



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

September 6, 2024

Joseph Platt  
Joseph and Eva Platt Living Trust  
450 Saugatucket Road  
South Kingstown, RI, 02879

**RE:** Application No. **24-0189** in reference to the property located:

Approximately 60 feet south of Moorsefield Road (Route 138), at Utility Pole No. 20, and approximately 1,300 feet east of its intersection with Wayside Meadow Drive, Assessor's Plat 18-4, Lot 7, South Kingstown, RI.

Dear Mr. Platt:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your Request to verify freshwater wetland edges. This review included an inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") as described by the site plans submitted with your application and received on August 7, 2024.

Per Rule 250-RICR-150-15-3.23, the **Statewide Buffer Zone Designation**, your property falls within:

- River Protection Region 2

Based upon the Program's observations and review, it is our determination that freshwater wetlands are present on or are in close proximity to the subject property. These freshwater wetlands and other jurisdictional areas are regulated by this Department and include, but are not limited to, at least the following types:

**Jurisdictional Areas:**

- Freshwater Wetlands (see below)
- Buffer: All areas of undeveloped vegetated land adjacent to a freshwater wetland that is to be retained in its natural undisturbed condition or is to be created to resemble a naturally occurring vegetated area. For the purpose of defining buffer in these Rules, "adjacent to" means land area within the buffer zone.
- Floodplain
- Contiguous areas that extend outward two-hundred feet (200') from the edge of a river or stream
- Contiguous areas that extend one-hundred feet (100') from the edge of all other freshwater wetlands

**Freshwater Wetlands and associated Statewide Buffer Zone Designation** include at least the following types:

- Swamp greater than 10 acres = **75-foot Buffer Zone**, plus 25 feet where Swamp edge is within 50 feet of Stream for a 100-foot Buffer Zone.
- Stream = **100-foot Buffer Zone**.

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edges delineated by you on-site and are referenced as Flag Nos. A1-A27. It is our determination that this wetland edge delineated on-site is substantially accurate. Corrections and/or modifications to the delineated edge are required, however, which include the following:

- Flag A 24 should be moved northwest, approximately 12 feet.

- Flag A 20 should be moved northwest, approximately 12 feet.

Please note that our inspection of the subject property has revealed the presence of other freshwater wetlands not specifically delineated by you. Therefore, you should not infer that any verification of wetland edges carried out by this Department to date represents a determination that this is the extent of all wetlands or jurisdictional areas on your property. The Department has verified only those edges delineated and shown by you on-site and on the site plans submitted with your application and as qualified in this letter. Should you wish to verify the edge of these additional wetlands, a new application will be required.

This letter does not constitute an approval or permit for any proposed project on the subject property. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 2-1-21(a) of the Freshwater Wetlands Act and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, 250-RICR150-15-3, a permit is required from this Program prior to the commencement of any activity which impacts or alters freshwater wetlands.

This Program assumes that the edges of freshwater wetlands, as flagged or marked on site, have been accurately surveyed and portrayed on site plans submitted in support of your application. This Program makes no guarantee or representation that such survey is accurate.

In addition, you should note that freshwater wetlands are present on this property which may be regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended 33 U.S.C. 1344). Accordingly, a permit may be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for alteration of these wetland areas.

In accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-3.9.3(H), this verification of the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands is valid for a limited period of five (5) years from the date of issue.

Please contact Lucianna Faraone Coccia of this Office (telephone: 401-537-4225) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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