



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

April 24, 2020

James Durkin
815 Point Judith Road
Narragansett, RI 02882

RE: Application No. 20-0080 in reference to the property located:

Approximately 850 feet southeast of the terminus of Bill Sweet Drive and approximately 1,150 feet southeast from the intersection of Bill Sweet Drive and Point Judith Road, Assessor's Plat P, Lot's 301, 302, 313, 314, and 315, and Plat Y, Lot 109, Narragansett, RI.

Dear Mr. Durkin:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your Request to verify the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands. This review included an inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") as described by the site plans submitted with your application and received on April 7, 2020.

Based upon the Program's observations and review, it is our determination that freshwater wetlands are present on or are in close proximity to the subject property. These freshwater wetlands are regulated by this Department and include, but are not limited to, at least the following types:

- Swamp
- Perimeter Wetland (that area of land within 50 feet of the edge of any freshwater wetland consisting in part, or in whole, of a bog, marsh, swamp or pond, as defined by these Rules).

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on-site. It is our determination that:

Those wetland edges delineated on-site are substantially accurate. These wetland edges have been shown on the site plan submitted with your application and are referenced as W.F. 14 A connecting to W.F.1D through W.F. 22D and W.F. 1E through W.F. 13E.

Corrections and/or modifications to the delineated edge are required, however, which include the following:

- Flag 16D should be moved approximately 15 feet east to be in line with flag D14.
- Flag 4D can be moved approximately 14 feet west.
- Future submissions must depict a 50' Perimeter Wetland on D and E series wetlands.

This letter does not constitute an approval or permit for any proposed project on the subject property. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 2-1-21(a) of the Freshwater Wetlands Act and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, 250-RICR150-15-1, a permit is required from this Program prior to the commencement of any activity which impacts or alters freshwater wetlands.

This Program assumes that the edges of freshwater wetlands, as flagged or marked on site, have been accurately surveyed and portrayed on site plans submitted in support of your application. This Program makes no guarantee or representation that such survey is accurate.

In accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-1.8(C)(8), this verification of the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands is valid for a limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue. You are hereby advised that on July 10, 2015, significant revisions to the RI Freshwater Wetlands Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 2-1-18 et. seq.) were signed into law. These revisions modify, among other things, the "jurisdictional areas" recognized by the State of Rhode Island. The Department is currently in the process of amending the Rules. If you are contemplating a project on your property, and submit the application prior to the promulgation of the revised Rules, you can expect the wetlands jurisdictional areas to correspond as described in this verification letter.

Any application submitted after promulgation of the Rules will be expected to conform to the then existing and duly promulgated Rules. While these changes will not affect the location of flagged wetland edges as verified in this letter, they may affect how activities located in adjacent jurisdictional upland areas will be regulated. You are advised, in the meantime, to monitor the rulemaking process, which will include opportunities for public input and comment.

Please contact Sophie Clode of this Office telephone: (401-222-6820, ext. 7419) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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c: Dexter Miller, Wetland Biologist/Soil Scientist, Dexter Miller, Environmental Services