



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

December 9, 2022

Matilda Pines LLC  
c/o Joshua Chu, Manager  
37 Ogden Street  
Providence, RI 02906

**Re:** Wetlands Application No. 22-0232 & Groundwater Discharge/UIC File No. 002116 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 150 feet west of Matilda Street (at 51 Matilda Street), between Utility Poles 3 & 4, approximately 300 feet west of its intersection with Nashua Street, Assessor's Plat 75, Lots 297 & 298, Providence, RI.

Dear Mr. Chu:

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 construction of two (2) new apartment buildings with associated paved parking areas, retaining walls, two (2) underground infiltration systems for stormwater, utilities (connections to municipal water, gas, and sewer) with associated clearing, grading, landscaping and site alterations 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 December 2, 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 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, 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. 22-0232; Groundwater Discharge/UIC No. 002116:**

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.* This application review has also included review and authorization of any stormwater infiltration system subject to the DEM Groundwater Discharge Rules, 250-RICR-150-05-4 (Rules for the Discharge of Non-Sanitary Wastewater and Other Fluid to or Below the Ground Surface).
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 December 2, 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](http://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 city 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 City of Providence and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the City showing this permit was recorded.
7. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires four years from the date issued 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 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.
11. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls 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. The long-term operation and maintenance plan shall be strictly followed. The long-term O & M Plan shall be that entitled "Post-Construction Phase Best Management Practices Operation and Maintenance Plan & Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan in support of a site plan for: Residential Site Development – 47 & 51 Matilda Street – Providence, RI – AP 75, Lot 297 & 298" submitted initially in October 2022 and revised in December 2022 by Anthony A. Esposito, P.E. located at 12666 Kenwood Lane in Fort Meyers, FL 33907.
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. You must provide written certification from a registered land surveyor or registered professional engineer that the stormwater drainage system including any and all basins, piping systems, catch basins, culverts, swales and any other stormwater management control features have been constructed/installed in accordance with the site plans approved by this permit. This written

certification must be submitted to this Program within twenty (20) days of its request or upon completion of the project.

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). Please note that although not depicted on the site plans, a forested wetland is present off-site to the southwest and the 200-foot riverbank wetland associated with the Moshassuck River extends on-site along the Collyer Street frontage.**

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 Rene Legault of this office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 277-7732) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

*Nancy L. Freeman*

Nancy L. Freeman, Principal Environmental Scientist  
Office of Water Resources  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
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Enclosure: Approved site plans

c: Neal Personeus, DEM Stormwater Program  
DEM UIC Program  
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