



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
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December 7, 2016

Sheila McCurdy
81 Morrison Avenue
Middletown, RI 02842

Re: Application No. 16-0276 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 100 feet west of Morrison Avenue at 81 Morrison Avenue, approximately 750 feet south of the intersection of Green End Avenue and Morrison Avenue, Utility Pole No. 6, Assessors Plat 114, Lot 202A, Middletown, RI.

Dear Ms. McCurdy:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed new detached garage that will include living space, two new crushed stone driveways, a walkway connecting to the existing house, a new private well, utility lines, a rail fence, shrub plantings, a rain garden for stormwater management, and landscaped yard for the above referenced property ("subject property"), 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 November 4, 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 solely specific to the specific 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 that could change their natural character.

3. This Program has made specific revisions to the site plans reviewed. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the reviewed plans. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions. **Specifically, the limit of disturbance has been extended to the property lines to completely enclose all proposed work and avoid nearby wetlands.**

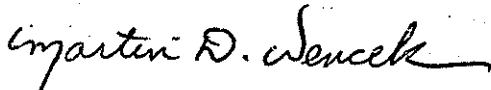
Please note that this Determination is specific to this proposed project as illustrated on the reviewed site plans, is valid for a **limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue**, and does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance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

Modification to your project 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.

Kindly be advised that this determination 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.

Enclosed please find one (1) copy of your site plans stamped REVIEWED by this Program. Please contact Claire Swift (telephone: 401-222-6820x 7418) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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

MDW/CVS/cvs

Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

xc: Jack Kane, Town of Middletown Building Official
Michael R. Darveau, PLS, Darveau Land Surveying, Inc.
Scott P. Rabideau, Natural Resource Services, Inc.