



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

January 3, 2019

Linda Minisce
47 Mechanic Street
Wakefield, RI 02879

RE: Application No. 18-0248 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 455 feet south-southwest of Elbow Rock Road, by utility pole nos. 63, 64, & 65; approximately 2,300 feet west-northwest of the intersection of Chestnut Hill and Elbow Rock Roads; Assessor's Plat 8, Lot 12, Glocester, RI.

Dear Ms. Minisce:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Request to Verify Delineated Edge of 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 September 10, 2018.

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

- **Two Swamps**
- **Two Perimeter Wetlands (that area of land within 50 feet of the edge of any bog, marsh, swamp, or pond)**

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on site and requested for verification (i.e., flags A21 thru A32, B56 thru B96 and D30 thru D41). Note, only one B72 flag was found on the subject property. It is our determination that these wetland edges delineated on the subject property are accurate with the following corrections/modifications/comments:

- 1) relocate flag A22 15 feet to the south;
- 2) relocate flag A23 18 feet to the south;
- 3) relocate flag A24 25 feet to the south;
- 4) eliminate flags A26 through A28;
- 5) connect flag A25 to flag A29;
- 6) connect flag B57 to flag D32;
- 7) relocate flag B70 12 feet to the southeast;
- 8) relocate flag B71 50 feet to the southwest;
- 9) relocate flag B81 10 feet to the southeast;

- 10) relocate flag B83 10 feet to the east;
- 11) relocate flag B84 10 feet to the east;
- 12) relocate flag B86 35 feet to the north;
- 13) relocate flag B89 10 feet to the northwest;
- 14) eliminate flag B95; and
- 15) connect flag B94 to flag B96.

The area delineated by flags D30 to D32 and B56 to D32 is not a freshwater wetland.

Wetland edge flags A21 thru A32, as modified above, demarcate the edge of a swamp.

Wetland edge flags B56 thru B96 and D30 thru D41, as modified above, demarcate the edge of a second swamp.

Please note that our inspection of the subject property in the vicinity of the delineated wetland edges has revealed the presence of an area that upon a more detailed determination, may qualify as a freshwater wetland. This potential wetland area is located northwest of flag A29 between the existing stone wall and the existing trail. Therefore, 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 site plans submitted with your application and as qualified in this letter. Should you wish to verify the edge(s) of any additional wetland(s), an additional application will be required.

This Program did not undertake an inspection of other areas of this property to determine the presence of any additional freshwater wetlands.

This Program assumes that the edges of the 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.

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, 250-RICR150-15-1, a permit is required from this Program prior to the commencement of any activity which impacts or alters freshwater wetlands.

In accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-1.8(C)(8), this verification of the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands is valid for a limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue.

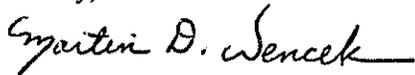
You are hereby advised that on July 10, 2015, significant revisions to the RI Freshwater Wetlands Act (R.I. Gen. Laws. § 2-1-18 *et. seq.*) were signed into law. These revisions modify, among other things, the "jurisdictional areas" recognized by the State of Rhode Island. The Department is currently 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.

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Please contact Daniel M. Kowal (401-222-4700, ext. 7416) of this Office should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Office of Water Resources

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