



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

June 26, 2024

HT Auto LLC dba Leo's Auto Part Corp.  
c/o Edward Hernandez  
955 Iron Mine Hill Road  
North Smithfield, RI 02896

**RE: Application No. 24-0141**  
**Application for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit for the site located:**

Approximately 100 feet northwest of Iron Mine Hill Road (Building No. 955), and approximately 5,800 feet east of its intersection with Greenville Road (Route 104), North Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources (RIDEM OWR) has reviewed the above referenced application for a proposed fifteen foot (15') wide gravel access driveway, vegetated swale, and associated landscaping for eligibility under a Freshwater Wetlands General Permit (FWW GP) as described in Section 3.10 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-3 (FWW Rules). The project is further described in your application and detailed on site plans consisting of 2 sheets and received by RIDEM OWR on June 11, 2014.

It has been determined that the above-referenced application is eligible under the FWW GP and the proposed project is hereby authorized provided that the Applicant complies with the above-referenced application materials and the following conditions:

1. You must submit the Notice of Start of Construction Form prior to commencement of any permitted site alterations or construction activity. The Start of Construction Form can be found on the Stormwater Construction Permitting website, [www.dem.ri.gov/stormwaterconstruction](http://www.dem.ri.gov/stormwaterconstruction).
2. All projects must install, utilize and maintain appropriate erosion and sediment controls and practices consistent with *RI Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook*, as amended, as necessary to prevent the discharge of sediment into freshwater wetlands or buffers. All exposed soils and other fills are to be permanently stabilized at the earliest practicable date.
3. Temporary soil erosion and sediment controls shall be removed upon completion of work, but not before all disturbed areas are permanently stabilized. The sediment collected by these controls and devices shall be removed and placed in upland locations within the approved project limits or otherwise stabilized in a manner that will prevent its later erosion.
4. All fill material shall be clean and free of matter that could cause pollution of the waters of the State.
5. Any alterations, additions, or modifications to the project design plans from that authorized herein must first be reviewed and approved by RIDEM OWR.

6. This authorization expires five (5) years from issuance of this letter. Project construction is to be completed by this date. No renewals are available for this authorization.
7. You are required to restore altered Wetland Jurisdictional Areas and Buffers as stipulated by DEM's Office of Compliance and Inspection (OCI), (DEM file OCI-FW-24-3). Installation of required restoration plants as noted by the Office of Compliance and Inspection must be installed by September 30, 2024.
8. Any plants installed to satisfy the OCI restoration requirements that fail to survive one full growing season must be replaced in-kind.

Please be advised that the site plan scale is incorrect and is actually one-inch equals twenty feet.

Authorizations under the FWW GP are not transferrable unless the RIDEM OWR is notified in writing. In the event of transfer of the subject property subsequent to authorization of a project under this GP, the new owner shall complete and submit a Notice of Change of Ownership form found at:

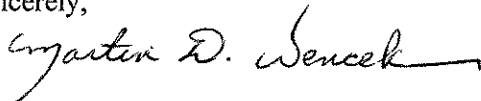
<https://dem.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur861/files/programs/benviron/water/permits/swcoord/stwtransfer.pdf>

This authorization does not relieve your obligation to obtain and adhere to any other applicable local, state and federal permits prior to commencing construction, nor does it relieve you from any duties owed to adjacent landowners with specific reference to any changes in runoff or drainage.

You are responsible for complying with all standard terms and conditions outlined in Part I(D) of the FWW GP and carrying out this project in compliance with the FWW Rules at all times. Failure to comply with any terms or conditions, or carry out the project as depicted on the site plans reviewed by RIDEM OWR may result in enforcement action as determined to be appropriate. A copy of the site plans reviewed by RIDEM OWR is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this authorization, you may contact Andy Charpentier at [andy.charpentier@dem.ri.gov](mailto:andy.charpentier@dem.ri.gov) or (401) 537-4209.

Sincerely,



Martin D. Wencek, Wetlands Permitting Program Supervisor  
RIDEM Office of Water Resources  
Freshwater Wetlands Program

Enclosure: Site plans received by RIDEM on June 11, 2024

cc: Bruce Ahern, RI DEM Office of Compliance & Inspection  
Tracey Tyrrell, Office of Compliance and Inspection  
Scott P. Rabideau, Natural Resource Services, Inc.  
Leo Cote, North Smithfield Building Official