



RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

February 8, 2013

RIDEM-Division of Fish & Wildlife  
Attn: Catherine A. Sparks, Chief  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02857

Re: Application No. 13-0015 in reference to the location below:

Northwest of Main Street, northeast of its intersection with its intersection with High Street, Assessor's Plat 56-3, Lot 58, at the Main Street Dam on the Saugatucket River (RI Dam #425), South Kingstown, RI

Dear Ms. Sparks:

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 fishway improvements, fish diversions, and associated dam repairs as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received on January 29, 2013.

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. All proposed alterations are exempt from obtaining a permit pursuant to Rules 6.13 and 6.19 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Fresh Water Wetlands Act ("Rules") except that the property is not owned by the Department. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 9.00 of the, this project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Application No. 13-0015:

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 January 29, 2013. 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 Town representative upon request.
6. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-17.1- 2.5 this permit is subject to tolling and shall be valid until July 1, 2017 unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
7. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any freshwater wetland.
8. 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.
6. 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 sandbag dams or silt fencing 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.

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 the Rules.

**This Permit also constitutes your authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the work proposed. (General Permit No. NAE-2011-2402), (RI GP). You can view this permit at [http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/SGP/RI\\_PGP.pdf](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/SGP/RI_PGP.pdf). You are, therefore, not required to file a separate application with the Corps.**

Please note that the General Conditions within the RI GP apply to all activities authorized under the RI GP. Please review them carefully to thoroughly familiarize yourself with their contents. You may wish to discuss all permit conditions with your contractor to ensure that the work can be accomplished in a manner which conforms to all requirements.

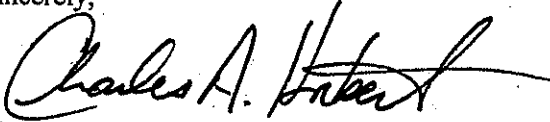
You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit and to carry out this project in compliance with the Rules at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action by this Department.

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

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.7402) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Horbert, program Supervisor  
Office of Water Resources  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
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Enclosure:      Approved site plans

xc:      Russell J. Chateaufeuf, Chief of Groundwater & Freshwater Wetlands  
         Paul Guglielmino, DEM Office of Compliance & Inspection, Dam Safety Office  
         Michael Elliott, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District  
         Paul Schock, South Kingstown Director of Public Services  
         James Turek, NOAA Restoration Center  
         Phil Edwards, DEM Fish & Wildlife