



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

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RI Department of Transportation
Alisa Richardson, PE, PMP
360 Lincoln Avenue
Warwick, RI, 02888

Freshwater Wetlands Permit

Re: Application No. 23-0152 for the property and project located:

Approximately 50 feet north of Rt. 6 and approximately 700 feet southwest from Sheridan Street and its intersection with Curtis Street, Route 6 Highway right-of-way (ROW), Providence, 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 **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 rip rap slope stabilization and restoration plantings 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 August 30, 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 for Public and Governmental Bodies, this project meets the General Variance Criteria, and a **Freshwater Wetlands Permit** may be issued under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Wetlands Application No. 23-0152:

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 August 30, 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.
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. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any jurisdictional area.
8. 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.
9. 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, area subject to storm flowage, or area subject to flooding or other jurisdictional areas not subject to disturbance under this permit.
10. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls must be removed.
11. 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, buffer floodplain, area subject to storm flowage or other jurisdictional areas and the functions and values provided by such freshwater wetlands, buffers floodplain or other jurisdictional areas.
12. All plantings of shrubs, trees or other forms of vegetation as shown or detailed on the approved plans, or detailed in this permit, must be installed as soon as possible after completion of final grading; weather and season permitting. You must notify this Program in writing upon completion of the required plantings for a compliance inspection by a Program representative.
13. Mitigation or screen plantings of trees and/or shrubs proposed between the project and any adjacent freshwater wetland areas and buffers except for necessary replacement, must be allowed to develop naturally.
14. Any plantings which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season.
15. Any mechanical pulling or removal of invasives species within the project limits for the duration of this permit must be conducted in a manner which does not impact any native plant species either planted or that have become established.

16. Upon expiration of this permit, invasive species removal must be in accordance with the Exempt Activities per Section 3.6.23 of the Rules or a new permit application is required.
17. **This permit does not authorize you to use pesticides or herbicides for invasive species removal. You must obtain approval from the RIDEM Division of Agriculture.**
18. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. Invasive Species Control Notes on Sheet 1 have been revised to refer to Conditions 15, 16 and 17 above. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions.

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. 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 (see "ec" below for contact).

Please contact Sam Dufresne of this office (telephone: 401-537-4220) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Nancy L. Freeman, Environmental Scientist III
Office of Water Resources
Freshwater Wetlands Program

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

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