



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

April 20, 2021

Estate of Maria V. Peckham  
Constance Elliot, Executrix  
62 Hartford Pike  
North Scituate, RI 02857

**Re:** Wetlands Application No. 21-0077 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 4000 feet west of Mt Hygeia Road at 24a Mt Hygeia Road and approximately 4000 feet northwest from the intersection of East Killingly Road and Old Danielson Pike, Assessor's Plat is 14, Lot 69, Foster, RI.

Dear Ms. Elliot:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed construction of a 5-bedroom dwelling with driveway, utilities (OWTS and private well), driveway, stormwater management, and the removal and disposal of existing structures with clearing, grading and associated site alterations as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. The site plans referenced by this letter and on file with this Program were received on March 29, 2021.

Our inspection reveals that freshwater wetlands regulated by the DEM are present on or in close proximity to the subject property. Review of your proposed project, however, reveals that this project does not represent an alteration to these freshwater wetlands. It is our determination therefore that a permit for this project pursuant to the Freshwater Wetland Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 2-1-18 *et seq.*) or the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-1, is not required. This Determination is specific to the proposed site alterations illustrated and detailed on site plans on file with this Program and is further predicated on the following:

1. Adequate measures are employed during and after site alterations to control soil erosion and to prevent any sediment from such erosion being deposited in any freshwater wetlands. You should consult the Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook for appropriate methods to control erosion and prevent sediment from leaving your project site.
2. This determination does not authorize you to modify your project in such a way as to result in the following:
  - a. An increase in the rate and/or volume of surface water runoff flowing into, or draining or diverting from these wetlands; or
  - b. A diversion of groundwater into or away from these wetlands; or
  - c. A modification to the quality of water reaching these wetlands, which could change their natural character.

3. Electrical utility connections (i.e. utility poles and overhead wiring or underground trenching) must be installed outside of freshwater wetlands and overhead wiring may not cross over any freshwater wetlands.

Please note that this Determination is specific to this proposed project as illustrated on the reviewed site plans, is valid for four (4) years from the date of this letter and does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law.

Kindly be advised that this determination is not equivalent to a determination of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on the subject property. Should you wish to obtain such verification, you may submit an application in accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-1.

Any modification to your project that would result in an alteration to freshwater wetlands or allowing your project to result in an alteration to freshwater wetlands, requires a permit from this Program. Unauthorized alterations to freshwater wetlands are subject to enforcement action.

Enclosed please find one (1) copy of your site plans stamped REVIEWED by this Program.

Please contact Jessica Lord of this Office (telephone: 401-222-3961, ext. 77416) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Nancy L. Freeman*

Nancy L. Freeman, Principal Environmental Scientist  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

c: Nicholas J. Piampiano, P.E., Advanced Civil Design, Inc.  
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