



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Cumberland Land Trust
Randy Tuomisto, President
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Insignificant Alteration – Permit

RE: Application No. 16-0130 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 100 feet south of Nate Whipple Highway, approximately 380 feet east of the intersection of its intersection with Sneece Pond Road, Utility Pole No. 54; and approximately 700 feet northeast of the terminus of Gold Star Road, approximately 1120 feet east of its intersection with Windsong Road; Assessor's Plat 37, Lots 827 and 1038, and Assessor's Plat 40, Lot 16, Cumberland, RI.

Dear Mr. Tuomisto:

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 installation of two (2) flexible pond levelers; and two (2) boardwalk crossing structures associated with an existing trail system as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on November 1, 2016.

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. 16-0130:

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 1, 2016. It is understood the boardwalk structures will be no wider than four (4) feet. 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. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires four (4) years from the date of issue.
7. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any freshwater wetland.
8. 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.
9. 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, if necessary. 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.
10. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of straw wattles, straw bales and/or silt fence if employed, must be removed.
11. You are responsible for the proper operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, facilities, and systems of treatment and control that are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent wetlands.
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. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. Specifically, since the limits of disturbance were not precisely identified for work associated with the installation of the boardwalk crossing structures, disturbance limits have now been designated as noted. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions.
14. Please note that the flexible pond levelers may be installed as described in areas on the subject property as deemed necessary to control the water levels within the subject wetlands and to prevent flooding of adjacent property. You must ensure that release of impounded water discharging from any leveler device is directed to only those areas currently receiving surface water flow on the subject property.

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 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.

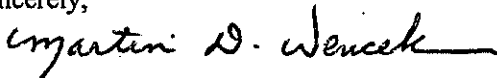
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

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 Jane Kelly of this office (telephone: 401-222-4700 x7420) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Martin D. Wencek, Program Supervisor
Office of Water Resources
Freshwater Wetlands Program

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

Xc: George Gifford III, The Gifford Design Group, Inc.