



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

March 31, 2008

Maria Guglielmo
40 Watch Hill Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02893

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

Re: Application No. 08-0007 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 100 feet south of Watch Hill Drive at House Number 40 and approximately 200 feet southeast of its intersection with Signal Ridge Way, Assessor's Plat 12C, Lot 286, East Greenwich, RI.

Dear Ms. Guglielmo:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Request for Preliminary Determination** application. This review included a site inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") and an evaluation of the proposed native swamp garden and associated landscaping as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received on March 4, 2008.

Our observations of the subject property, review of the site plans and evaluation of the proposed project reveals that alterations of freshwater wetlands are proposed. However, pursuant to Rule 9.00 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Fresh Water Wetlands Act (Rules), this project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Application No. 08-0007:

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 on March 4, 2008. 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 or City/Town 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 East Greenwich 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 four (4) years from the date of issue unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
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.
10. Temporary erosion and sediment controls detailed or described on the approved site plans shall be properly installed at the site prior to or commensurate with site alterations. Such controls shall be properly maintained, replaced, supplemented, or modified as necessary throughout the life of this project to minimize soil erosion and to prevent sediment from being deposited in any wetlands not subject to disturbance under this permit (See Condition No.15(c) below).
11. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of silt fence must be removed.
12. 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.
13. All plantings of shrubs, trees as shown or detailed on the approved plans within 10 feet of the limit of disturbance depicted on the site plans, which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced. This portion of the proposed garden is to be planted in part to help restore the perimeter and riverbank wetland buffer zones. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season.
14. The area between the approximate wetland edge and the limit of disturbance must be allowed to develop naturally without being subjected to mowing, mulching or manicuring.
15. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions, which include the following:
 - a) A temporary limit of disturbance (LOD) has been redlined onto the site plan to enclose temporary work associated with the removal of four junipers.

- b) The area west of the swamp garden and south of the play structure cross-hatched in red must be allowed to revert to a natural state without further mowing or manicuring to minimize impacts associated with previous unauthorized alterations.
- c) Erosion controls must be installed within the approved LOD as needed to prevent sedimentation-laden runoff from entering the down slope receiving wetlands (see-Condition No. 10 above).

Pursuant to the provisions in Rule 7.09 and Rule 11.04, as applicable, any properly recorded and valid permit is automatically transferred to the new owner upon sale of the property

Kindly be advised that this permit is not equivalent to a determination of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on the subject property. Should you wish to obtain such verification, you may submit an application in accordance with Rule 8.03.

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 by this Department and/or subject you to the enforcement provisions of the Corps' regulations.

In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM 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.

Please contact me (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7408) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Freeman

Nancy Freeman, Senior Environmental Scientist
Office of Water Resources
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Enclosure: Approved site plans
 RI Programmatic General Permit

xc: Charles Carberry, RLA, CleanScape, Inc.
 Scott P. Rabideau, Natural Resource Services, Inc.
 Wayne R. Pimental, East Greenwich Building Official