



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

November 1, 2022

Frank Silva  
284 Old Snake Hill Road  
Chepachet, RI 02814

**Re:** Application No. 22-0294 in reference to the location below:

284 Old Snake Hill Road. Entrance is From Cooks Estates Way, Nearest intersection is approximately 730 feet East at Reynolds Road, Assessor's Plat 5, Lot 183. Glocester, RI.

Dear Mr. Silva:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed subdivision of the existing lot into two (2) lots and the construction of one new three (3) bedroom single-family residence with pervious driveway, OWTS, well, and two (2) rain gardens as illustrated and detailed on revised site plans submitted with your application. These revised site plans were received by the DEM on September 7, 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. Please be advised that no grade changes were reviewed or are authorized beyond the reviewed limit of disturbance as depicted on the site plans.

4. 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.

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.

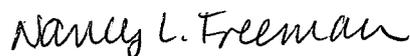
Kindly be advised that this determination is not equivalent to a determination of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on the subject property. Should you wish to obtain such verification, you may submit an application in accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-1.

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. 2777732) 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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