



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

December 2, 2022

Roman Catholic Bishop of Providence & Catholic Cemeteries
Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence
34 Fenner Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Application No. 22-0272 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 100 feet south of Pine Swamp Road, nearest Utility Pole 162, approximately 2,000 feet east of its intersection with West Wrentham Road, Assessor's Plat 60, Lot 36, Cumberland, RI.

Dear Bishop Tobin:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed two (2) lot subdivision and the construction of two single-family residences with paved driveways, OWTS, wells, two (2) rain gardens, and two (2) vegetated swales with clearing, grading 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 November 17, 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. Buffer zone plantings of trees proposed between the project and any adjacent freshwater wetland areas, except for necessary replacement, must be allowed to develop naturally without being subjected to mowing or manicuring.

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.

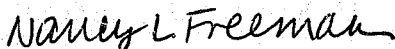
Kindly be advised that this determination is not equivalent to a determination of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on the subject property. Should you wish to obtain such verification, you may submit an application in accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-1.

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 Rene Legault of this Office (telephone: 401-222-4700, ext. 277732) 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

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Scott P. Rabideau, PWS, Natural Resource Services, Inc.