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

March 2, 2021

RI Episcopal Convention, Inc.
c/o Dennis C. Burton, Chief Financial Officer
872 Reservoir Road
Pascoag, RI 02859

RE: Application No. 20-0159 in reference to the property located:
Approximately 1,155 feet west of Reservoir Road at 872 Reservoir Road in Pascoag; approximately 1,770 southeast of the intersection of Joslin Lane and Reservoir Road; Assessor's Plat 264, Lot 1, Burrillville; and Assessor's Plat 10, Lot 44, Glocester, RI.

Dear Mr. Burton:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Request to Verify Delineated Edge of 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 December 14, 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 bog, marsh, swamp, or pond)**
- **Stream**
- **Riverbank Wetland (that area of land within one hundred feet (100') of the edge of any flowing body of water having a width of less than ten feet (10') during normal flow associated with the stream**
- **Flood Plain (associated with the stream)**

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on site and requested for verification **(i.e., wetland edge flags B22 thru B56, D8 thru D16, and C1 thru C14)**. Note: Flag C1 was not verified as it is located off the subject property. It is our determination that these wetland edges delineated on the subject property are accurate with the following corrections/modifications/comments:

1) relocate flag B35 15 feet to the southwest,
2) relocate flag B36 12 feet to the west,
3) relocate flag B44 15 feet to the southwest,
4) relocate flag B46 25 feet to the southwest,
5) relocate flag B47 15 feet to the southwest,
6) relocate flag D11 20 feet to the northeast,
7) relocate flag C2 10 feet to the east-northeast; and
8) relocate flag New C7 (onsite) (depicted as C7 on the site plans) 10 feet to the southeast.

Wetland edge flags B22 through B56 and D8 to D16 demarcate the edge of a swamp.

Wetland edge flags C2 through C14 demarcate the edge of a swamp.

A stream is present within the swamp delineated by flags B22 through B56 and D8 through D16, as modified above. The channel begins just north of the existing stone/metal/wood crossing structure and extends northward through the swamp.

You should not infer that any verification of wetland edges carried out by this Department to date represents a determination that this is the extent of all wetlands on your property. The Department has verified only the wetland edges delineated by **wetland edge flags B22 thru B56, D8 thru D16, and C1 thru C14**, as per your request.

This Program did not undertake an inspection of other areas of this property to determine the presence of any additional freshwater wetlands.

This Program assumes that the depicted freshwater wetlands 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. Please note that there is a discrepancy between onsite and site plan measurements between wetland edge flags B53 and B54. Site plans depict these flags as being about 20 feet apart, while onsite measurements place this flags at about 45 feet apart.

This letter does not constitute an approval or permit for any proposed project on the subject property. Pursuant to Section § 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.

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 me should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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