



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

November 28, 2022

Rhode Island Department of Transportation  
c/o Alisa Richardson  
360 Lincoln Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02888

**Re:** Wetlands Application No. 22-0467 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 60 feet west of Mendon Road (Route 122) and approximately 830 feet northwest of its intersection with George Washington Highway (Route 116), near Utility Pole No. 339, Assessor's Plat 58, Lot 48, Cumberland, RI.

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed construction of an infiltration basin, modification to existing closed drainage system to accommodate additional catch basins, manhole, and drainage pipes, minor grading, clearing, excavation, and soil disturbance 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 October 3, 2022.

Our inspection reveals that jurisdictional areas 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 jurisdictional areas. 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-150-15-3, 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 buffers; or
  - b. A diversion of groundwater into or away from these wetlands and associated buffers; or
  - c. A modification to the quality of water reaching these wetlands or buffers, which could change their natural character.

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 jurisdictional areas on the subject property. Should you wish to obtain such verification, you may submit an application in accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-3.

Any modification to your project that would result in an alteration to jurisdictional areas, or allowing your project to result in an alteration to jurisdictional areas, requires a permit from this Program. Unauthorized alterations to wetlands, buffers and other jurisdictional areas are subject to enforcement action.

Enclosed please find one (1) copy of your site plans stamped REVIEWED by this Program.

Please contact Jessica Lord of this Office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 277-7416) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Nancy L. Freeman*

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Office of Water Resources  
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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

cc: Michael Wilkinson, P.E., WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure Inc.  
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