



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Joseph W. Higginbottom, Jr.
c/o Ryan McGowan, P. E.
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845 North Main Street
Pleasantville, NJ 08232

RE: Application No. 15-0170 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 680 feet southeast of the cul-de-sac of Christiansen Drive, utility pole no. 5A; approximately 1,325 feet east of the intersection of Steel Street and Christiansen Drive; Assessor's Plat 5, Lot 354, North Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. McGowan:

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 August 7, 2015.

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:

- **1 Pond (a dammed portion of the Branch River)/Forested Wetland**
- **1 Perimeter Wetland (that area of land within 50 feet of the edge of any bog, marsh, swamp, or pond)**
- **3 Intermittent Streams**
- **Riverbank (the area of land within 100 feet of the edge of any flowing body of water <10 feet in width associated with the intermittent streams)**
- **Flood Plains (associated with the intermittent streams and the dammed portion of the Branch River)**

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on site and requested for verification (i.e., flags A10 through A28). Note: flags A1 thru A9 were not verified since they are not located on the subject site. It is our determination that these wetland edges delineated on the subject site are accurate with the following corrections/modifications/comments:

- 1) relocate flag A10 8 feet to the southeast;
- 2) locate a new flag 30 feet to the east of existing flag A10;
- 3) relocate flag A11 eastward to the edge of channel;
- 4) connect the new flag located 30 feet of existing flag A10 to relocated flags A10 and A11;
- 5) relocate flag A13 10 feet to the east;
- 6) relocate flag A14 25 feet to the southeast;
- 7) locate a new flag 10 feet northeast of existing flag A18;
- 8) relocate flag A19 28 feet to the north-northwest;
- 9) connect the new flag located 10 feet northeast of flag A18 to relocated flag A19;
- 10) relocate flag A20 60 feet to the northwest; and
- 11) relocate flag A21 22 feet to the north.

Wetland edge flags A10 through A28, as modified above demarcate the edge of a pond/forested wetland.

There is no 200 foot riverbank wetland located on the subject site.

Please be advised that none of the depicted intermittent streams have been verified, as part of this review.

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.

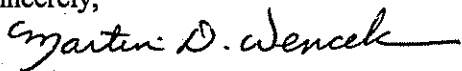
This Program assumes that the edges of the freshwater wetlands, as flagged or marked on site, have been accurately surveyed and portrayed on site plans submitted in support of your application. This Program makes no guarantee or representation that such survey is accurate.

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.

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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Office of Water Resources

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