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OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
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Rhode Island Airport Corporation
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Freshwater Wetlands Permit

Re: Application No. 23-0112 and RIPDES No. RIR102544 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

At the Air Traffic Control Tower at TF Green International Airport, approximately 1,250 feet north of Warwick Industrial Drive and approximately 5,600 feet north/northeast of its intersection with Main Avenue (Rt. 113), near Utility Pole No. 19, Assessor's Plat 321, Lot 4, Warwick, RI.

Dear Ms. Morgan:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Application for a Freshwater Wetlands Permit** as described in Rule 3.11 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Fresh Water Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-3 ("Rules"). This review included a site inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") and an evaluation of the proposed removal and replacement of the paved parking lots and driveways, removal and replacement of gravel bases, regrading and fill for the rear access road, replacement of a storage shed, concrete sidewalk repairs, ADA parking upgrades, sanitary sewer repair, the replacement of the security fence to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards, and the installation of infiltration trenches to treat stormwater with clearing, grading, landscaping and associated site alterations as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on February 26, 2024.

Our observations of the subject property, review of the site plans and evaluation of the proposed project reveals that alterations of jurisdictional areas are proposed. However, pursuant to Rule 3.7.3B of the Rules, this project meets the Variance Criteria for Public and Governmental Bodies, and a **Freshwater Wetlands Permit** may be issued under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Wetlands Application No. 23-0112: and RIPDES No. RIR102544:

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 determination also includes your final authorization to discharge storm water associated with construction activity under the **2020 RIDPES General Permit for Stormwater Discharge During Construction Activity ("CGP")**. For future references and inquiry, your permit authorization number is **RIPDES No. RIR102544**. This RIPDES CGP permit is not transferable to any person except after written notice to the Director, in the form of a Permit Transfer Form available on the RIDEM Stormwater Construction Permitting website.

3. This permit is specifically limited to the project, site alterations and limits of disturbance as depicted on Sheet 21 of 21 (see Condition No. 17 below), as detailed on the site plans submitted with your application and received by the DEM on February 26, 2024. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the project that would alter jurisdictional areas are not authorized without a permit from the DEM.
4. 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.
5. You must notify this Program in writing of the anticipated start date, and of your contractor's contact information, by submitting the Notice of Start of Construction Form prior to commencement of any permitted site alterations or construction activity. You must also notify this Program in writing upon completion of the project. The Start of Construction Form can be found on the webpage: dem.ri.gov/stormwaterconstruction.
6. 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 city representative upon request.
7. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the City of Warwick and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the City showing this permit was recorded.
8. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires five (5) years from the date of this letter unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
9. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any jurisdictional area.
10. Prior to commencement of site alterations, you shall erect or post a sign resistant to the weather and at least twelve (12) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches long, which boldly identifies the initials "DEM" and the application number of this permit. This sign must be maintained at the site in a conspicuous location until such time that the project is complete.
11. Both the owner and the contractor retained to undertake the construction activity are required to comply with all terms and conditions of the CGP. This includes maintaining the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (SESC) Plan, performing the required inspections and maintenance of the selected Best Management Practices (BMPs), and retaining inspection records. Further information on the requirements of the CGP is available at:
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/ripdes/pdfs/cgp092620.pdf>.
12. Temporary erosion and sediment controls detailed or described on the approved site plans shall be properly installed at the site prior to or commensurate with site alterations. Such controls shall be properly maintained, replaced, supplemented, or modified as necessary throughout the life of this project to minimize soil erosion and to prevent sediment from being deposited in any freshwater wetland, buffer, floodplain, or other jurisdictional areas not subject to disturbance under this permit.
13. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls must be removed.

14. You are responsible for the proper installation, operation, maintenance, and stability of any mitigative features, stormwater treatment facilities, and systems of treatment and control that are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent freshwater wetland, buffer or floodplain, or other jurisdictional areas until documentation is provided that this responsibility has been assigned to another entity. The long-term operation and maintenance plan shall be strictly followed. The long-term operation and maintenance plan shall be as described in the plan entitled, "Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control Facility, Rhode Island-TF Green International Airport (PVD), Warwick, Rhode Island; Stormwater Controls Operation and Maintenance Manual", dated February 2024 Rev1, dated received 2/26/2024, indicated as prepared by Parsons.
15. You are obligated to install, utilize, follow, and maintain 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 wetland and buffers or floodplain, and the functions and values provided by such freshwater wetlands and buffers or floodplain.
16. You must provide written certification from a registered land surveyor or registered professional engineer that the stormwater drainage system including any and all basins, piping systems, catch basins, culverts, swales and any other stormwater management control features have been constructed/installed in accordance with the site plans approved by this permit. This written certification must be submitted to this Program within twenty (20) days of its request or upon completion of the project.
17. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. Specifically, a note was added to Sheet 21 of 21 that states the Limit of Disturbance (LOD) depicted on this sheet is the LOD that must be adhered to. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions.

Pursuant to the provisions in 250-RICR-150-15-3.8.13 and 250-RICR-150-15-3.14.4(A), as applicable, any properly recorded and valid Freshwater Wetlands Permit is automatically transferred to the new owner upon sale of the property.

Please be aware that the RIDEM's Rules and Regulations Governing the Establishment of Various Fees (250-RICR-30-00-1) require that RIPDES CGP permit holders to pay an Annual Fee of \$100.00. An invoice will be sent to the owner on record in May/June of each year if the construction was still active as of December 31st of the previous year. The owner will be responsible for the Annual Fee until the construction activity has been completed, the site has been properly stabilized, and a completed Notice of Termination (NOT) has been received by the RIPDES Program.

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.

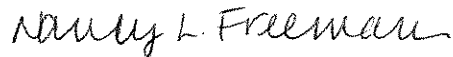
Kindly be advised that this permit is not equivalent to a verification of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands or jurisdictional areas on site. Please be advised that the buffer zones and jurisdictional areas are not correctly depicted on the site plans. Should you wish to have the types and extent of freshwater wetlands verified, you may submit the appropriate application in accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-3.9.3.

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.

If you have not already done so, or in order to check on the status of their review, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine federal permit requirements on your project. Write the Corps' New England District, Regulatory Branch, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751; website: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/or> email at cenaer@usace.army.mil . Please note that the Department of the Army authorization must be obtained before any work is initiated in areas subject to Corps jurisdiction.

Please contact Jessica Lord of this office (telephone: 401-537-4249) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Approved site plans

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