



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

November 3, 2021

Eric Yeghian  
453 Farnum Pike  
Smithfield, RI 02917

**Re:** Application No. 21-0141 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 50 feet east of Farnum Pike (at 453 Farnum Pike), Utility Pole 256, approximately 650 feet southeast of its intersection with Cedar Forest Road, Assessor's Plat 49, Lot 180B, Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. Yeghian:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed 4-bedroom single-family residence with attached garage, paved driveway, well, OWTS, retaining wall, and two (2) vegetated swales to accommodate stormwater with clearing, grading and landscaping as illustrated and detailed on revised site plans submitted with your application. The revised site plans referenced by this letter and on file with this Program were received on October 13, 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. This Program has made specific revisions to the reviewed site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the reviewed plans. Specifically, the limits of disturbance have been extended to enclose the proposed well. In addition, the site plan sheets have been numbered sequentially (1 of 2 through 2 of 2).

4. Proposed work depicted on the adjacent (Lot 180A), was not reviewed under this application for a single-family residential lot.

Please note that this Determination is specific to this proposed project as illustrated on the reviewed site plans, is valid for five (5) 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.

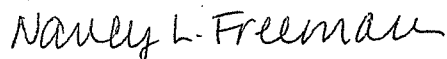
Kindly be advised that this determination is not equivalent to a determination of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on the subject property. Should you wish to obtain such verification, you may submit an application in accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-1.

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 Rene Legault of this Office (telephone: 401-222-4700, ext. 2777732) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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

cc: Christopher McWhite, CBO, HCO, Town of Smithfield Building & Zoning Official  
Mohamed Freij, PE, PLS, Supervising Sanitary Engineer, DEM OWTS Program  
Daniel Campbell, Level Design Group, LLC.  
Joseph P. McCue, Natural Resource Services, Inc.