



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

January 22, 2019

Rhode Island Department of Transportation
Division of Highway and Bridge Maintenance
C/o Matthew Ouellette, Deputy State Highway Maintenance Operations Engineer
360 Lincoln Avenue
Warwick, RI 02888

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

RE: Application No. 18-0268 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 270 feet southeast of George Washington Highway (State Route 116) at 395 George Washington Highway, by utility pole no. 550; approximately 1,225 feet southwest of the intersection of Harris Road and George Washington Highway, Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 47, Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. Ouellette:

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 and has evaluated the previously completed resurfacing of an existing parking lot at the RIDOT Smithfield Maintenance Facility, as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on October 5, 2018.

Our observations of the subject property, review of the site plans and evaluation of the completed project reveals that alterations of freshwater wetlands have occurred. 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 completed project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Application No. 18-0268:

1. This letter is the DEM's permit for this completed project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) Section 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 October 5, 2018. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the completed project which 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. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of Smithfield and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town

showing this permit was recorded.

5. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires four (4) years from the date of issue.

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).

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.

In permitting the completed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

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 Daniel Kowal of this office (telephone: 401-222-4700, ext. 7416) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Martin D. Wencek, Permitting Supervisor
Freshwater Wetlands Program
Office of Water Resources

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

ec: Steven Cadorette, Gordon R. Archibald, Inc.
Stephen Tyrrell, DEM/Office of Compliance & Inspection/Freshwater Wetlands Program