



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

August 7, 2024

RI Department of Environmental Management
Michelle Sheehan, Administrator
Office of Planning and Development State Government
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908

RE: Application No. 24-0173
Application for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit for the site located:

Approximately 80 feet east of Battey Meetinghouse Road and approximately 750 feet south of its intersection with Danielson Pike, near Utility Pole No. 6, Assessor's Plat 32, Lot 39, Scituate, RI.

Dear Ms. Sheehan:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources (RIDEM OWR) has reviewed the above referenced application for the proposed installation of a 3 to 5-foot-wide universally accessible gravel trail, accessible benches, infiltration trenches, a composting toilet, two ADA compliant parking spaces, a 5-foot-wide bituminous concrete walkway, a native plant garden, kiosk, and informational signs 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 nine (9) sheets and received by RIDEM OWR on July 3, 2024.

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.
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. The 5-foot-wide bituminous concrete walkway depicted on the site plans must be located within the existing gravel parking lot.
7. 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.

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 Jessica Lord at Jessica.lord@dem.ri.gov or (401) 537-4249.

Sincerely,



Nancy L. Freeman, Environmental Scientist III
RIDEM Office of Water Resources
Freshwater Wetlands Program
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Enclosure: Site plans received by RIDEM on July 3, 2024

ec: Cynthia Gianfrancesco, Vice-Chair, Scituate Land Trust Municipal Government