



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

June 12, 2020

The Compass School  
c/o Brandee Lapisky  
537 Old North Road  
Kingston, RI 02881

**REVISED PERMIT**

**Re:** Application No. 19-0176 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 500 feet east of Old North Road (at 537 Old North Road), Utility Poles 40-44, approximately 2,300 feet north of its intersection with Flagg Road, Assessor's Plat 16-4, Lot 16, South Kingstown, RI.

Dear Ms. Lapisky:

The Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your Application for Permit Modification and has evaluated your proposed modifications to the renovated school building and associated structures in the form of a new surface water storage tank, pumphouse shed and swale with grading and associated alterations as illustrated and detailed on revised site plan sheet nos. 6 and 8 of 15 submitted with your application. The revised site plans were received by the DEM on May 6, 2020.

Based upon the Program's evaluation of the revised project and pursuant to 250-RICR-150-15-1.11(C) of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-1, it is the Program's determination that a revised permit for the modified project may be issued under the following terms and conditions:

1. This letter is the DEM's revised permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, R.I. Gen Laws. § 2-1-18 et seq.
2. This revised 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 May 6, 2020. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the project that would alter freshwater wetlands are not authorized without a permit from the DEM.
3. Where the terms and conditions of the revised permit conflict with the approved site plans, these terms and conditions shall be deemed to supersede the site plans.
4. A copy of the stamped approved site plans and a copy of this revised permit must be kept at the site at all times during site preparation, construction, and final stabilization. Copies of this revised permit and the stamped approved plans must be made available for review by any DEM or town representative upon request.

5. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this revised permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this revised permit was recorded.
6. This revised permit expires four years from the date of issue of the original permit letter unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.

Except as authorized in this revised permit pursuant to revised and approved site plans (enclosed), all terms and conditions previously specified in the Program's permit dated (copy enclosed) remain in effect.

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.

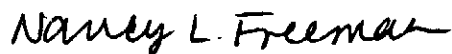
You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this revised permit and to carry out this project in compliance with 250-RICR-150-15-1 at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action by the Program.

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

This revised 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 Rene Legault of this Program (telephone: 401-222-4700 ext. 7732) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Nancy L. Freeman, Principal Environmental Scientist  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
Office of Water Resources  
NLF/RJL/rjl

Enclosure: Approved revised site plan(s)  
Letter dated November 14, 2019

ec: Wayne Pimental, South Kingstown Building Official  
David M. D'Amico, D'Amico Engineering Tech, Inc.



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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, 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. 19-0176 and RIPDES No: RIR101920**

1. This letter is the DEM's permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 2-1-18 et seq.
2. This determination also includes your final authorization to discharge storm water associated with construction activity under the **2018 RIDPES General Permit for Stormwater Discharge During Construction Activity ("CGP")**. For future references and inquiry, your permit authorization number is RIPDES No. **RIR101920**.
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4. 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.
5. You must notify this Program in writing of the anticipated start date, and of your contractor's contact information, by submitting the Notice of Start of Construction Form prior to commencement of any permitted site alterations or construction activity. You must also notify this Program in writing upon completion of the project. The Start of Construction Form can be found on the webpage: dem.ri.gov/stormwaterconstruction
6. 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 or town representative upon request.
7. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of South Kingstown and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this permit was recorded.
8. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires four (4) years from the date of this letter unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
9. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any freshwater wetland.
10. 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.
11. 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>.
12. 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.
13. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls must be removed.

14. You are responsible for the proper installation, operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, stormwater treatment facilities, and systems of treatment and control that 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. Operation and maintenance shall be as described in the plan entitled, "Stormwater Management System Operation and Maintenance Plan, for the Proposed Compass School Improvements, Assessor's Plat 16-4, Lot 16, 537 Old North Road, Kingston, Rhode Island, prepared for: The Compass School, Brandee Lapisky, M. Ed., Director, 537 Old North Road, Kingston, RI 02881", dated October 8, 2018, revised: September 23, 2019, as prepared by D'Amico Engineering Technology, Inc. 2080 Mineral Spring Ave., North Providence, RI 02911.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Artificial lighting must be directed away from all vegetated wetland areas. Where this is not possible, the use of deflectors to concentrate lighting away from vegetated wetlands must be employed.

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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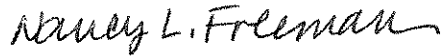
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