



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

April 29, 2009

Town of Narragansett
Attn: Jeffry Ceasrine, Town Manager
25 Fifth Avenue
Narragansett, RI 02880

Re: Application No. 08-0373 in reference to property located:

Approximately 50 feet south of Westmoreland Street, and approximately 1,600 feet east southeast of the intersection with Old Point Judith Road, Utility Pole No. 48, Assessor's Plat P, Lot 295, Narragansett, RI

Dear Mr. Ceasrine:

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 December 4, 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 Program and include at least the following types:

- Swamp
- 50-foot Perimeter Wetland
- Forested Wetlands (at least 2)

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on-site. It is our determination that the wetland edge delineated on-site is only partially accurate. This wetland edge has been shown on the site plan submitted with your application and is referenced as wetland flags A-100, A-103 through A-123, and A-147 through A-138. These flags delineate the edge of a swamp. Corrections and/or modifications to the delineated edge are required which include the following:

- Remove flag A-107 and connect flag A-106 to flag A-108.
- Move flag A-111 fifteen feet (15') west.
- Move flag A-113 fifteen feet (15') west.
- Remove flag A-114.
- Move flag A-115 forty feet (40') west.
- Move flag A-116 fifteen feet (15') west.

Please note that our inspection of the subject property has revealed the presence of other freshwater wetlands not specifically delineated by you. Additional wetlands include at least two forested

wetlands (north and south of the existing storage barn access road), and an additional swamp edge west of the storage barn, and additional swamp edge south/east of the storage barn with associated perimeter wetland. Therefore, you should not infer that any verification of wetland edges carried out by this Department to date represents a determination that this is the extent of all wetlands on your property. **The Department has verified only those edges delineated and shown by you on-site and on site plans submitted with your application and as qualified in this letter.** Should you wish to verify the edge of these additional wetlands, a new application will be required

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 Shawna Holdredge (401-222-6820, ext. 7427) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Freeman

Nancy L. Freeman, Senior Environmental Scientist
Office of Water Resources
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xc: Joe Klinger, Principal Environmental Scientist, Ecotones, Inc.
Diane Johnson, P.E., Assistant Town Engineer, Town of Narragansett
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