



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

March 30, 2018

Thomas Costantino
and RI Department of Transportation
c/o P.O. Box 17032
Smithfield, RI 02917

Re: Application No. 18-0031 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 380 feet north of George Washington Highway (Route 116), approximately 600 feet northwest of the intersection of Douglas Pike (Route 7) and George Washington Highway (Route 116), Utility Pole Nos. 31-84, Assessors Plat 46, Lot 67, and State Highway Plats 361 & 400, Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. Constantino:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Request to verify the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands**. This review included an inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") as described by the site plans submitted with your application and received on February 15, 2018.

Based upon the Program's observations and review, it is our determination that freshwater wetlands are present on the subject property. These freshwater wetlands are regulated by this Program and include at least the following types:

- (2) Forested Wetlands
- Area Subject to Storm Flowage (ASSF)
- Stream
- 100-foot Riverbank Wetland
- 100-year Floodplain

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on site. It is our determination that the wetland edges delineated on site are substantially accurate. The wetland edges have been shown on the site plan submitted with your application and are referenced as wetland flags A1 through A14, B1 through B7, and C1 through C16. The A and B series wetland edge flags delineate the edge of a forested wetland that is associated with the stream. The C series wetland flags delineate the edge of a second forested wetland. Minor corrections and/or modifications to the delineated edge are required which include the following:

- Relocate flag A5 approximately four feet to the south,
- Relocate flag A6 approximately eight feet to the south,
- Relocate flag A10 approximately eight feet to the south,
- Relocate flag A13 approximately 10 feet to the south.

Other than these corrections, all other wetland edges illustrated by the 'A', 'B' and 'C' series flags are considered accurate.

Please note that you should not infer that any verification of wetland edges carried out by this Department to date represents a determination that this is the extent of all wetlands on your property. **The Department has verified only those edges delineated and shown by you on-site and on the site plans submitted with your application and as qualified in this letter.** Should you wish to verify the edge of any additional wetlands, an additional application will be required.

This letter does not constitute an approval or permit for any proposed project on the subject property. Pursuant to Section 2-1-21(a) of the Freshwater Wetlands Act and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act (Rules) a permit is required from this Program prior to the commencement of any activity which impacts or alters freshwater wetlands.

This Program assumes that the edges of freshwater wetlands, as flagged or marked on site, have been accurately surveyed and portrayed on site plans submitted in support of your application. This Program makes no guarantee or representation that such survey is accurate.

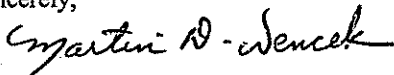
In addition, you should note that freshwater wetlands are present on this property that may be regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended 33 U.S.C. 1344). Accordingly, a permit may be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for alteration of these wetland areas.

In accordance with Rule 8.03(H) of the Rules, this verification of the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands is valid for a limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue. **You are hereby advised that on July 10, 2015, significant revisions to the RI Freshwater Wetlands Act (R.I.G.L. Section 2-1-18 et. seq.) were signed into law. These revisions modify, among other things, the "jurisdictional areas" recognized by the State of Rhode Island. The Department is currently in the process of amending the Rules. If you are contemplating a project on your property, and submit the application prior to the promulgation of the revised Rules, you can expect the wetlands jurisdictional areas to correspond as described in this verification letter.**

Any application submitted after promulgation of the Rules will be expected to conform to the then existing and duly promulgated Rules. While these changes will not affect the location of flagged wetland edges as verified in this letter, they may affect how activities located in adjacent jurisdictional upland areas will be regulated. You are advised, in the meantime, to monitor the rulemaking process, which will include opportunities for public input and comment.

Please contact Claire Swift of this Office telephone: (401-222-6820, ext. 7418) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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