



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

April 19, 2022

Wild Moor, LLC
c/o Ralph Isham
1045 First Avenue, Suite 120
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Re: Application No. 22-0088 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 200 feet southwest of Hammersmith Road, approximately 425 feet west of the intersection of Hammersmith Road and Beacon Hill Road, Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 075, Newport, RI.

Dear Mr. Isham:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed pervious crushed stone driveway and new underground utility trench to access an existing greenhouse, 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 March 7, 2022.

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. The pervious driveway shall be ¾ inch to 1½ inch diameter, washed, angular crushed stone installed to a minimum depth of 3 inches, and the grade of the finished driveway cannot be higher

than the adjacent ground elevation, in accordance with the State of RI Stormwater Management Guidance for Individual Single-Family Residential Lot Development.

4. Wetland markers must be installed on the upland side of the delineated wetland edge. Cutting of trees or shrubs within wetland to install markers is not authorized. No alterations of any kind are permitted beyond these markers without first obtaining the necessary permit from this Program.

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.

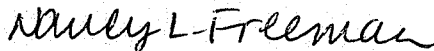
Kindly be advised that this determination is not equivalent to a determination of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on the subject property. Should you wish to obtain such verification, you may submit an application in accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-1.

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 Claire Swift of this Office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 277-7418) 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: William Hanley, City of Newport Building Official
Geraldyn Small, PE, Northeast Engineers & Consultants, Inc.
Scott P. Rabideau, Natural Resource Services, Inc.