



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

December 7, 2023

David Depina
12 Old Farm Road
Westport, MA 02790.

Re: Wetlands Application No. 23-0229 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 70 feet south of Belfield Drive, and approximately 2650 feet northeast of its intersection with Hartford Avenue, near Utility Pole #29, Assessor's Plat 54, Lot 166, Johnston, RI.

Dear Mr. Depina:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed 4-bedroom dwelling, driveway, utilities (onsite wastewater treatment system and private well), roof drain, with associated clearing, grading and site alterations 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 10/27/2023.

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-150-15-3, is not required. Electric utilities are not included on the reviewed site plans. If these utilities are to be included, it must fall within the reviewed limits of disturbance. 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. Electric utilities are not included on the reviewed site plans. Electrical utilities (new poles and overhead wires or underground trenching) must be installed outside of all jurisdictional areas.

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-150-15-3.

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 jurisdictional areas are subject to enforcement action.

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

Please contact Ryan Corvese of this Office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 277-7420) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Nancy L. Freeman, Environmental Scientist III
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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

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