



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

July 11, 2022

Robert Grasso  
PO Box 28  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Re: Application No. 22-0202 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 200 feet northwest of South County Trail (Route 2), approximately 800 feet northeast of the intersection of South County Trail (Route 2) and Mail Road, Utility Pole No. 70, Assessor's Plat 72 Block 7, Lot 5, Exeter, RI.

Dear Mr. Grasso:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed new single-family home with attached garage, crushed stone driveway, onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS), private well, rain garden, site grading, vegetative clearing, and landscaped yard, 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 June 2, 2022.

Our inspection reveals that freshwater wetlands regulated by the DEM are present on 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.

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.

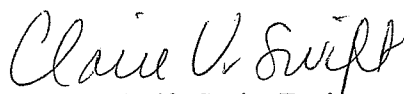
Kindly be advised that this determination is not equivalent to a determination of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on the subject property. Should you wish to obtain such verification, you may submit an application in accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-1.

**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,



Claire V. Swift, Senior Environmental Scientist  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
Office of Water Resources

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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

cc: Matthew J. Cotta, PLS, American Engineering, Inc.  
Ronald A. DeFrancesco, Town of Exeter Building Official