



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

December 2, 2021

Samuel's Realty Co., Inc.
c/o Jason Bazarsky
678 Aquidneck Avenue
Middletown, RI 02842

RE: Application No. 21-0273 in reference to the property located:

At 656 Aquidneck Avenue and approximately 600 feet northwest of the intersection of Newman Road and Aquidneck Avenue, Assessor's Plat 114, Lot 108, Middletown, RI.

Dear Mr. Bazarsky:

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 October 15, 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:

- Forested Wetland
- Areas Subject to Storm Flowage

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edge delineated by you on-site. It is our determination that the wetland edge delineated on-site is accurate. The wetland edge has been shown on the site plan submitted with your application and is referenced as Flag Nos. WF-A3 through WF-A21. Please note that although the Department does not verify watercourses, ASSF Flag Nos. ASSF-1 through ASSF-4 were reviewed and are considered correct.

Please note that our inspection of the subject property has revealed the presence of other freshwater wetlands not specifically delineated by you. Specifically, an additional Area Subject to Storm Flowage was observed coming out of the wetland in between wetland flags WF-A15 and WF-A16. Therefore, 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. Also please note that 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 any additional wetlands, a new 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.

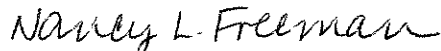
This Program assumes that the edges of freshwater wetlands, as flagged or marked on site, have been accurately surveyed and portrayed on site plans submitted in support of your application. This Program makes no guarantee or representation that such survey is accurate.

In 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 for the purpose of freshwater wetlands protection. DEM has developed revised Freshwater Wetlands Rules and initiated rulemaking to have the full rules go into effect on July 1, 2022 (250-RICR-150-15-3). Until the effective 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 the effective date, you can expect the wetlands jurisdictional areas to correspond as described in this verification letter. Any application submitted after the effective date 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 Jessica Lord of this Office telephone: (401-222-6820, ext. 2777416) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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