



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

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DAS Contracting Corp.
C/o Matthew Howe
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Insignificant Alteration – Permit

RE: Wetlands Application No. 18-0341, GWD/UIC Program File No. 001886, and RIPDES Program File No. RIR101844 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 325 feet southeast Victory Highway (RI Route 102) (1118 to 1156 Victory Highway), by utility pole no. 26-1; approximately 480 feet east of the intersection of Belcher Avenue and Victory Highway; Assessor's Plat 1, Lots 127, 134 & 330, North Smithfield; and along Victory Highway from 260 feet northeast of the intersection of Victory Highway and Belcher Avenue to the intersection with North Main Street, Highway Plat 203, North Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. Howe:

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. This review included a site inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") and an evaluation of the proposed construction of a 120-unit assisted living/age restricted (55+) adult active community complex (Slater Village), which includes four buildings, access driveways, parking areas, retaining walls, walkways, utilities, landscaping, stormwater best management practices, and an approximate 3,200 foot long water main extension within Victory Highway (Route 102), as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on July 15, 2019.

Our observations of the subject property, review of the site plans and evaluation of the proposed project reveals that alterations of freshwater wetlands are proposed. 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 (Rules), this project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Wetlands Application No. 18-0341, GWD/UIC File No. 001886, and RIPDES File No. RIR101844:

1. This letter is the DEM's permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, Rhode Island General Laws § 2-1-18 *et seq.* This application review has also included review related to the RIPDES "General Permit for Storm Water Discharge Associated with Construction Activity" as well as review of any stormwater infiltration system subject to the RI DEM "Rules for the Discharge of Non-Sanitary Wastewater and Other Fluid To or Below the Ground Surface."

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 July 15, 2019. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the 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. You must notify this Program in writing immediately prior to the commencement of site alterations and upon completion of the project.
5. A copy of the stamped approved site plans and a copy of this permit must be kept at the site at all times during site preparation, construction, and final stabilization. Copies of this permit and the stamped approved plans must be made available for review by any DEM representative upon request.
6. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of North Smithfield and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this permit was recorded.
7. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires four (4) years from the date of issue.
8. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter which could pollute any freshwater wetland.
9. Prior to commencement of site alterations, you shall erect or post a sign resistant to the weather and at least twelve (12) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches long, which boldly identifies the initials "DEM" and the application number of this permit. This sign must be maintained at the site in a conspicuous location until such time that the project is complete.
10. Temporary erosion and sediment controls detailed or described on the approved site plans shall be properly installed at the site prior to or commensurate with site alterations. Such controls shall be properly maintained, replaced, supplemented, or modified as necessary throughout the life of this project to minimize soil erosion and to prevent sediment from being deposited in any wetlands not subject to disturbance under this permit.
11. You are responsible for the proper operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, facilities, and systems of treatment and control which are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent wetlands until documentation is provided that this responsibility has been assigned to another entity.
12. You are obligated to install, utilize and follow all best management practices detailed or described on the approved site plans in the construction of the project to minimize or prevent adverse impacts to any adjacent freshwater wetlands and the functions and values provided by such wetlands.
13. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions. Specifically, on sheets 8 and 12 of 16, the overflow weir invert elevations from sediment forebay B to sand filter B1 and sand filter B2 have been revised to 267.73 ft.

14. You must provide written certification from a registered land surveyor or registered professional engineer that the stormwater drainage system including any and all basins, piping systems, catch basins, culverts, swales and any other stormwater management control features have been constructed/installed in accordance with the site plans approved by this permit. This written certification must be submitted to this Program within twenty (20) days of its request or upon completion of the project.
15. The long-term operation and maintenance plan shall be strictly followed. The long-term O & M Plan shall be that entitled "Stormwater Operation, Maintenance, and Pollution Prevention Plan, Slater Village 1118-1156 Victory Highway North Smithfield, RI AP: 1, Lots: 127, 134, and 330," Prepared for: DAS Contracting Corporation, 520 Old County Road, West Hicksville, NY 11802, Dated: December 2018, Revised: September 2019, Prepared by: Joe Casali Engineering, Inc., 300 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02888.

Please be advised that the depicted wetland edges on sheets 5 of 5 (WATER MAIN EXTENSION STA. 29+50 TO STA. 38+2) and 1 of 1 (EXISTING CONDITIONS) have not been corrected in accordance with the review comments contained in the wetland edge verification letter of April 24, 2017 issued for Wetlands Application No. 17-0071. Strict adherence to the permitted limits of disturbance must be followed.

Pursuant to the provisions in 250-RICR-150-15-1.9(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.

Additionally, the Program has also reviewed this project in accordance with the standards of the RIPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharge Associated with Construction Activity ("CGP"). Construction Activities which disturb one (1) or more acres of land and where storm water runoff is directed, via a point source, into a separate storm sewer system or into the waters of the State, are required to seek coverage under the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) storm water permit. Our review has determined that the project has been designed to meet the requirements of the 2018 GP. This determination therefore includes your final authorization to discharge storm water associated with construction activity under the CGP. For future references and inquiry, your permit authorization number is RIPDES No. RIR 101844.

Both the owner and the contractor retained to undertake the construction activity are required to comply with all terms and conditions of the CGP. This includes maintaining the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (SESC) Plan, performing the required inspections and maintenance of the selected Best Management Practices (BMPs), and retaining inspection records. Further information on the requirements of the CGP is available at: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/swcoord/pdf/cpg092618.pdf>.

Please be aware that the RIDEM's Rules and Regulations Governing the Establishment of Various Fees (250-RICR-30-00-1) require that RIPDES CGP permit holders to pay an Annual Fee of \$100.00. An invoice will be sent to the owner on record in May/June of each year if the construction was still active as of December 31st of the previous year. The owner will be responsible for the Annual Fee until the construction activity has been completed, the site has been properly stabilized, and a completed Notice of Termination (NOT) has been received by the RIPDES Program. A copy of the NOT can be found attached to the CGP on the web page referenced above.

This application review has also included review of any subsurface disposal of stormwater subject to the RI DEM Groundwater Discharge/Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program. This Freshwater Wetlands Permit will also serve as the Groundwater Discharge/UIC Program permit for this project, which has been assigned the file number 001886 for any subsurface disposal of stormwater on the site. The following conditions are specific to this Groundwater Discharge/UIC Program Permit:

- 1) Any alterations or modifications to the stormwater system from that approved herein, including permanent closure, must be reviewed and approved by DEM prior to being effected.

- 2) The property owner/applicant shall periodically inspect, clean, and maintain the stormwater collection and disposal system to ensure proper performance of all components as described in "Stormwater Operation, Maintenance, and Pollution Prevention Plan, Slater Village 1118-1156 Victory Highway North Smithfield, RI AP: 1, Lots: 127, 134, and 330," Prepared for: DAS Contracting Corporation, 520 Old County Road, West Hicksville, NY 11802, Dated: December 2018, Revised: September 2019, Prepared by: Joe Casali Engineering, Inc., 300 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02888.
- 3) This Groundwater Discharge/UIC Program registration expires four years from the date of this Registration letter.

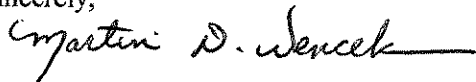
You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit and to carry out this project in compliance with the Rules at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action by this Department.

In permitting the proposed 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
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Office of Water Resources

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

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