



RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

July 31, 2015

RI Department of Transportation  
Mr. Peter Healey, Chief Civil Engineer  
Two Capitol Hill, Room 226  
Providence, RI 02903-1124

**Re:** Application No. 15-0146 in reference to the location below:

On Pawtucket Avenue, Utility Pole 110, approximately 600 feet northeast of its intersection with Centre Street, at the bridge over the Ten Mile River, East Providence, RI

Dear Mr. Healey:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed repairs to the Coles Bridge No. 134 as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. The site plans referenced by this letter and on file with this Program were received on July 2, 2015.

Our review reveals that freshwater wetlands regulated by the DEM are present on and in close proximity to the subject property. Review of your proposed project, however, reveals that this project does not represent an alteration to these freshwater wetlands. It is our determination therefore that a permit for this project pursuant to the Freshwater Wetland Act (Rhode Island General Law Section 2-1-18 et seq.) or the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act is not required. This Determination is **specific to the proposed site alterations illustrated and detailed on site plans on file with this Program** and is further predicated on the following:

1. Adequate measures are employed during and after site alterations to control soil erosion and to prevent any sediment from such erosion being deposited in any freshwater wetlands. You should consult the Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook for appropriate methods to control erosion and prevent sediment from leaving your project site.
2. This determination does not authorize you to modify your project in such a way as to result in the following:
  - a. An increase in the rate and/or volume of surface water runoff flowing into, or draining or diverting from these wetlands; or
  - b. A diversion of groundwater into or away from these wetlands; or
  - c. A modification to the quality of water reaching these wetlands, which could change their natural character.

Please note that this Determination is specific to this proposed project as illustrated on the reviewed site plans, is valid until July 1, 2020, and does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law.

Kindly be advised that this determination is not equivalent to a verification 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.

Modification to your project which would result in an alteration, or allowing your project to result in an alteration, to freshwater wetlands requires a permit from this Program. Unauthorized alterations to freshwater wetlands are subject to enforcement action.

Enclosed please find one (1) copy of your site plans stamped REVIEWED by this Program. Please feel free to contact me (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7402) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Horbert, Program Supervisor  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
Office of Water Resources  
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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

cc: Michael Dahlquist, RI DOT  
Lauren Hastings, Pare Corporation