



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

CERTIFIED MAIL

June 28, 2022

John Pinto
128 Lake View Drive
Chepachet, RI 02814

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

RE: Application No. 22-0166 for the property and project located:

Approximately 150 feet west of Lake View Drive, at Utility pole No. 24, and approximately 600 feet south-southwest of the intersection of Lake View Drive and Ada Drive, Assessor's Map CVB, Lot 16, Glocester, RI.

Dear Mr. Pinto:

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 replacement of an existing one-bedroom single family dwelling with a new two-bedroom single family dwelling, a new Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS), well removal, new private well installation, a stormwater treatment structure, and associated grading as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. The site plans were received by the DEM on May 11, 2022.

Our observations of the subject property, review of the site plans and evaluation of the proposed project reveals that alterations of freshwater wetlands are present which include unauthorized alterations of jurisdictional wetlands on the subject property. 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, this project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms, conditions, and restoration requirements:

Terms, Conditions, and Restoration Requirements for Wetlands Application No. 22-0166:

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 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 May 11, 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 permit conflict with the approved site plans, these terms and conditions shall be deemed to supersede the site plans.

4. 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. The Start of Construction Form can be found on the webpage: dem.ri.gov/stormwaterconstruction
5. 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 town representative upon request.
6. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of Glocester and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this permit was recorded.
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. Temporary erosion and sediment controls shall be properly installed at the site prior to or commensurate with site alterations. In addition to a silt fence as depicted on the approved site plans, ground stabilization with grass seeding in the Perimeter Wetland is required. The erosion and sediment 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.
11. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls if installed, must be removed.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. As a result of unauthorized alterations in the Perimeter Wetland that includes clearing all shrubs and ground cover vegetation in the Perimeter Wetland on the subject property, this Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions. Specifically, you are required to plant a total of twelve shrubs which can be any one or a combination of the following species: *Clethra alnifolia* (sweet pepperbush), *Vaccinium corymbosum* (highbush blueberry), and *Ilex verticillate* (winterberry). All plants must be no less than four (4) feet tall after planting and shall be placed no more than ten (10) feet on center specifically as indicated on the approved site plan.

15. Restoration plantings of shrubs required by this Program between the project limit of disturbance and any adjacent freshwater wetland areas, must be allowed to develop naturally without being subjected to mowing or manicuring.
16. Any restoration shrub plantings which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season.
17. All restoration shrubs noted above must be installed by September 30, 2022.

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.

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.

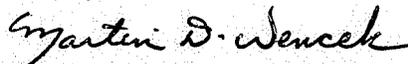
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

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.

Please contact me at this office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 2777403) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Martin D. Wencek, Program Supervisor
Office of Water Resources
Freshwater Wetlands Program

Enclosure: Approved site plans

cc: Mohamed Frejj, DEM OWTS Program
Town of Gloucester Building Official
Nicholas Piampiano, Advanced Civil Design, Inc.