



**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCE**

235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

August 28, 2018

Denis Gardiner  
2 Spring Brook Road  
Wyoming, RI 02898

**RE:** Application No. 18-0140 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 100 feet northeast of Whispering Pines Road, Opposite utility pole No.3, and approximately 275 feet west of its intersection with Meadowbrook Road, Assessor's Plat 6C, Lot 1-41, Richmond, RI

Dear Mr. Gardiner:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed 3-bedroom dwelling, crushed stone driveway, waterline, septic system, and associated landscaping 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 12, 2018.

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 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.

3. This Program has made a specific revision to the approved site plans. This revision is clearly marked in red on the approved plans. This project must take place in compliance with this revision. Specifically, the limit of disturbance has been modified to allow adequate room for construction of the retaining wall and garage. The site plan numbering has also been corrected.
4. Also prior to commencement of any site alterations, permanent buffer zone markers must be installed along the limit of disturbance at the locations indicated in red ink on the approved site plans, in order to provide permanent reference points on site that are clear to present and future property owners. Acceptable permanent type markers include 4" x 4" pressure treated timber posts, galvanized fence posts with cap, or granite or concrete bounds. Markers must extend a minimum 24" above grade. A permanent-type tag or sign labeled "RIDEM Buffer Zone" must be placed on each marker. A permanent-type fence at least 24" tall placed along the limits of disturbance and similarly labeled may be substituted where desired. **No alterations of any kind are permitted beyond these markers without first obtaining the necessary permit from this Program.**

Please note that this Determination is specific to this proposed project as illustrated on the reviewed site plans, is valid for four (5) 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 Rule 8.03.

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

Sincerely,



Andrew Charpentier, Senior Environmental Scientist  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
Office of Water Resources  
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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

cc: Joe Klinger, Ecotones, Inc.  
Arthur R. Cripps, A.R.M Engineering, Inc.  
Dave Tacey, Richmond Building Official