



RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

April 11, 2014

Providence Redevelopment Agency  
c/o Donald Gralnek, Executive Director  
444 Westminster Street, Suite 3A  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Application No. 14-0030 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 570 feet northwest of Houghton Street, NET & CO Utility Pole #6; approximately 560 feet north of the intersection of Burton and Wild Streets; Assessor's Plat 78, Lots 373 and 393, Providence, RI.

Dear Mr. Gralnek:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Request to Verify Delineated Edge of 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 February 18, 2014.

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 Department and include at least the following types:

- 2 forested wetlands
- 1 Area subject to storm flowage (ASSF)
- 1 Pond (Whipple's Pond)/Swamp
- 1 Perimeter wetland (that area of land within 50 feet of the edge of any bog, marsh, swamp, or pond)
- 1 River (West River, which is comprised of two separate channels)
- Riverbanks (the area of land within 100 feet of the edge of any flowing body of water less than 10 feet wide and/or the area of land within 200 feet of the edge of any flowing body of water greater than or equal to 10 feet in width)
- Flood plain (associated with West River)

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on site and as specifically requested for verification (i.e., flags A100 to A110, B100 to B102, C1 to C24, C100 to C106, CL4 to CL8, D1 to D28, and D100 to D119). It is our determination that these wetland edges delineated by you and specifically requested for verification are accurate with the following corrections/modifications/comments:

- 1) relocate flag D108 10 feet to the west;
- 2) relocate flag D109 10 feet to the south;
- 3) relocate flag D114 10 feet to the southwest;
- 4) relocate flag D115 12 feet to the south;
- 5) relocate flag D117 10 feet to the south-southwest;



- 6) relocate flag D118 15 feet to the south; and
- 7) relocate flag D119 8 feet to the south.

Wetland edge flags A100 through A109 demarcate the edge of a forested wetland.

The channel delineated by centerline flags B100 through B102 is not considered a wetland.

Wetland edge flags C103 to C104 demarcate the edge of a forested wetland.

The channel delineated by centerline flags CL4 through CL8 is considered an area subject to storm flowage (ASSF).

Flags C1 through C24 and D1 through D28 encompass two channels of a river (West River).

Please be advised that none of the water courses (e.g., river channels, area subject to storm flowage) edges/centerline (including requested flags C1 through C24, D1 through D28, and CL4 through CL8) and the edges of the flood plain depicted on the site plan have been verified, as part of this review.

Riverbank width, particularly for the river channel encompassed by flags C1 through C24 and D1 through D16 must be determined in accordance with the method established in Appendix 2(D)2 of the Wetland Rules. The riverbank wetland width for the river channel encompassed by flags A22, B1 through B21 and D16 through D28 is 200 feet.

Wetland edge flags D102 to D119 demarcate the edge of a pond/swamp as modified above. Note, flags D100 and D101 were not found on the subject site and are not depicted on the site plan.

Also, be advised that wetland edge flags A110, C100, C102, C105, and C106 have not been verified as part of this review, since they are located off the subject property.

**You should not infer that any verification of wetland edges carried out by this Program to date represents a determination that this is the extent of all wetlands on your property. This Program has verified only those edges marked by you on site and depicted on site plans submitted with your application and as qualified in this letter.**

**This Program did not undertake an inspection of other areas of this property to determine the presence of any additional freshwater wetlands.**

This Program assumes that the edges of the 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.

**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**

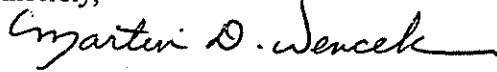
In accordance with Rule 8.03(H) of the Rules, this verification of the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands is valid for a limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue.

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Please contact Daniel M. Kowal (401-222-4700, ext. 7416) of this Office should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Freshwater Wetlands Program  
Office of Water Resources

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