



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

October 3, 2023

City of Woonsocket
Steven D'Agostino, DPW Director
169 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02865

Re: Wetlands Application No. 23-0177 and RIPDES No. RIR102555 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

At the terminus of Roy Avenue, approximately 750-feet east of Jillson Ave and approximately 1000-feet northeast of the intersection of Jillson Ave and Hillview Street, near Utility Pole No. 3, Assessor's Plat G4, Lot 31-5, Woonsocket, RI.

Dear Mr. D'Agostino:

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 new City of Woonsocket Department of Public Works (DPW) facility along with new site layout, grading, drainage, stormwater features, utilities (private well, underground electric and on-site wastewater treatment system, "OWTS") and landscaping improvements 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 August 17, 2023.

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 and buffers; (or floodplain, areas subject to storm flowage or areas subject to flooding), or
 - b. A diversion of groundwater into or away from these wetlands and buffers; (or floodplain, areas subject to storm flowage or areas subject to flooding), or

- c. A modification to the quality of water reaching these wetlands and buffers ;(or floodplain, areas subject to storm flowage or areas subject to flooding), which could change their natural character.

The Program has also reviewed this project in accordance with the standards of the 2020 RIPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharge Associated with Construction Activity ("CGP"). This determination includes your final authorization to discharge stormwater associated with construction activity under the CGP. For future references and inquiry, your permit authorization number is **RIPDES No. RIR102555**.

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, including submittal of the Notice of Termination Form. The Start of Construction Form and the Notice of Termination can be found on the webpage: dem.ri.gov/stormwaterconstruction

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 are available at: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/ripdes/pdfs/cgp092620.pdf>.

Please be aware that the DEM's Rules and Regulations Governing the Establishment of Various Fees, 250-RICR-30-00-1, require that RIPDES CGP permit holders 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. A copy of the NOT can be found attached to the CGP on the web page referenced above.

You are responsible for the proper installation, operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, facilities, and systems of treatment and control which are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent jurisdictional areas until such time that you document that this responsibility has been assumed by another person or organization. You are also responsible for ensuring that your project complies at all times with the RIPDES CGP.

You are responsible for the long-term inspection, cleaning and maintenance of the stormwater collection and treatment system to ensure proper performance of all components until documentation is provided to indicate that this responsibility has been assumed by another entity. Long-term operation and maintenance is to be as described in the Post-Construction Operation and Maintenance Plan entitled "Stormwater Management System – Long Term Operation and Maintenance Plan for Woonsocket DPW Water Division Facility Assessor's Plat G4, Lot 31-5 Roy Avenue Woonsocket, Rhode Island" dated August 2023, received August 17, 2023, prepared by Crossman Engineering.

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

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 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 REVIEWED by this Program. Please contact Sam Dufresne of this Office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 2777275) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Freeman

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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

c: Neal Personeus, DEM Stormwater Program
Steven M. Cabral, PE, Crossman Engineering