



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

August 2, 2022

Edward D. Szpila, Jr.  
253 Bear Hill Road  
Cumberland, RI 02864

**Re:** Wetlands Application No. 22-0287 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 150 feet northeast from the intersection of Green Meadow Drive and Point Judith Road (Route 138), and approximately 170 southeast from the intersection of Point Judith Road and Sand Hill Cove Road, Assessor's Plat L, Lot 327, Narragansett, RI.

Dear Mr. Szpila:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed single-family dwelling with a crushed stone driveway, municipal water and sewer connections, vegetated swale for stormwater management, clearing, grading, landscaping, temporary erosion controls, and mitigative screen plantings 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 28, 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. Also prior to commencement of any site alterations, permanent buffer zone markers must be installed along the limit of disturbance at the locations indicated in red ink on the reviewed site plans, in order to provide permanent reference points on site that are clear to present and future property owners. Acceptable permanent type markers include 4" x 4" pressure treated timber posts, galvanized fence posts with cap, or granite or concrete bounds. Markers must extend a minimum 24" above grade. A permanent-type tag or sign labeled "RIDEM Buffer Zone" must be placed on each marker. A permanent-type fence at least 24 "tall placed along the limits of disturbance may be substituted where desired. No alterations of any kind are permitted beyond these markers without first obtaining the necessary permit from this Program.
4. The electrical connection, new poles, overhead wires or underground trenching must be within the reviewed limit of disturbance and may not cross freshwater wetlands.

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 Sophie Clode of this Office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext.2777419) 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

c: Joseph P. McCue, PWS, McCue Environmental, LLC