



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

June 9, 2016

Heidi Gobeille
21 Countryside Drive
Johnston, RI 02919

Re: Application No. 16-0117 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 1,200 feet north of Countryside Drive (at No. 21 Countryside Drive), and approximately 900 feet northeast of its intersection with Winsor Avenue, Assessor's Plat 61, Lot 2, Johnston, RI

Dear Ms. Gobeille:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed in-ground pool, patio, fence and associated landscaping 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 May 6, 2016.

Our inspection reveals that freshwater wetlands regulated by the DEM are present on 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.

3. This Program has made a specific revision to the reviewed site plans. This revision is clearly marked in red on the reviewed plans. This project must take place in compliance with this revision. Specifically, the limit of disturbance associated with the proposed structures has been specified on the site plans as required. Additionally, it is clarified that the DEM buffer signs are to be located to be 50 feet from the edge of water, not the 25 feet depicted on the site plan. **This requires that the existing markers placed on site will have to be removed and relocated approximately 10 feet further away from the pond.** No clearing or other disturbance is permitted within the 50 foot perimeter wetland.

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 determination 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.

Modifications to your project that 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 by this Program. Please contact Andrew Charpentier of this Office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext.7414) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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

cc: David J. Pontarelli, The Pool Source