



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

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June 9, 2006

City of Providence
Alan Sepe, Public Property Director
c/o Providence Redevelopment Agency
400 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903-3222

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Re: Application No. 05-0317 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 300 feet north of Adelaide Avenue, Utility Pole Nos. 27, 28, 29, 30, and approximately 500 feet east of the intersection of Adelaide and Crescent Avenue, Assessor's Plat 51, Lot Nos. 323 and 324, Providence, RI

Dear Mr. Sepe:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program, ("Program") has completed its review of your proposed new high school building with associated parking and drainage system for the above referenced property ("subject property") as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. The site plans referenced by this letter and on file with this Program were received on April 28, 2006.

Our inspection reveals that freshwater wetlands regulated by the DEM are present on or in close proximity to the subject property. Review of your proposed project, however, reveals that this project does not represent an alteration to these freshwater wetlands. It is our determination therefore that a permit for this project pursuant to the Freshwater Wetland Act (Rhode Island General Law Section 2-1-18 et seq.) or the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act is not required. This Determination of Non-Jurisdiction is specific to the proposed site alterations illustrated and detailed on site plans on file with this Program and is further predicated on the following:

1. Adequate measures are employed during and after site alterations to control soil erosion and to prevent any sediment from such erosion being deposited in any freshwater wetlands. You should consult the Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook for appropriate methods to control erosion and prevent sediment from leaving your project site.
2. This determination does not authorize you to modify your project in such a way as to result in the following:
 - a. An increase in the rate and/or volume of surface water runoff flowing into, or draining or diverting from these wetlands; or
 - b. A diversion of groundwater into or away from these wetlands; or
 - c. A modification to the quality of water reaching these wetlands which could change their natural character.

Please be advised that the reviewed site plans were reduced in size without any accompanying adjustment to the plan scales, and are therefore not drawn to scale and do not meet our requirements. Since a permit is not required for the project, there is no requirement to submit revised site plans; nevertheless, we wished you to be apprised of this issue.

Please note that this Determination of Non-Jurisdiction is specific to this proposed project, is valid for a limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue, and does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law.

Modification to your project which would result in an alteration or allowing your project to result in an alteration to freshwater wetlands requires a permit from this Program. Unauthorized alterations to freshwater wetlands are subject to enforcement action.

Kindly be advised that this Determination is not equivalent to a verification of the types or extent of freshwater wetlands on site. Should you wish to have the types and extent of freshwater wetlands verified, you may submit the appropriate application in accordance with Rule 9.02.

Enclosed please find one (1) copy of your site plans stamped REVIEWED by this Program. Please contact Andrew Charpentier (telephone: 401-222-6820 Ext. 7414) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Horbert, Permitting Supervisor
Office of Water Resources/Permitting Section
Freshwater Wetlands Program
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Enclosure: Reviewed Site Plan

xc: Jean H. Tondreault, PE, Bryant Assoc., Inc.
Joe Martella, DEM Office of Waste Management