



RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

March 28, 2012

Michael and Cathy Stengel  
23 Clover Court  
Cumberland, RI 02864

**Insignificant Alteration - Permit**

Re: Application No. 11-0140 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 80 feet south of Clover Court, approximately 580 feet southeast of the intersection of Clover Court and Howard Road, Assessors Plat 23, Lot 215, Cumberland, RI.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stengel:

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 expansion of your existing yard including installation of trees and shrubs to act as a vegetative screen between the existing dwelling and adjacent wetland areas as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received on March 8, 2012.

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. 11-0140:

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 March 8, 2012. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the project that 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 (see condition number 13 below).

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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. In accordance with recent legislation, this permit expires on July 1, 2017.
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.
11. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of hay bales and/or 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, until such time that you document that this responsibility has been assumed by another person or organization.
13. 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 after completion of final grading; 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.** Please note that you can consider installing the row of white pines saplings behind the row of rosebay rhododendron shrubs, provided that the height and spacing requirements and planting location shown on the approved site plan are met. Choosing to reverse the installation of the white pine trees with the rhododendron shrubs may be more beneficial to you by diminishing potential encroachment into the lawn area by the white pine trees. Reversing the two plant species could also give your yard a more balanced look from a landscape perspective.

14. Plantings of trees and/or shrubs proposed between the project and any adjacent freshwater wetland areas, except for necessary replacement, must be allowed to **develop naturally without being subjected to mowing or manicuring.** Please note that the approved limit of disturbance for this specific proposal shall be considered the approved limit of the "proposed lawn" up to the edge of the proposed white pine trees and rhododendron shrubs.

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.

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.

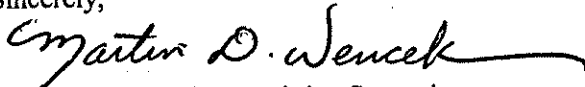
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

**Kindly be advised that this permit is not equivalent to a verification of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on site. Should you wish to have the types and extent of freshwater wetlands verified, you may submit the appropriate application in accordance with Rule 8.03.**

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 Claire Swift of this office (telephone: 401-222-6820 x 7418) should you have any questions regarding this letter and good luck with your project.

Sincerely,



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

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

xc: Neil Hall, Cumberland Building Official  
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