



RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

November 22, 2013

Robert Jensen  
9 Old Jenckes Hill Road  
Lincoln, RI 02865

**Insignificant Alteration – Permit**

Re: Application No. 13-0188 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 75 feet south of Bear Hill Road at Utility Pole No. 23 and approximately 125 feet east of its intersection with Hines Road, Assessor's Plat 17, Lot 175, Cumberland, RI.

Dear Mr. Jensen:

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 construction of a single-family dwelling, crushed stone driveway, utility connections, rain garden installation with grading and landscaping as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received on November 12, 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. 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. 13-0188:

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 November 12, 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



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 July 1, 2019 unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
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. Also prior to commencement of any site alterations, permanent buffer zone markers must be installed along the limit of disturbance at the locations indicated in red-ink on the approved site plans, in order to provide permanent reference points on site that are clear to present and future property owners. It appears that at least one marker and possibly two were installed offsite just over the property boundary. Please relocate (if necessary) any markers that were placed off-site to the revised locations indicated on the site plan in red. Acceptable permanent type markers include 4" x 4" pressure treated timber posts, galvanized fence posts with cap, or granite or concrete bounds. Markers must extend a minimum 24" above grade. **A permanent-type tag or sign labeled "RIDEM Buffer Zone" must be placed on each marker.** Although the installed galvanized pipes are appropriate, the "signage" observed appears temporary. Please replace accordingly. A permanent-type fence at least 24" tall placed along the limits of disturbance and similarly labeled may be substituted where desired. **No alterations of any kind are permitted beyond these markers without first obtaining the necessary permit from this Program.**
11. 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.
12. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of silt fence must be removed.
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.
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. Any plantings which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season. 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. If desired, RIDEM authorizes construction of a small deck or patio on the property without the need to submit another application to this Program, with the provision that all construction takes place entirely within the approved limits of disturbance and that any structure must not interfere in any way with the required trees or rain gardens.
17. Kindly be advised that trash and assorted debris is noted to be present on the property beyond the limit of disturbance. Removal of trash and debris beyond the limit of disturbance within freshwater wetlands may be undertaken only within the limits allowed pursuant to Rule 6.01 and 6.03(K).
18. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions. Specifically, for clarity, the permanent limit of disturbance has been revised in red to coincide with the property line (and not the silt fence line, which extends onto the abutting property).
19. Any disturbed soils that are not able to be stabilized prior to the onset of winter, must be mulched (with straw) appropriately over the winter months.

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 Rule 8.03.

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 of this office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7408) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

*Nancy L. Freeman*

Nancy L. Freeman, Senior Environmental Scientist  
Office of Water Resources  
Freshwater Wetlands Program

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

xc: Neil J. Hall, Cumberland Building Official  
Charee M. Jackson, PE, Jackson Surveying, Inc.