relevant water quality considerations.

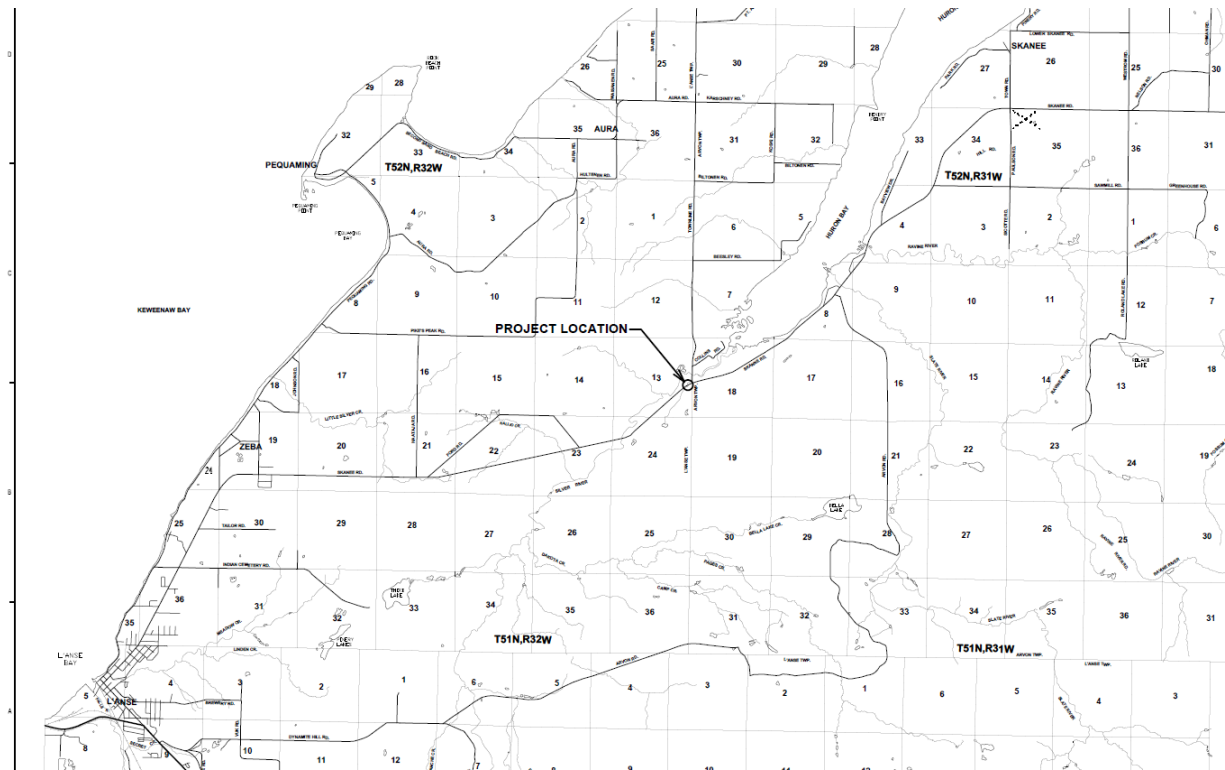
The Tribe seeks comments on CWA Section 401 Certification of the Army Corps' verification for this project. All comments are considered during the project review. The 30-day public comment period ends on 10/24/2026.

Project Summary

The existing structure is a 6-foot span by 5-foot rise 3-sided concrete culvert, which failed during a flash flood event in 2025. As an emergency repair, the culvert was slip lined with a 60-inch diameter CMP pipe and grouted in place. BCRC is now proposing permanently replacing the existing structure with a 14-foot span by 7-foot rise concrete box culvert with wingwalls and headwalls. The proposed culvert will span the entire bankfull width of the stream and provide increased hydraulic capacity to reduce the risk of flooding in the future. Riprap will be installed near the culvert inverts and on the bottom of the box culvert to promote site stability. The temporary bypass road will be constructed in wetlands on the south side of Skanee Road during construction. The temporary road will be constructed using sand and will have an aggregate surface and will be placed on geotextile fabric. The fill will be completely removed and the site will be fully restored once the work is complete. Silt fence will also be used to help minimize the total construction disturbance. Along with the temporary road a 36-inch diameter bypass culvert will be installed to maintain streamflow during construction.

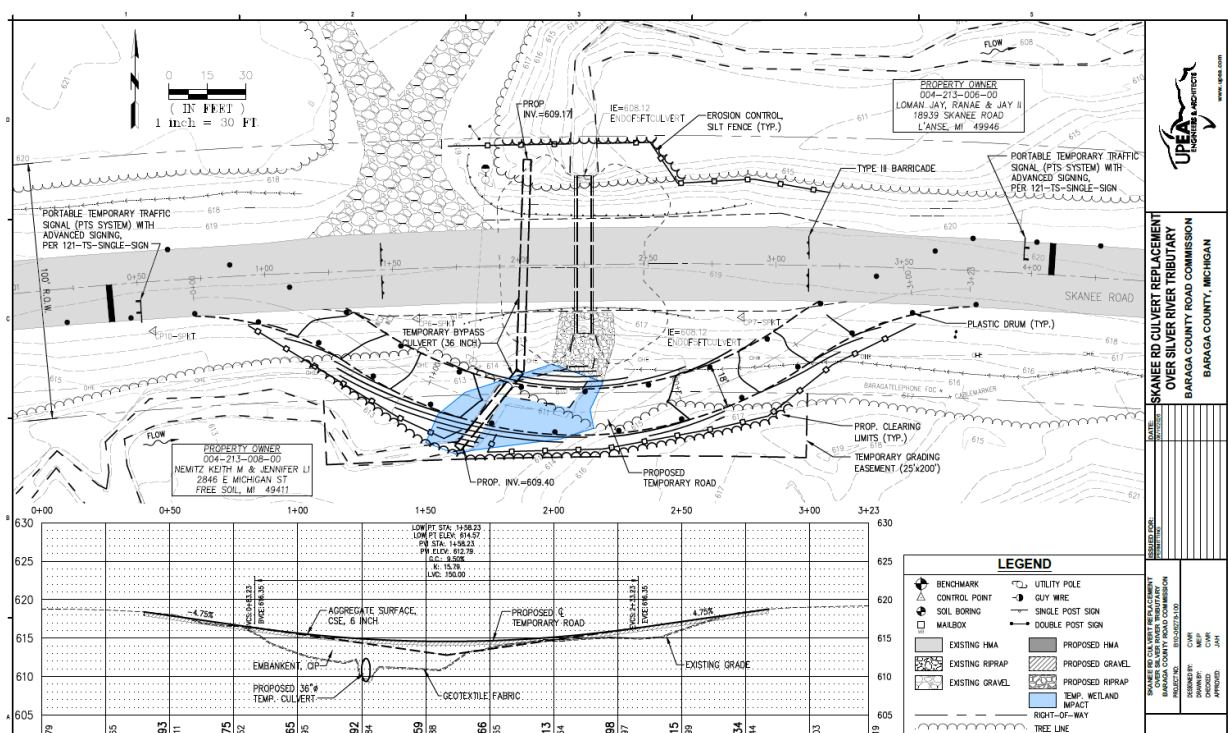
Project Details

Site Access: They will be accessing the project site via Skanee Rd.



Above: Project locator map.

Below: Project plan including temporary road and bypass culvert



Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Water Quality Specialist at (906)524-5757 ext. 4220. Written comments may be emailed or sent by US Mail to:

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Comment deadline is October 24, 2026