



RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

June 11, 2008

Christian Brothers Novitiate  
Attn: Br. Edmond Precourt, FSC  
635 Ocean Road  
Narragansett, RI 02882

Re: Application No. 07-0475 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 2,000 feet west of Ocean Road near Utility Pole No. 110 (at 635 Ocean Road), and approximately 2,700 feet northwest of its intersection with Clarke Road, Assessor's Plat Z, Lots 5, 5A, & 6, Narragansett, RI

Dear Br. Precourt:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Request to verify the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands**. This review included an inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") as described by the site plans submitted with your application and received on March 17, 2008.

Based upon the Program's observations and review, it is our determination that freshwater wetlands are present on or are in close proximity to the subject property. These freshwater wetlands are regulated by this Department and include at least the following types:

- Swamp-Marsh Wetland Complex (A, E, and B series flags)
- Perimeter wetland (that area of land within 50 feet of the edge of any bog, marsh, swamp, or pond)
- 3 Forested wetlands (C, D, and F series flags)
- At least 5 Streams/intermittent streams (all unnamed)
- 1 River (unnamed, crosses a cart path near flags A42 and B37)
- Riverbank wetland (the area of land within 100 feet of the edge of any flowing body of water less than 10 feet in width during normal flow)
- Area subject to storm flowage
- Floodplain (associated with the river and all intermittent streams)

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on-site. It is our determination that those wetland edges delineated on-site are substantially accurate. Corrections and/or modifications to the delineated edge are required, however, which include the following:

- A finger of wetland is present between flags A125 and A126, extending at least thirty feet (30') southeast of A125. A flag should be depicted thirty feet (30') south-southeast of flag A125 and connected with flags A125 and A126.

- Wetland E is contiguous to Wetland B. This connection should be depicted as follows: move flag E10 five feet (5') southeast (due to the presence of a water filled channel), locate a new flag approximately fifteen feet (15') southeast of flag B69, and connect it both with flag B69 and the new location of flag E10. Delete the connection between flags E1 and E10 as well as B70 and B71; locate two new flags, one located between B70 and B71 and one located between E1 and E10. These two new flags will be connected respectively to flags B71 and E1, and to each other. Surface water flows from the portion of swamp to the west over a gravel path with wetland sedges and rushes growing in the sand and gravel in the path into the portion of wetland delineated by the E series flags.
- A 50-foot perimeter wetland applies to the edge of the E series flags.
- At least five intermittent streams and one river were observed onsite. These watercourses and their associated riverbank wetlands should be depicted in future site plan submissions.

This letter does not constitute an approval or permit for any proposed project on the subject property. Pursuant to Section 2-1-21(a) of the Freshwater Wetlands Act and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act (Rules) a permit is required from this Program prior to the commencement of any activity which impacts or alters freshwater wetlands

This Program assumes that the edges of freshwater wetlands, as flagged or marked on site, have been accurately surveyed and portrayed on site plans submitted in support of your application. This Program makes no guarantee or representation that such survey is accurate.

In addition, you should note that freshwater wetlands are present on this property that may be regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended 33 U.S.C. 1344). Accordingly, a permit may be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for alteration of these wetland areas.

In accordance with Rule 8.03(H) of the Rules, this verification of the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands is valid for a limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue.

Please contact Kate McPherson of this Office telephone: (401-222-6820, ext. 7732) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Freshwater Wetlands Program  
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