



RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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February 10, 2012

Sarah B. Desjardins, Ann B. Moses & Richard W. Bullock  
c/o Sarah B. Desjardins  
45 Howland Rd  
Westport, MA 02790

Re: Application No. 12-0001 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 500 feet west of Westport Harbor Road/Old Harbor Road (in Westport, MA), and approximately 1900 feet south of the intersection with Main Street (RI Route 179), Utility Pole No. 40-1-10, Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 46-2, Little Compton, RI

Dear Ms. Desjardins, Ms. Moses, and Mr. Bullock:

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 January 4, 2012.

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:

- Shrub Wetland (a Special Aquatic Site is present within the Shrub Wetland)
- Areas Subject to Storm Flowage (ASSF)
- Area Subject to Flooding (ASF)

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on-site. It is our determination that the wetland edges delineated on-site are accurate. The wetland edges have been shown on the site plan submitted with your application and are referenced as wetland flags WF A-2 through A-4, and ASF B-1 through B-8. The wetland edge flags delineate the edge of a shrub wetland (A-series) and an ASF (B-series). Flags ASSF-1 through ASSF-9 appear to represent the centerline of the ASSF. Corrections and/or modifications to the delineated edge are required which include the following:

- Remove Flags B-1 and B-8 and connect Flag B-2 to B-7.

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 any additional wetlands, an additional application will be required. Please note that it appears that a small portion of 100-foot riverbank wetland associated with an off-site stream channel might encroach onto the subject lot near the property corner east of Flags A-5 and A-6. Since this wetland was off-site, a determination was not made under this review.

**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 B. Smith (401-222-6820, ext. 7427) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

*Nancy L. Freeman*

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