

Table 3-9
Delineated Wetlands Overhead Transmission Line

Wetland ID	Cowardin Classification ¹	NYS DEC Mapped Wetland ID	Location
OT1	PFO1	CV-1	Along railroad bed
OT2	PFO1	CV-1	Along railroad bed
OT3	PSS1	N/A	Along railroad bed and Kents Creek
OT4	PEM1/PSS1	N/A	Along railroad bed and Kents Creek
OT5	PFO1	N/A	Along railroad bed and Kents Creek
OT6	PFO1	N/A	Along railroad bed and Kents Creek
OT7	PSS1	N/A	Along railroad bed northwest of McWayne Road
OT8	PSS1	N/A	Along railroad bed northwest of McWayne Road
OT9	PFO1	U-4	Along railroad bed
OT10	PFO1	U-5	Along railroad bed
OT11	PUBH	N/A	Railroad bed
OT12	PUBH/PEM1	N/A	Golf course
OT13	R3/PEM1	N/A	Intersection of railroad bed and Three-mile Creek
OT14	R3/PSS1	N/A	½ mile southeast of Gibson Road
OT15	R3/PSS1	N/A	½ mile southeast of Gibson Road
OT16	R4/PSS1	N/A	700 feet northwest of County Route 8
OT17	R4/PSS1	N/A	700 feet northwest of County Route 8
OT18	R3/PSS1	N/A	Upstream of NY State Hwy 12E
OT19	PEM1	N/A	Along railroad bed
OT20	PFO1	N/A	Along railroad bed
OT21	R2OW	X-5	Chaumont River

¹ Cover Class Definition

- PFO1 – Palustrine forested wetland, broad-leaved deciduous
- PEM1 – Palustrine emergent wetland, persistent
- PSS2 – Palustrine scrub-shrub wetland, broad-leaved deciduous
- PUBH – Palustrine unconsolidated bottom, permanently flooded
- OW - Open Water
- R2 - Riverine, lower perennial
- R3 – Riverine, upper perennial
- R4 – Riverine, intermittent

Although wetland impacts will be avoided if practicable, any clearing through forested wetlands could result in a change from tree species to shrub and herbaceous vegetation. Non-forested wetlands within the proposed overhead transmission line right-of-way consist of emergent and scrub-shrub wetlands. Impacts to non-forested wetlands are expected to be short term and vegetation is expected to return to pre-construction conditions in one to two growing seasons.

The NYSDEC considers the conversion of forested wetlands to non-forested wetlands a permanent change in wetland vegetation composition. While this conversion from one cover class to another does not constitute a net loss of wetlands, it may alter the structure and function