



RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

July 14, 2016

Thomas Woodward  
9 Cleveland Street  
Norfolk, MA 02056

Re: Application No. 16-0146 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 125 feet north of Putnam Heights Road and approximately 1,600 feet southwest of its intersection with Putnam Pike (Rt. 44); near Utility Pole No. 8, AP 1, Lot 51, Glocester, RI

Dear Mr. Woodward:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed three-bedroom dwelling, shed, driveway, onsite wastewater treatment system ("OWTS"), private well and drainage with clearing, grading and 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 June 7, 2016.

Our inspection reveals that freshwater wetlands regulated by the DEM are present on or 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.
3. This Program has made specific revisions to the reviewed site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the reviewed plans and include the following:

- The site plan legend has been revised to indicate that the Limit of Disturbance symbol also represents the line of proposed erosion controls (as indicated under "soil erosion and sedimentation notes" on Sheet 2 of the reviewed site plans);
- Utility connections not specifically shown, for example, new utility poles and overhead wires or underground utility connections must be within the reviewed limit of disturbance.

This project must take place in compliance with these revisions.

4. Also prior to commencement of any site alterations, permanent buffer zone markers must be installed along the limit of disturbance at the locations indicated in red ink on the reviewed site plans, in order to provide permanent reference points on site that are clear to present and future property owners. Acceptable permanent type markers include 4" x 4" pressure treated timber posts, galvanized fence posts with cap, or granite or concrete bounds. Markers must extend a minimum 24" above grade. A permanent-type tag or sign labeled "RIDEM Buffer Zone" must be placed on each marker. A permanent-type fence at least 24" tall placed along the limits of disturbance may be substituted where desired. No alterations of any kind are permitted beyond these markers without first obtaining the necessary permit from this Program.

Please note that this Determination is specific to this proposed project as illustrated on the reviewed site plans, is valid for a limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue, and does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law.

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 contact me at (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7408) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Nancy L. Freeman, Senior Environmental Scientist  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
Office of Water Resources  
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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

cc: Joseph P. McCue, Mason & Associates  
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xc: Ken Johnson, Gloucester Building Official