



CERTIFIED MAIL

April 8, 2008

Joseph and Jean Richard
11 Waterman Farm Road
Cumberland, RI 02864

PERMIT TO ALTER FRESHWATER WETLANDS

Re: Application No. 07-0255 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 120 feet west of Waterman Farm Road, and approximately 900 feet south of the intersection of Waterman Farm Road and Bear Hill Road, Assessor's Plat 17, Lot 148, Cumberland, RI.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Richard:

The Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Application to Alter a Freshwater Wetland** regarding the proposed installation of plantings on a residential lot already containing a single family dwelling with associated deck, driveway, utilities, and landscaping as described and detailed in the material and information submitted in support of your application and on site plans received by the DEM on September 10, 2007. These site plans describing the project were made available for public comment as part of the forty-five (45) day public notice period required in accordance with the Freshwater Wetlands Act (R.I. General Laws (R.I.G.L.) Section 2-1-18 et seq.) and the procedures set forth in Rule 9.05 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act (Rules).

The Program did not receive any written comments relating to this application during the public notice period.

Pursuant to the Program's review and evaluation of your application including all supporting information and material, as well as the record to date, the Program has determined that this project does not represent a random, unnecessary or undesirable alteration of freshwater wetlands. Therefore, this Program hereby issues this permit to alter freshwater wetlands **subject to all controlling Rules and the Terms and Conditions set forth herein.**

Permit Terms and Conditions for Application No. 07-0255:

1. This letter is the DEM's permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) Section 2-1-18 et seq.
2. This permit is specifically limited to the project, site alterations and limits of disturbance as detailed on the site plans submitted with your application and received by the DEM on September 10, 2007. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the project which would alter freshwater wetlands are not authorized without a permit from the DEM.
3. Where the terms and conditions of the permit conflict with the approved site plans, these terms and conditions shall be deemed to supersede the site plans.
4. You must notify this Program in writing immediately prior to the commencement of site alterations and upon completion of the project.
5. A copy of the stamped approved site plans and a copy of this permit must be kept at the site at all times during site preparation, construction, and final stabilization. Copies of this permit and the stamped approved plans must be made available for review by any DEM representative upon request.
6. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of Cumberland and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this permit was recorded.
7. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires one (1) year from the effective date unless renewed pursuant to Rule 11.02.
8. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any freshwater wetland.
9. Prior to commencement of site alterations, you shall erect or post a sign resistant to the weather and at least twelve (12) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches long, which boldly identifies the initials "DEM" and the application number of this permit. This sign must be maintained at the site in a conspicuous location until such time that the project is complete or the DEM issues a Notice of Completion of Work for the project.
10. You are responsible for the proper operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, facilities, and systems of treatment and control that are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent wetlands.
11. You are obligated to install, utilize and follow all best management practices detailed or described on the approved site plans in the construction of the project to minimize or prevent adverse impacts to any adjacent freshwater wetlands and the functions and values provided by such wetlands.

12. All plantings of shrubs, trees or other forms of vegetation as shown or detailed on the approved plans, or detailed in this permit, must be installed as soon as possible; weather and season permitting. You must notify this Program in writing upon completion of the required plantings for a compliance inspection by a Program representative.
13. Buffer zone plantings of proposed trees and/or shrubs, except for necessary replacement, must be allowed to develop naturally without being subjected to mowing or manicuring, except as may be necessary to facilitate the growth of the proposed plantings.
14. Any plantings which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season.

This permit is valid for the original applicant only and is not transferable to another person unless the new owner completes and submits an **Application for Permit Transfer** in accordance with Rule 11.04.

You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit and to carry out this project in compliance with the Rules at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action against you by the DEM.

In permitting the proposed alterations, the Program assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction. This permit does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state, or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law and does not relieve you from any duties owed to adjacent landowners with specific reference to any changes in drainage.

If you are aggrieved by this decision, you may, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this letter, request an adjudicatory hearing in writing. This request must be sent directly to the DEM Administrative Adjudication Division ("AAD"), 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908. A copy of the request should also be forwarded to this Program and to the Office of Legal Services, at the same address. Your written request for an adjudicatory hearing must be timely filed and should conform to the requirements of Rule 7.00(b) of the "Administrative Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Department of Environmental Management Administrative Adjudication Division for Environmental Matters", (AAD Rules). AAD Rule 7.00(b) provides:

"The request for hearing shall state clearly and concisely the specific issues which are in dispute and the facts in support thereof, the relief sought if any, the license or permit sought or involved and any additional information required by applicable statutes and regulations."

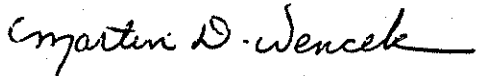
The written request must be accompanied by an adjudicatory hearing fee of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); in the form of a certified bank check or money order made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer; however, in the event that the cost of the hearing exceeds the fee paid, the Program through the AAD will require an additional fee which the applicant must submit prior to the DEM's issuance of any final decision regarding this application. The adjudicatory hearing will be held before a Hearing Officer from the AAD. Such hearing will be held in compliance with the AAD Rules, Chapter 42-35-1 *et seq.* of the R.I.G.L., and other governing laws, rules, and regulations adopted by the DEM. Please note that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel in any proceeding which may be held in this matter.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me or Jane Kelly of my staff at this office (telephone: 401-222-6820).

Sincerely,



Martin D. Wencek, Permitting Supervisor
Office of Water Resources/Permitting Section
Freshwater Wetlands Program

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Enclosure: Approved Site Plans

xc: Kathleen Lanphear, Chief, Administrative Adjudication Division
Harold K. Ellis, Enforcement Supervisor, Office of Compliance and Inspection
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