



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

December 12, 2013

Stephen Vadenais
65 Pine Swamp Road
Cumberland, RI 06864

Insignificant Alteration - Permit

Re: Wetlands Application No. 13-0160, RIPDES No. RIR101092 and, UIC No. 001587 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 340 feet south of Pine Swamp Road (RI Route 114), Utility Pole No. 145, approximately 1000 feet west the intersection of West Wrentham Road and Pine Swamp Road (RI Route 114), Assessor's Plat 50, Lot 13, Cumberland, RI.

Dear Mr. Vadenais:

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 farm and garden retail center with retail building and attached greenhouse, two additional greenhouses, paved and gravel parking and driveway access, private well, underground cisterns, stormwater management system, utilities, and landscaping, as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received on September 17, 2013 and November 22, 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. This application review has also included review of any stormwater infiltration systems subject to the RI DEM "Rules for the Discharge of Non-Sanitary Wastewater and Other Fluid To or Below the Ground Surface. 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. 13-0160:

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 September 17, 2013 and November 22, 2013. 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.
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. This permit expires on July 1, 2019.
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 responsible for the proper operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, facilities, and systems of treatment and control that are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent wetlands.
13. 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.

14. 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.
15. Buffer zone 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.
16. Artificial lighting authorized by this permit must be directed away from all vegetated wetland areas. Where this is not possible, the use of deflectors to concentrate lighting away from vegetated wetlands shall be employed.
17. You must provide written certification from a registered land surveyor or registered professional engineer that the stormwater drainage system including any and all basins, piping systems, catch basins, culverts, swales and any other stormwater management control features have been constructed/installed in accordance with the site plans approved by this permit. This written certification must be submitted to this Program within twenty (20) days of its request or upon completion of the project.
18. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. **Specifically, site plans have been renumbered consecutively as 1 of 15 through 15.**

Additionally, the Program has reviewed this project in accordance with the standards of the RIPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharge Associated with Construction Activity ("CGP"). Construction Activities which disturb one (1) or more acres of land and where storm water runoff is directed, via a point source, into a separate storm sewer system or into the waters of the State, are required to seek coverage under the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) storm water permit. Our review has determined that the project has been designed to meet the requirements of the 2013 GP. This determination therefore includes your final authorization to discharge storm water associated with construction activity under the CGP. For future references and inquiry, your permit authorization number is RIPDES No. RIR101092.

Both the owner and the contractor retained to undertake the construction activity are required to comply with all terms and conditions of the CGP. This includes maintaining the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (SESC) Plan, performing the required inspections and maintenance of the selected Best Management Practices (BMPs), and retaining inspection records. Further information on the requirements of the CGP are available at:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/water/ripdesca.pdf>.

Please be aware that the RIDEM's Rules and Regulations Governing the Establishment of Various Fees require that RIPDES CGP permit holders to pay an Annual Fee of \$100.00. An invoice will be sent to the owner of record in May/June of each year if the construction was still active as of December 31st of the previous year. The owner will be responsible for the Annual Fee until the construction activity has been completed, the site has been properly stabilized, and a completed Notice of Termination (NOT) has been

received by the RIPDES Program. A copy of the NOT can be found attached to the CGP on the web page referenced 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.

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.

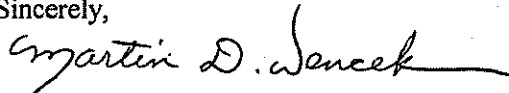
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

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.

Sincerely,



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

MDW/CVS/cvs

Enclosure: Approved site plans

xc: Tracy Peña, DEM, RIPDES Program
Ernie Panciera, DEM, UIC Program
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Re: Northland Garden Center; Wetlands Application No. 13-0160, RIPDES No. RIR101092 and, corrected UIC No. 001587

Dear Mr. Vadenais,

Please be advised that the UIC Program file number on the original Wetlands Permit issued to you on December 12, 2013 is in error and a corrected permit has been printed for you. The original wetlands permit incorrectly stated that the UIC Program file number was 1576. The enclosed revised permit now contains the correct UIC Program file number. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. Please call me at the Wetlands Program if you have any questions regarding this letter or the aforementioned permit.

Good luck with your project and future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin D. Wencek".

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

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