



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

December 10, 2018

Edward Fox
54 Cooper Road
Chepachet, RI 02814

Re: Application No. 18-0306 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 300 feet west of Cooper Road at Utility Pole No. 15 and approximately 2,000 feet northwest of its intersection with Putnam Pike (Route 44), Assessor's Plat 17, Lot 194, Sublots B & C, Glocester, RI.

Dear Mr. Fox:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed **Request for Preliminary Determination** 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 November 21, 2018.

Our previous inspection (**Request for Verification of Wetland Edges**; Application No. 18-0087) revealed that freshwater wetlands regulated by the DEM are present on 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.

Please note that this Determination is specific to this proposed project as illustrated on the reviewed site plans, is valid for four (4) years, and does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law.

Any modification to your project that would result in an alteration to freshwater wetlands, 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 REVIEWED by this Program. Please contact Rene Legault of this Office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7732) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Horbert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles A. Horbert, Program Supervisor
Office of Water Resources
Freshwater Wetlands Program
CAH/RJL/rjl

Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

cc: Ken Johnson, Gloucester Building Official
Marc N. Nyberg, Marc N. Nyberg Associates, Inc.
Scott P. Rabideau, Natural Resource Services, Inc.