



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

September 26, 2017

URI, Board of Governors, URI Foundation
Paul M. DePace, Director of Capital Projects
21 Davis Hall
10 Lippitt Road
Kingston, RI 02881

Re: Application No. 17-0167 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 100 feet north of Briar Lane, Opposite utility pole No. 4, and approximately 300 feet west of its intersection with Cedar Circle, Assessor's Plat 23-3, Lots 110, 121, South Kingstown, RI

Dear Mr. DePace:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed reconfiguration of the Briar Lane parking lot entrance, stormwater treatment structures and associated landscaping as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. Sheets 4, 5, and 6 of the most recently revised site plans referenced by this letter and on file with this Program were received on September 12, 2017, all remaining sheets were received on July 14, 2017.

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 **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.

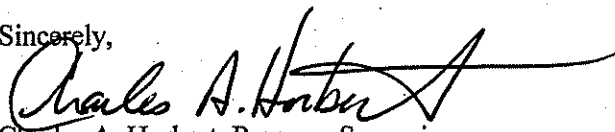
Please note that this Determination is specific to this proposed project as illustrated on the reviewed site plans, is valid for four years from the date of issue, and does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law.

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 the Rules.

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 Andrew Charpentier of this Office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext.7414) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Horbert, Program Supervisor
Freshwater Wetlands Program
Office of Water Resources
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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

cc: Adam E. Rosenblatt, VHB