



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

August 16, 2016

Andromeda Real Estate Partners, LLC
C/o Paul Vanasse
1849 Old Louisquisset Pike
Lincoln, RI 02865

RE: Application No. 16-0086 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 580 feet south of Whipple Avenue; approximately 700 feet southeast of the intersection of Higgins Street and Whipple Avenue; Assessor's Plat 23, Lot 71 & Assessor's Plat 24, Lots 66 & 67, Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. Vanasse:

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 July 6, 2016.

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 Forested Wetland**
- **2 Shrub Wetlands**
- **5 Special Aquatic Sites**
- **An Area Subject To Storm Flowage**
- **2 Rivers (Woonasquatucket River and an unnamed river)**
- **Riverbanks (the area of land within 200 feet of the edge of any flowing body of water 10 feet or greater in width associated with the Woonasquatucket River and the area of land within 100 feet of the edge of any flowing body of water less than 10 feet in width associated with the unnamed river)**
- **Flood Plains (associated with both rivers based on a 100 year frequency storm)**

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on site and requested for verification (i.e., flags A-1 through A-16, B-4 through B-20, C-1 through C-13, D-1 through D-9, E-1 through E-8, F-1 through F-7, G-1 through G-22, and H-1 through H-7). It is our determination that these wetland edges delineated on the subject site are accurate with the following corrections/modifications/comments:

- 1) locate a new flag 10 feet east of flag A-6 and connect this new flag to flags A-5 and A-6.
- 2) eliminate flag B-6 and connect flag B-5 to flag B-7;
- 3) relocate flag B-13 20 feet to the east;
- 4) relocate flag B-15 20 feet to the southeast;
- 5) relocate flag B-17 10 feet to the southeast;
- 6) relocate flag B-18 20 feet to the southeast;
- 7) relocate flag B-19 20 feet to the northeast;
- 8) relocate flag D-2 5 feet to the southeast;
- 9) locate an intermediary flag 10 feet to the south of the midpoint between relocated flag D-2 and flag D-3;
- 10) relocate flag D-4 6 feet to the northwest;
- 11) locate an intermediary flag 8 feet to the east of the midpoint between flags D-1 and D-9;
- 12) relocate flag E-4 3 feet to the west;

- 13) locate an intermediary flag 5 feet to the west of the midpoint between flag E-3 and relocated flag E-4;
- 14) relocate flag F-1 10 feet to the south;
- 15) eliminate flag G-8 and connect flag G-7 to G-9; and
- 16) eliminate flag G-18 and connect flag G-17 to flag G-19.

Wetland edge flags A-1 through A-16, as modified above demarcate the edge of a special aquatic site.

Wetland edge flags B-4 through B-20, as modified above demarcate the edge of a forested wetland. Please note that depicted flags B-3 through B-1 were not reviewed, since flag B-4 on the subject site was labeled as END and the next flag in sequence on the subject site is B-7, which is not illustrated on the site plan in this area.

Wetland edge flags C-1 through C-13 demarcate the edge of a special aquatic site.

Wetland edge flags D-1 through D-9, as modified above demarcate the edge of a special aquatic site.

Wetland edge flags E-1 through E-8, as modified above demarcate the edge of a special aquatic site.

Wetland edge flags F-1 through F-7, as modified above demarcate the edge of a special aquatic site.

Wetland edge flags G-1 through G-22, as modified above demarcate the edge of a shrub wetland.

Wetland edge flags H-1 through H-7 demarcate the edge of a shrub wetland.

The ASSF illustrated northwest of flags A-9 and A-10 is not considered a freshwater wetland.

The ASSF illustrated westerly of flag C-1 is considered an area subject to storm flowage.

Please be advised that the depicted RB wetland edge flags along the Woonasquatucket River and the depicted 200 foot riverbank wetland edge have not been verified, as part of this review.

Please note that the depicted intermittent stream is actually a river and the associated illustrated 100 foot riverbank wetland edge has not 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.

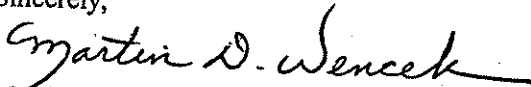
This letter does not constitute an approval or permit for any proposed project on the subject property. Pursuant to Section 2-1-21(a) of the Freshwater Wetlands Act and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act (Rules) a permit is required from 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. 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. **You are hereby advised** that on July 10, 2015, significant revisions to the RI Freshwater Wetlands Act (R.I.G.L. Section 2-1-18 *et. seq.*) were signed into law. These revisions modify, among other things, the "jurisdictional areas" recognized by the State of Rhode Island. The Department is currently in the process of amending the Rules. If you are contemplating a project on your property, and submit the application prior to the promulgation of the revised Rules, you can expect the wetlands jurisdictional areas to correspond as described in this verification letter.

Any application submitted after promulgation of the Rules will be expected to conform to the then existing and duly promulgated Rules. While these changes will not affect the location of flagged wetland edges as verified in this letter, they may affect how activities located in adjacent jurisdictional upland areas will be regulated. You are advised, in the meantime, to monitor the rulemaking process, which will include opportunities for public input and comment.

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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