



**RHODE ISLAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES  
235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

June 30, 2017

Lightning Ridge Farm, Inc.  
C/o Christopher Clark  
PO Box 455  
Harmony, RI 02829

RE: Application No. 17-0128 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 60 feet west of Steere Farm Road (RI Route 98), by utility pole no. 43; approximately 1500 feet north of the intersection of Lapham Farm and Steere Farm Roads; Assessor's Plat 212, Lot 31, Burrillville, RI.

Dear Mr. Clark:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed construction of a 30' x 40' dwelling with gravel driveway, utilities, a retaining wall, and stormwater management practices 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 June 9, 2017.

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 of Non-Jurisdiction 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.

Please note that this Determination of Non-Jurisdiction is specific to this proposed project as illustrated on the reviewed site plans, is valid till June 30, 2021, 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 Rule 8.03.

Any modification to your project that would result in an alteration to freshwater wetlands 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 Daniel Kowal (telephone: 401-222-4700, ext. 7416) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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

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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plans

xc: Joe Raymond, Burrillville Building Official