



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

April 5, 2007

Sakonnet Vineyards, LLC
Earl Samson
c/o Leary & Holland
1340 Main Road
Tiverton, RI 02878

Re: Application No. 07-0080 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 3,000 feet east of West Main Road, and approximately 1,500 feet north of the intersection of West Main Road and Peckham Road, Assessor's Plat 22, Lots 1-3 & 1-4, Little Compton, RI

Dear Mr. Samson:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed four (4) single family dwellings with associated gravel driveways, wells, septic systems, gravel access roads and associated site alterations as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. The site plans referenced by this letter and on file with this Program were received on February 23, 2007.

Our inspection reveals that freshwater wetlands regulated by the DEM are present on or in close proximity to the subject property. Review of your proposed project, however, reveals that this project does not represent an alteration to these freshwater wetlands. It is our determination therefore that a permit for this project pursuant to the Freshwater Wetland Act (Rhode Island General Law Section 2-1-18 et seq.) or the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act is not required. This Determination is **specific to the proposed site alterations illustrated and detailed on site plans on file with this Program** and is further predicated on the following:

1. Adequate measures are employed during and after site alterations to control soil erosion and to prevent any sediment from such erosion being deposited in any freshwater wetlands. You should consult the Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook for appropriate methods to control erosion and prevent sediment from leaving your project site.
2. This determination does not authorize you to modify your project in such a way as to result in the following:
 - a. An increase in the rate and/or volume of surface water runoff flowing into, or draining or diverting from these wetlands; or
 - b. A diversion of groundwater into or away from these wetlands; or

- c. A modification to the quality of water reaching these wetlands, which could change their natural character.
3. This Program has made specific revisions to the reviewed site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the reviewed plan. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions. The Limits of Disturbance have been extended to enclose all work proposed.
4. Please note, all new access roads, driveways, and existing access roads are to be gravel surfaces only. Any future proposed paving would require a new wetland application for a Preliminary Determination.

Please note that this Determination is specific to this proposed project as illustrated on the reviewed site plans, is valid for a limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue, and does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law.

Modification to your project, which would result in an alteration or allowing your project to result in an alteration to freshwater wetlands, requires a permit from this Program. Unauthorized alterations to freshwater wetlands are subject to enforcement action.

Enclosed please find one (1) copy of your site plans stamped REVIEWED by this Program. Please contact Shawna Holdredge of this Office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7427) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Freeman

Nancy L. Freeman, Senior Environmental Scientist
Freshwater Wetlands Program
Office of Water Resources
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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

xc: Gareth Eames, Little Compton Building Official
William F. Smith, Civil Engineering Concepts, Inc.
Scott P. Rabideau, Natural Resource Services, Inc.