

JUDGMENT ORDER

Natural Resources Board, )  
 Petitioner )  
 )  
 v. )  
 )  
 James Sullivan, )  
 Respondent )

Citation # 15EC00063

FINDINGS

A civil citation was filed on: March 16, 2015

FILED

MAR 25 2015

VERMONT  
SUPERIOR COURT  
ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

Respondent filed a response of

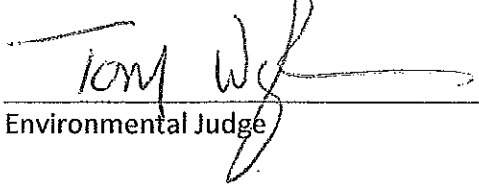
Admitted or

No contest

ORDER

Judgment is for the Natural Resources Board in the amount of \$495.00

Court received penalty payment of \$495.00 on [Click here to enter a date.](#)

  
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 Environmental Judge



Natural Resources Board
Civil Citation - 10 V.S.A. §8019

Respondent Full Name or Organization Name: James Sullivan Citation Number: 15EC00063 (Corrected)
Respondent Current Mailing Address: 4 Reed Road VC: NR109
City/Town: Newport State: VT Zip Code: 05855
Home Phone: Business Phone: 802-334-3032 Date of Birth: 8/15/1967 M [x] F [ ]

Respondent did commit the following acts in violation of Vermont Law, Statute, Rule, or Permit:

Violation Citation: Failure to maintain vegetative buffer as directed.
Violation Description: Violation of Condition 8 of Land Use Permit 7R1024-1. Failed to maintain 25-foot undisturbed vegetative buffer along stream.
Location of Violation: Newport Date Violation Observed/Occurred: 9/26/2014

Penalties: If you plead ADMITTED or NO CONTEST, you may pay the waiver amount instead of appearing in court. If you plead DENIED and the State proves the violation, the penalty must be within the penalty range plus any court costs.

Penalty Amounts: Minimum \$450 Maximum \$2,000
Assessed \$660 Waiver Amount \$495

Delivered to (Resp., Reg. Agent, or Corp. Officer):

Date Served: 2/5/2015 By Hand [ ] U.S. Mail [x] Investigator's Dept.: ANR [ ] NRB [x]

Issuing Investigator Printed Name: Aaron J. Brondyke

Investigator's Signature: [Signature]

Public Notice & Opportunity to Comment:

I certify that a draft of this civil citation has been posted for public notice and written comment for a period of 30 days [x]

Comments were received and are attached [ ] No comments were received [x]

Service Members Civil Relief Act Affidavit: Under oath, I state Respondent is NOT on active duty in the U.S. armed forces

because: Respondent is under 17 years of age [ ] Respondent is a Business [ ]

Respondent said he/she is not on active duty in the U.S. armed forces [x] Other: [ ]

Issuing Investigator Printed Name: Aaron J. Brondyke Investigator's Signature: [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn before me, Notary: [Signature] Date: 3/23/2015

State of Vermont, County: Lemoyne My Commission Expires: 02/10/19

Respondent's Plea to this Civil Citation

Mark ("X") your plea: Admitted [ ] No Contest [ ] Denied [ ]

Respondent or Corporate Officer Signature: Date:

Current Mailing Address:

City/Town: State: Zip Code:

Home Phone Business Phone

Deliver your plea in person or by mail to the Vermont Superior Court at:
Environmental Division
32 Cherry Street, 2nd Floor, Ste. 303
Burlington, VT 05401

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION- READ CAREFULLY**  
**KEEP THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE**

**BACKGROUND/ PROCEDURE**

You are charged with a civil violation within the jurisdiction of the Superior Court Environmental Division of Vermont pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Section 8019. The Environmental Division is designed to allow you to speak for yourself without an attorney, but you may hire an attorney at your own expense. The Environmental Division will not provide an attorney to you, and its staff will not provide legal advice to you.

