



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

April 6, 2021

Sandra J. Buron
130 Lake Shore Drive
Glocester, RI 02814

Re: Application No. 20-0278 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 100 feet southeast of Lake Washington Drive (at 130 Lake Washington Drive), Utility Pole 13, approximately 1,400 feet south of its intersection with Putnam Pike, Assessor's Plat LW, Lot 48, Glocester, RI.

Dear Mrs. Buron:

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 16'x16' deck and L-shaped dock, as well as restoration tree plantings as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. The site plans were received by the DEM on March 15, 2021 (Sheet 1 of 4), January 7, 2021 (Sheet Nos. 2 and 3 of 4) and November 30, 2020 (Sheet 4 of 4).

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. 20-0278:

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 15, 2021 (Sheet 1 of 4), January 7, 2021 (Sheet Nos. 2 and 3 of 4) and November 30, 2020 (Sheet 4 of 4). 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

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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. Temporary erosion and sediment controls, as needed, shall be properly installed at the site prior to or commensurate with site alterations within the approved limit of disturbance. 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. Upon permanent stabilization of any disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls must be removed.
12. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. Specifically, a permanent limit of disturbance (LOD) has been redlined onto the site plans to enclose the work proposed (i.e. the deck and dock). A temporary limit of disturbance (not depicted due to the scale of the plans submitted) is authorized for construction access and to install the depicted mitigation plantings. No additional clearing of vegetation is authorized within the perimeter wetland for access to the deck and dock (since none is proposed) and no clearing of vegetation within perimeter wetland is authorized for the temporary construction access and plantings. In addition, planting details have been added to the site plan. Specifically, birch species must be native and at least 6 feet tall after planting. Please note that you can plant Butterfly Bushes **outside** of the 50-foot Perimeter Wetland. Only native species are authorized to be planted within the perimeter wetland and only those currently depicted were reviewed and approved under this permit. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions.
13. All plantings of shrubs, trees or other forms of vegetation as shown or detailed on the approved plans, or detailed in this permit, must be installed as soon as possible after completion of final grading; weather and season permitting.

14. Any plantings which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season.

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. 77732) 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

ec: Ken Johnson, Gloucester Town Building Official