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RE: Application No. 14-0209 in reference to the property and proposed property located:

Along the proposed cross-country waterline route from Highland Corporate Drive to Brook Haven Lane, Assessor's Plat 58, Lots 5 &37 and Assessor's Plat 59, Lots 6 & 16, Woonsocket, RI

Dear Mr. Viggiani:

The Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your Application for Permit Modification and has evaluated your proposed modifications to work outside of the low flow conditions to install the permitted 12-inch water main installation, 10-foot wide permanent utility easement and associated temporary impacts, landscaping and restoration as illustrated and detailed on revised site plans submitted with your application. The revised site plans were received on October 6, 2015.

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Based upon the Program's evaluation of the revised project and pursuant to Rule 11.03 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act (Rules), it is the Program's determination that a revised permit for the modified project may be issued under the following terms and conditions:

- This letter is the DEM's revised permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) Section 2-1-18 et seq.
- This revised 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 October 6, 2015. 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
  - Where the terms and conditions of the revised permit conflict with the approved site plans, these terms and conditions shall be deemed to supersede the site plans.
- A copy of the stamped approved site plans and a copy of this revised permit must be kept at the site at all times during site preparation, construction, and final stabilization. Copies of this revised permit and the stamped approved plans must be made available for review by any DEM His vill entire that is representative upon request, the same of the same of the same of the same of the same

- 5. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this revised permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the City of Woonsocket and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the City showing this revised permit was recorded.
- 6. This revised permit expires July 1, 2020 unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
- 7. This revised permit authorizes you to work within watercourses outside of the low flow period (i.e., the period from July 1 to October 31 of any calendar year). However, soil disturbances in these watercourses must temporarily cease in the event of any abnormally high stormwater runoff event.
- 8. All disturbed soils are to be temporarily stabilized over the winter until the following growing season when permanent stabilization is achieved through restoration per the measures detailed in the October 5, 2015 cover letter. For example, upon completion of construction activities outside of the growing season, the contractor will apply straw mulch and tackifier where appropriate and cover disturbed areas with biodegradable erosion control blankets.
- 9. You must incorporate the use of bentonite clay or other appropriate measure of creating trench plugs to stop the potential flow of ground water or surface flow along the bedding and backfill associated with the pipe trench.
- 10. All dewatering basins must be installed and utilized in accordance with the Rhode Island Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Handbook (revised 2014).
- This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. Specifically, the site plan sheets have been re-numbered sequentially (1 of 7 through 7 of 7) and Sheet 2 has been amended accordingly.

This Revised 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. Your project qualifies as a Category (2) activity under the Rhode Island General Permit (General Permit No. NAE-2011-2402), (RI GP). You can view this permit at <a href="http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/SGP/RI\_PGP.pdf">http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/SGP/RI\_PGP.pdf</a>. 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 and/or subject you to the enforcement provisions of the Corps' regulations.

Except as authorized in this revised permit pursuant to revised and approved site plans (enclosed), all terms and conditions previously specified in the Program's permit dated May 14, 2015 (copy enclosed) remain in effect.

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 revised 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 the Program.

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

This revised 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. 7408) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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

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Enclosure: Approved revised site plans

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xc: Steven D'Agostino, Director Woonsocket Dept. of Public Works Danielle Gallant, QEP, Environmental Scientist May 14, 2015

City of Woonsocket Steven D'Agostino, Public Works Director 169 Main Street Woonsocket, RI 02895

#### Insignificant Alteration - Permit

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### Dear Mr. D'Agostino:

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 12-inch water main installation, 10-foot wide permanent utility easement, with temporary impacts, landscaping and associated alterations as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on November 24, 2014 with revised Sheet No. C-1 (1 of 5) and W-1 (3 of 5) received May 6, 2015.

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: 14-0209

- 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 24, 2014 with revised Sheet No. C-1 (1 of 5) and W-1 (3 of 5) received May 6, 2015. Please Note: Except as otherwise specified on the approved site plans within regulated wetland areas, the approved limits of disturbance are understood to be (as applicable) the limits of the construction easements, or the limits of pavement or cleared road shoulders along roadways. 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 City of Woonsocket and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the City 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 silt fence, coffer dams and turbidity curtains 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.
- 13. All construction activities involving soil disturbances within watercourses must be limited to the low flow period (i.e., the period from July 1 to October 31 of any calendar year). Soil disturbance in these watercourses must temporarily cease in the event of any abnormally high stormwater runoff event during the low flow period.
- 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.
- 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. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. Specifically, the site plan sheets have been numbered sequentially (1 of 5 through 5 of 5) and a site locus has been added to site pan set.
- 17. This permit supersedes a previous permit issued by the DEM for the subject property under Application No. 10-0039.

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.

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. Your project qualifies as a Category (1) activity under the Rhode Island General Permit (General Permit No. NAE-2011-2402), (RI GP). You can view this permit at <a href="http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/SGP/RI\_PGP.pdf">http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/SGP/RI\_PGP.pdf</a>. 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 and/or subject you to the enforcement provisions of the Corps' regulations.

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 me (telephone:  $401-222-6820 \times 7408$ ) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely, Nancy L. Freeman

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