

# RETREAT AT AMHERST

## Intermittent Stream Crossing Evaluation

Crossing #1 (E) width is 10' +/-  
14' x 4' open Bottom

STD #1 OPEN BOTTOM BOX SPANS  
stream - ✓

STD #2 N/A - No Embedment Req'd. ✓

STD #3 CROSSING SPAN ✓

$$1.2 \times 10' = 12' \text{ USE } 14'$$

STD #4 Substrate will match existing ✓

STD #5 matches water depth &  
velocity of natural stream ✓

STD #6 Openness

$$\frac{4 \times 14'}{50} = 1.12' > 0.82' \quad \checkmark$$

STD #7 MATCH BANK ON  
BOTH SIDES OF CROSSING ✓

Crossing #2 (E) 5' wide

8' x 6' open bottom Box.

STD #1 open Bottom ✓

STD #2 N/A ✓

STD #3 SPAN  
1.2 x 5 = 6.0 ✓  
use 8'

STD #4 match substrate ✓

STD #5 matches water  
Depth & Velocity ✓

STD #6 openness ratio  
 $\frac{8' \times 6'}{50} = 0.96 \sim 0.82$  ✓

STD #7 Banks  
Match Banks on  
Both sides of the  
crossing ✓



Crossing #3 (E) 1.2' wide

24" culvert proposed

STD #1 open-bottom Not met

STD #2 Embedment  
Embed 25% or  
6-inches into existing  
Stream bed ✓

STD #3  $1.2 \times 1.2 = 1.44' < 2'$  ✓

STD #4 Substrate  
Culvert to be embedded  
into existing Stream  
bottom - substrate will  
fill in bottom of culvert ✓

STD #5 Once culvert bottom  
fills in the velocity  
and depth will match  
Natural ✓

STD #6 Openness Ratio  
 $24" = 3.142 / 50 = 0.062082'$  Not met  
Stream very small would need  
a 96" pipe to meet standard  
Not practical ✓

STD #7 Banks -  
to be matched ✓



Crossing #4 (E) 3' wide

48" culvert

STD #1 open bottom Not met ✓

STD #2 Embed Culvert  
25% or 12 inches  
into existing stream bed ✓

STD #3 SPAN  
1.2 x 3 = 3.6' use 4' ✓

STD #4 substitute  
culvert to be embedded  
12" into existing channel,  
substitute will fill in  
culvert bottom ✓

STD #5 once culvert bottom  
fills in the velocity  
and depth will  
match natural  
bottom ✓

STD #6 Openness Ratio  
 $48'' = \frac{12.567'}{50'} = 0.25' < 0.82'$  Not met ✓

Small stream would need a  
96-inch culvert to meet standard  
Not practical.

STD #7 BANKS to be matched. ✓



CROSSING #5 (E) 8' channel.

12'x4' Open Bottom Box Culvert.

STD#1 Open Bottom Culvert ✓

STD#2 Embed N/A ✓

STD#3 SPAN

1.2 x 8 = 9.6' use 12' ✓

STD#4 SUBSTRATE  
Open Bottom Culvert -  
Substrate to match  
Existing ✓

STD#5 Open Bottom Culvert  
velocity and depth  
to match Natural ✓

STD#6 Openness Ratio  
12'x4'

$\frac{48'}{50'} = 0.96 > 0.82$  ✓

STD#7 Banks to match ✓



Crossing # 6 (E) 2' wide  
36" culvert

STD #1 Open Bottom Culvert X  
not met

STD #2 Embed Culvert ✓  
25% or 9 inches  
into existing streambed

STD #3 SPAN ✓  
1.2 x 2 = 2.4' use 3'

STD #4 SUBSTRATE ✓  
Culvert to be embedded.  
9" into existing stream  
channel. Substrate will  
fill in culvert bottom

STD #5 One Culvert bottom ✓  
fills in the velocity  
and depth will match  
natural bottom

STD #6 Openness Ratio X  
not met  
 $\frac{7.07'}{50} = 0.14' < 0.82'$

Small stream would need  
96-inch pipe to meet std.  
Not practical ✓

STD #7 Banks will match ✓  
existing



6. Banks should be present on each side of the stream matching the horizontal profile of the existing stream and banks with sufficient headroom to provide dry passage for semi-aquatic and terrestrial wildlife

To prevent failure, all constructed banks should have a height-to-width ratio no greater than 1.5:1 (horizontal:vertical) unless the stream is naturally incised. Banks within the structure should generally align with the profile and cross section of banks upstream and downstream of the structure and should be stable during a 100-year storm event. The banks should be designed and constructed so as not to hinder wildlife use of the streambed and banks for passage.

### Standards Summary

	General Standards	Optimal Standard
#1 Structure Type	Open-bottom span preferred	Bridge
#2 Embedment	If a culvert, then it should be embedded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 2 feet for all culverts,</li> <li>• A minimum of 2 feet and at least 25 percent for round pipe culverts</li> <li>• When embedment material includes elements &gt; 15 inches in diameter, embedment depths should be at least twice the <math>D_{84}</math> of the embedment material</li> </ul>	NA
#3 Crossing Span	Minimum: 1.2 x bankfull width	Minimum: 1.2 x bankfull width
#4 Substrate	Matches stream substrate	Matches stream substrate
#5 Water Depth & Velocity	Matches water depth & velocity in natural stream over a range of flows	Matches water depth & velocity in natural stream over a range of flows
#6 Openness (& height)	Openness: 0.82 ft. (0.25 m)	Conditions that inhibit wildlife passage over road Openness: 2.46 ft. (0.75 m) Height: 8 ft. (2.4 m)  Otherwise Openness: 1.64 ft. (0.5 m) Height: 6 ft. (1.8 m)
#7 Banks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On both sides of the stream</li> <li>• Match the horizontal profile of the existing stream and banks</li> <li>• Constructed so as not to hinder use by riverine wildlife</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On both sides of the stream</li> <li>• Match the horizontal profile of the existing stream and banks</li> <li>• Constructed so as not to hinder use by wildlife</li> <li>• Sufficient headroom for wildlife</li> </ul>