



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

July 12, 2021

Charles E. Werchadlo  
183 Westcott Road  
North Scituate, RI 02857

**Re:** Wetlands Application No. 21-0101 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 80 feet west of Westcott Road and approximately 2200 feet south of its intersection with Rockland Road, near Utility Pole Nos. 35 and 36, Assessor's Plat 46, Lot 49, Scituate, RI.

Dear Mr. Werchadlo:

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 4-bedroom dwelling with utilities (OWTS, private well), crushed stone driveway, paver walkway, retaining wall, raingarden, two drywells, foundation drain, recreational yard, clearing, grading, excavation, and soil disturbance 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 June 24, 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 must be installed outside of all regulated 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. Please note that a small additional area of wetland was observed beyond Flag Nos. A6 and A7 where the swamp extends easterly approximately to the stonewall.

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,



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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

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