



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

September 20, 2024

Hope Leeson
c/o John Mills
251 Ministerial Road
Wakefield, RI 02879

RE: Application No. **24-0205** in reference to the location below:

411 Ministerial Road, approximately 800 feet east of Ministerial Road (RI Route 110), approximately 2400 feet southeast of the intersection of Broad Hill Way and Ministerial Road, Assessor's plat 74, lot 33, South Kingstown, RI.

Dear Ms. Leeson:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your Request to Verify 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 22, 2024.

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

- River Protection Region 1

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.
- 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:

- Pond (Long Pond) with 100-foot Buffer Zone.
- Vernal Pool with 100-foot Buffer Zone.

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edge delineated by you on site. It is our determination that the wetland edge delineated on site is accurate. This wetland edge has been shown on the site plan submitted with your application and is referenced by wetland flags WF #1 through WF #8.

Please note that 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 on your property. The Department has verified only those edges delineated and shown by you on site and depicted on the site plans submitted with your application,

and as qualified in this letter. **Please note that the edge of Long Pond has not been verified.** Should you wish to verify the edge of any 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 Claire Swift of this Office telephone: (401-537-4183) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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