



Help “Us” get “You” a “Quicker Review!” Avoid these Common Preventable Site Work Delays!

PRIOR to submitting a Freshwater Wetlands Application or ASAP

(before DEM Inspectors have a chance to get out to your site), please ensure the following:

1. Are the Wetland Flags still out there? Can you still read the flag numbers?

- ü **Check-on-site:** Sometimes the wetland edges were flagged upwards of a couple years before you submit. Make sure the wetland flags are still intact and legible. Re-flag and label any missing flags. Otherwise, when DEM Inspectors go out, they can't do their job and have to stop the review until this work is done.

Wetland Flags on-site and labeled = Quicker Review!

2. Do the Wetland Flag numbers on-site match the same numbers depicted on the Site Plans?

- ü **Check-on-site and on Site Plans:** Sometimes the wetland edges might have been flagged more than once and site plans don't correspond with flags in the field.

Flag #s in the field same as on the plans = Quicker Review!

3. Are the Wetland Flags accurately surveyed and depicted on the site plans?

- ü Sometimes flags are correct in the field, but are not shown accurately on the site plans due to surveying errors. The best way to ensure accuracy is to hire professionals that have experience in the appropriate fields and in wetland permitting—refer to Rule 7.06 and RIDEM website Fact Sheets (<http://www.dem.ri.gov/topics/wetlands.htm>).

Accurate Wetland Edges = Quicker Review!

4. Has the proposed Limit of Disturbance (LOD) as well as other proposed site features such as building corners, road centerlines, stormwater structures etc. been staked and labeled near Wetlands? Refer to Rule 7.05 for more detailed descriptions of required site work. Are there enough other existing fixed reference points depicted on the site plans (e.g. stone walls, property boundaries, roads, existing contours, pipe or culvert outlets, nearby utility poles etc.) so that a DEM Inspector can determine in the field (when reviewing the site plans) specifically where work is actually being proposed?

- ü **Check on-site and on Site Plans:** DEM Inspectors need to know exactly where the project is proposed in relationship to the wetland edge to assess impacts and to determine if your application is approvable. This is especially critical on larger sites. Imagine going to inspect any site only to find little to no site work completed?

Site Work with sufficient labeled benchmarks = Quicker Review!