



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

May 8, 2020

Glocester Land Trust
Steven Mitchell, Chairman
c/o Jim Giarusso
1145 Putnam Pike
Chepachet, RI 02814

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

Re: Application No. 20-0063 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 1,000 feet south of Putnam Pike, Utility Pole 70, approximately 1,000 feet southwest of its intersection with Farnum Road, Assessor's Plat 17, Lots 116 & 121, HF 112, Map 377A, Glocester, RI.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

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 four (4) proposed foot bridges with associated minimal vegetative within and along the walking trails as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on March 12, 2020.

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. 20-0063:

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 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 March 12, 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 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 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
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 or town 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 Glocester 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 this letter unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
8. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that 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. Work adjacent to stream banks must temporarily cease in the event of any abnormally high stormwater runoff event.
11. If needed (e.g. if any minor hand shoveling or spot grading became necessary and disturbed soils were not stabilized), temporary erosion and sediment controls shall be properly installed at the site. 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.
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. No footings are authorized in the stream channel and no fill material or changes in grade for bridge approaches is authorized other than minor spot grading for leveling of the timber support structures.
14. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. Specifically, the site plans sheets needed have been numbered sequentially. In addition, the Limit of Disturbance (LOD) has been labeled in red onto Sheet Nos. 5 through 7 of 8 for clarity. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions.

Please be advised that this permit does not authorize any trail clearing within freshwater wetlands for new trails or widening of previously installed trails within freshwater wetlands. If new trails and/or trail work is proposed that does not meet the Exempt Activities as described in the Rules, a new application would be required.

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 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.

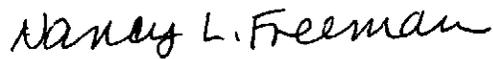
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

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).

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

Sincerely,



Nancy L. Freeman, Principal Environmental Scientist
Office of Water Resources
Freshwater Wetlands Program

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

cc: Jim Giarrusso, Project Manager, Gloucester Land Trust
Ken Johnson, Building Official, Town of Gloucester