



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

April 4, 2017

Town of Smithfield Recreation Department
c/o Dennis G. Finlay, Town Manager
64 Farnum Pike
Smithfield, RI 02917

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

RE: Application No. 17-0041 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 380 feet west of the terminus of Soban Street, approximately 650 feet south of the intersection of Fenwood Avenue and St. Michael's Way, Assessor's Plat 23, Lot 70A, and Assessor's Plat 24, Lot 61C, Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. Finlay:

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 light poles at the Whipple Ball Field as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on February 27, 2017.

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, 17-0011:

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 February 27, 2017. 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. 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 must be removed.
11. 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.
12. Artificial lighting authorized by this permit must be directed away from all vegetated wetland areas. Where this is not possible, the use of deflectors to concentrate lighting away from vegetated wetlands must be employed.
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 a limit of disturbance has not been proposed, one has been designated along the edge of the existing path on the north, west and south sides of the ball field, and along the northerly fence line depicted on the site plan. Erosion controls must be installed along the designated limit of disturbance. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions.
14. You are required to remove the unauthorized fill material (soil-material, stones, boulders and brush) present beyond the proposed limits of disturbance north/northeast of the northwestern-most light pole. Erosion controls must be installed and the fill material carefully removed from the riverbank wetland. The unauthorized disturbed riverbank wetland must be loamed and seeded with wildlife conservation grass seed mix and allowed to revert to a natural condition.

15. You are required to install erosion controls along the southerly limit of disturbance and carefully remove all fill material (soil material and stones) that has migrated into the vegetated riverbank wetland. The unauthorized disturbed riverbank wetland must be allowed to revert to a natural condition.

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.

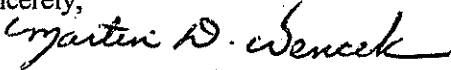
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

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: Kevin Cleary, P.E., Town Engineer, Town of Smithfield
Anthony E. Muscatelli, P.L.S., International Mapping & Surveying