



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

November 13, 2024

Stephen Larocque
481 Boston Post Road
Weston, MA 02493

RE: Application No. **22-0351** in reference to the location below:

Approximately 170 feet east of Friendship Farm Lane and approximately 1,050 feet southeast of its intersection with East Main Road, Assessor's Plat 29, Lot 31-13, Little Compton, RI.

Dear Mr. Larocque:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed construction of a 4-bedroom dwelling, garage, pervious driveway, well, septic system, stormwater treatment structures and associated landscaping 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 September 27, 2024.

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 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-Telephone 401.222.4700 | www.dem.ri.gov | Rhode Island Relay 711

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. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. The depicted "Proposed Dwelling" and on the abutting lot to the north have been crossed out because this letter strictly pertains to Lot 31-13.

Please note that this Determination is specific to this proposed project as illustrated on the reviewed site plans, is valid for five (5) 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 by this Program.

Please contact Rene Legault of this Office (telephone: 401-537-4248) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Andy Charpentier, Environmental Scientist III
Freshwater Wetlands Program
Office of Water Resources

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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

cc: William L. Moore, Little Compton Building Official
William F. Smith, P.E., Civil Engineering Concepts, Inc.