



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

January 10, 2023

Rhode Island Department of Transportation
c/o Alisa Richardson, Acting Administrator
Two Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903

REVISED PERMIT

Re: Application No. 21-0246 in reference to the location below:

Along Hartford Avenue (RI Route 6), beginning approximately 780 feet east of the intersection of Hartford Avenue and Reservoir Avenue and ending at the Interstate-295 NB On-Ramp, Utility Pole No. 154-1, Johnston, RI.

Dear Ms. Richardson:

The Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your Application for Permit Modification and has evaluated your proposed modifications to the previously approved Hartford Avenue road improvements, as illustrated and detailed on revised site plans submitted with your application. The revised site plans were received by the DEM on September 20, 2022.

Based upon the Program's evaluation of the revised project and pursuant to 250-RICR-150-15-1.11(C) of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-1, it is the Program's determination that a revised permit for the modified project may be issued under the following terms and conditions:

1. This letter is the DEM's revised permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, R.I. Gen Laws. § 2-1-18 et seq.
2. This revised 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 September 20, 2022. 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 revised permit conflict with the approved site plans, these terms and conditions shall be deemed to supersede the site plans.
4. A copy of the stamped approved site plans and a copy of this revised permit must be kept at the site at all times during site preparation, construction, and final stabilization. Copies of this revised permit and the stamped approved plans must be made available for review by any DEM or city/town representative upon request.
5. This revised permit expires four (4) years from the date of issue of the original letter of November 24, 2021 unless renewed pursuant to 250-RICR-150-15-1.9(D)(5).

6. The long-term operation and maintenance plan shall be strictly followed. The long-term O & M Plan shall be that entitled "Stormwater System Operation & Maintenance Plan, Project Schooner, Located in Johnston, Rhode Island; Applicant: Blue Water Property Group", dated received 10/26/2022, including revised BMP map dated received 11/02/2022, by DiPrete Engineering.

Except as authorized in this revised permit pursuant to revised and approved site plans (enclosed), all terms and conditions previously specified in the Program's permit dated November 24, 2022 (copy enclosed) remain in effect.

You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this revised permit and to carry out this project in compliance with 250-RICR-150-15-1 at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action by the Program.

In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

This revised 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 Claire Swift of this office at (telephone: 401-222-6820 ext. 2777418) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Martin D. Wencek, Program Supervisor
Freshwater Wetlands Program
Office of Water Resources
MDW/CVS/cvs

Enclosure: Approved revised site plan
Letter dated November 24, 2021

cc: Neal Personeus, DEM Stormwater Program
Robert F Parker, Town of Johnston Director of Public Works
Nicole Reilly, PE, DiPrete Engineering



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November 24, 2021

RI Department of Transportation
c/o Alisa Richardson, Acting Administrator
Two Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

Re: Wetland Application No. 21-0246, RIPDES File RIR102251, in reference to the location below:

Along Hartford Avenue (RI Route 6), beginning approximately 780 feet east of the intersection of Hartford Avenue and Reservoir Avenue and ending at the Interstate-295 NB On-Ramp, Utility Pole No. 154-1, Johnston, RI.

Dear Ms. Richardson:

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 road improvements to Hartford Avenue, Belfield Drive, and I-295N, as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on November 12, 2021.

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 (Rules), 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. 21-0225; RIPDES No. RIR102251:

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 determination also includes your final authorization to discharge storm water associated with construction activity under the **2020 RIDPES General Permit for Stormwater Discharge During Construction Activity ("CGP")**. For future references and inquiry, your permit authorization number is **RIPDES No. RIR102251**.
3. 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 November 12, 2021. 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.
4. 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.

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5. 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 Program in writing upon completion of the project, including submittal of the Notice of Termination Form. The Start of Construction Form and the Notice of Termination can be found on the webpage: dem.ri.gov/stormwaterconstruction.
6. 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 City/Town representative upon request.
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. Both the owner and the contractor retained to undertake the construction activity are required to comply with all terms and conditions of the CGP. This includes maintaining the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (SESC) Plan, performing the required inspections and maintenance of the selected Best Management Practices (BMPs), and retaining inspection records. Further information on the requirements of the CGP is available at:
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/ripdes/pdfs/cgp092620.pdf>.
11. Temporary erosion and sediment controls detailed or described on the approved site plans shall be properly installed at the site prior to or commensurate with site alterations. 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.
12. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls must be removed.
13. You are responsible for the proper installation, operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, stormwater treatment facilities, and systems of treatment and control that are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent wetlands until documentation is provided that this responsibility has been assigned to another entity. Operation and maintenance shall be as described in the plan entitled, "Stormwater System Operation & Maintenance Plan; Highway Safety Improvements to Hartford Avenue (Route 6), Located in Johnston, RI; Applicant: Rhode Island Department of Transportation", dated 8/23/2021, and received by this Program on 11/04/2021, as prepared by DiPrete Engineering.

14. You are obligated to install, utilize and follow all best management practices detailed or described on the approved site plans in the construction of the project to minimize or prevent adverse impacts to any adjacent freshwater wetlands and the functions and values provided by such wetlands.

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.

Please be aware that the RIDEM's Rules and Regulations Governing the Establishment of Various Fees (250-RICR-30-00-1) require that RIPDES CGP permit holders to pay an Annual Fee of \$100.00. An invoice will be sent to the owner on record in May/June of each year if the construction was still active as of December 31st of the previous year. The owner will be responsible for the Annual Fee until the construction activity has been completed, the site has been properly stabilized, and a completed Notice of Termination (NOT) has been received by the RIPDES Program.

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.

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

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Nicole Reilly, PE, DiPrete Engineering
Scott Rabideau, Natural Resource Services, Inc.
Arnold Vecchione, Dir. Of Public Works, Town of Johnston