If you plead "ADMITTED" or "NO CONTEST" to the alleged violation, then you may waive your right to appear in Court and may pay the waiver amount.

If you plead "DENIED" to the alleged violation, then you will be scheduled to appear in court at least once. A corporation must have an attorney or corporate officer (i.e. president, vice president) appear in Court. A minor should be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

The trial is a summary hearing without a jury. You and the State may offer testimony and exhibits into evidence. All witnesses must appear in person and testify truthfully under oath. Written statements usually are excluded from evidence.

The issuer of the citation will serve as the prosecutor unless an attorney for the state is present to prosecute the case. The judge will not discuss the case with you or the prosecutor, except in Court at a hearing. The judge does not have authority to issue a 'warning,' even when leniency is appropriate. The decision to issue a warning, rather than file a citation, rests with the prosecutor.

The burden of proof is on the State to prove the violation by a preponderance of the evidence, which means the violation is more likely to have occurred than not. If the State satisfies its burden of proof, then judgment will be entered against you. If the State fails to meet the burden of proof, the case will be dismissed.

Most decisions are delivered orally in Court at the end of the hearing, but some decisions are issued in writing and mailed to the parties. Occasionally, more than one hearing is required for the judge to reach a decision.

**PLEADING**

If you plead "ADMITTED" or "NO CONTEST": Mark your plea and sign at the bottom of the Citation. Deliver your plea to the Environmental Division within 15 days with payment of the WAIVER AMOUNT shown on the citation. Pay by check or money order in U.S. funds (make checks payable to SUPERIOR COURT ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION). Judgment will then be entered against you.

If you plead "DENIED": Mark your plea and sign at the bottom of the citation. Deliver your plea to the Environmental Division within 15 days. You will then be scheduled to appear in court.

**YOU MUST DELIVER a PLEA WITHIN 15 DAYS:** otherwise, a default judgment will be entered against you, and you will be liable for the ASSESSED AMOUNT.

**COPYING ALL PARTIES**

Any other pleading, letter, motion, or other correspondence sent to the Environmental Division related to a civil citation must also be sent to the Natural Resources Board. The Environmental Division intends to digitally scan all written correspondence, therefore letters and motions should be typed on white letter-size paper (8 1/2 in. by 11 in.) and signed in black or dark blue ink.

**FAILURE TO PAY AND/OR CORRECT THE VIOLATION**

If judgment is entered against you and you fail to pay the penalty amount, and/or fail to correct the subject violation, your ability to obtain or operate under any Agency of Natural Resources or Natural Resources Board permit may be affected, and additional enforcement action may be pursued.

**APPEARANCE BY THIRD PARTIES**

Under state law (10 V.S.A. Section 8020), a third party may file a request with the Environmental Division to be heard on the sufficiency of the civil citation. If a request is filed, and the Environmental Division decides to allow the third party to appear, you will be notified and given the opportunity to respond.

**ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

By issuing a civil citation, the issuing entity will not be able to seek an additional penalty for the violation specified in the citation if the waiver penalty is paid, judgment is entered after trial or appeal, or a default judgment is entered. However, the issuing entity may issue additional civil citations or take other enforcement action authorized by law when a violation is continuing or is repeated. It may also bring an enforcement action to obtain injunctive relief or remediation, and may recover the costs of bringing that action and any economic benefit obtained as a result of the underlying violation as authorized by law.

**Environmental Division**

The Vermont Superior Court is open Monday through Friday, except holidays, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Superior Court- Environmental Division  
32 Cherry Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ste. 303  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(802) 951-1740  
[www.vermontjudiciary.org](http://www.vermontjudiciary.org)

**Natural Resources Board**

The Natural Resources Board is open Monday through Friday, except holidays, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Natural Resources Board  
1 National Life Drive, Dewey Building  
Montpelier, VT 05620-3201  
(802) 828-3309  
<http://www.nrb.state.vt.us/lup/enforcement.htm>

