



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

March 18, 2025

Judith B. Rose
154 Winter Street
Wakefield, RI, 02879

RE: Application No. **24-0309** in reference to the property located:

Approximately 1,000 feet southeast of High Street, and approximately 575 feet north of its intersection with High View Lane, Assessor's Plat 8, Lots 98, 261 & 262, New Shoreham, RI.

Dear Ms. Rose:

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 by the DEM on December 18, 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.
- 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 >1 acre but < 10 acres (D-Series Flagging (*D1-D5*) = **50-foot Buffer Zone**.
- River – (designated on USGS 7.5 Minute series topographic maps, east of C-series pond, within B-series flagging) = **150-foot Buffer Zone**.
- Stream – Delineated by flags A5 to A27 = **100-foot Buffer Zone**.
- Pond < ¼ acre – C-Series Flagging (*C9-C14*) – (phragmites marsh subtype within 50 feet of edge) = **50-foot Buffer Zone**.

- Phragmites Marsh < 1 acre – C-Series Flagging (*C1-C8, and C15*) – (pond subtype within 50-feet of edge) = **50-foot Buffer Zone**.
- Phragmites Marsh < 1 acre – B-Series Flagging (*B1-B10*) = **25-foot Buffer Zone** (river subtype within 50-feet of flags B1, B2, and flags B6-B9 = **50-foot Buffer Zone**).
- Shrub Swamp > 1 acre – (*A1-A4, and A28-A30*) = **75-foot Buffer Zone** – (stream subtype within 50 feet of edge) = **100-foot Buffer Zone**. **Offsite wetland northwest of wetland flag A30 will require a 75-foot or 100-foot Buffer Zone depending on wetland type at wetland edge (Shrub Swamp > 1 acre or Marsh).**

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 additional wetlands, a new application will be required.

Please also be advised that during a recent site inspection, unauthorized clearing of Buffer was observed in the vicinity of at least wetland flags B9, B10. Please cease and desist all clearing within the 25-foot Buffer Zone.

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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