



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

July 27, 2021

John W. and Lisa B. Goodwin  
176 Gibson Avenue  
Narragansett, RI 02882

RE: Application No. 21-0178 in reference to the property located:

Approximately 400 feet south from 172 Gibson Avenue and approximately 1550 feet southeast from the intersection of Gibson Avenue and Kendall Court, Assessor's Plat Z, Lots 4 and 4-1, Narragansett, RI.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your Request to verify the delineated edge of freshwater 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 June 18, 2021.

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 (A-series)
- Perimeter Wetland (that area of land within fifty feet (50') of the edge of any freshwater wetland consisting in part, or in whole, of a bog, marsh, swamp or pond)
- Special Aquatic Site (within the A-Series swamp west of Flags 14A through 17A)

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on-site. It is our determination that:

Those wetland edges delineated on-site are substantially accurate. Corrections and/or modifications to the delineated edge are required, however, which include the following:

- Flag 12A should be moved approximately 15 feet west.

Although not verified, off-site Flags 1A through 5A were reviewed. Flag 3A should be shifted approximately 15 feet east and the 50-foot perimeter adjusted accordingly on any future project proposals.

Please be aware that a swamp with an associated 50-foot perimeter wetland exists on an adjacent property (Plat Z, Lot 5-1). If the perimeter wetland of this swamp extends onto your property, it should also be depicted on future submissions.

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

those edges delineated and shown by you on-site and on the site plans submitted with your application and as qualified in this letter. Should you wish to verify the edge of additional wetlands, an additional application will be required.

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

This Program assumes that the edges of freshwater wetlands, as flagged or marked on site, 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.

In addition, you should note that freshwater wetlands are present on this property which may be regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended 33 U.S.C. 1344). Accordingly, a permit may be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for alteration of these wetland areas.

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. DEM has finalized adoption of revised Freshwater Wetlands Rules (250-RICR-150-15-2) which will go into effect on **January 15, 2022**. Until that date, the existing Freshwater Wetland Rules (250-RICR-150-15-1) remain in place.

If you are contemplating a project on your property and submit the application prior to January 15, 2022, you can expect the wetlands jurisdictional areas to correspond as described in this verification letter. Any application submitted after January 15, 2022 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.

Please contact Sophie Clode of this Office telephone: (401-222-6820, ext. 77419) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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