



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

August 23, 2022

Karle Busse
87 Rustic Acres Drive
Chepachet, RI 02814

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

Re: Application No. 22-0309 for the property and project located:

At 87 Rustic Acres Drive and approximately 800 feet southeast of the intersection of Spruce Ridge Drive and Rustic Acres Drive, Assessor's Plat 16, Lot 124, Glocester. RI.

Dear Ms. Busse:

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 wooden staircase, boardwalk, and two observation platforms as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on June 29, 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. 22-0309:

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.
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 June 29, 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. 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 town representative upon request.

5. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of Gloucester and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this permit was recorded.
6. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires four (4) years from the date of this letter unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
7. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any freshwater wetland.
8. You are obligated to install, utilize, maintain, 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.
9. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. Specifically, a Limit of Disturbance (LOD) has been added to the site plans that encloses the wooden staircase, boardwalk, and the two observation platforms. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions.

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.

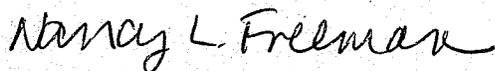
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

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).

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 Jessica Lord of this office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 277-7416) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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

ec: Bruce Ahern, DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection (OCI-FW-22-19)
Ken Johnson, Town of Gloucester Building Official
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