



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

June 7, 2019

Edmund Carpenter
307 Steere Farm Road,
Harrisville, RI 02830

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

RE: Wetlands Application No. 18-0023 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 390 feet west of Steere Farm Road, opposite utility pole number 26, approximately 885 feet northwest of its intersection with Hemlock Farm Trail, Assessor's Plat 194, Lot 34, Burrillville, RI.

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

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 a proposed paved driveway including a runoff infiltration trench and retaining walls as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. The site plans were received by the DEM on April 4, 2019.

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 250-RICR-150-15-1.9 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Fresh Water Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-1, this project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Wetlands Application No. 18-0023:

1. This letter is the DEM's permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 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 April 4, 2019. 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 again 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 or city/town representative upon request.
6. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of Burrillville and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this permit was recorded.
7. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires four (4) years from the date of this letter unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
8. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any freshwater wetland.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of hay bales and/or silt fence must be removed.
12. You are responsible for the proper installation, operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, stormwater treatment facilities, and systems of treatment and control that are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent wetlands until such time documentation is provided that this responsibility has been assigned to another entity.
13. 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.
14. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. Specifically, a row of evergreen type trees shall be installed along the eastern side of the limits of disturbance. The trees shall be placed ten (10) feet on center and be a minimum of four (4) feet tall after planting. A minimum number of ten (10) trees will be necessary. In addition, two (2) shrubs consisting of arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*), or sweet pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*), or winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), or any mixture of these species, must be planted between each tree noted above. Shrubs must be a minimum of three (3) feet tall after planting. The trees and shrubs must be installed no later than October 15, 2019. All other areas previously disturbed without DEM authorization within wetland jurisdiction beyond the limits of disturbance for this permit must be allowed to naturally revegetate. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions.

15. Buffer zone plantings of trees and/or shrubs proposed between the project and any adjacent freshwater wetland areas, except for necessary replacement, must be allowed to develop naturally without being subjected to mowing or manicuring.
16. Any plantings which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced in-kind. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season.

Pursuant to the provisions in 250-RICR-150-15-1.7(A)(9) and 250-RICR-150-15-1.11(D), as applicable, any properly recorded and valid permit is automatically transferred to the new owner upon sale of the property.

You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit and to carry out this project in compliance with 250-RICR-150-15-1 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 250-RICR-150-15-1.8(C).

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 me at this office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7403) 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

cc: Joseph F. Raymond, Burrillville Building Official
Marc N. Nyberg, Marc N. Nyberg Associates, Inc.
Scott P. Rabideau, Natural Resource Services, Inc.