



WATER QUALITY & WETLAND RESTORATION TEAM

Are you planning a water quality improvement or wetland/habitat restoration project?

Do you know the answers to the following questions?

- *Do I need a permit for a restoration project?*
- *What permits do I need?*
- *How do I get started with DEM?*
- *Who should I talk with?*
- *What are the application requirements?*

To help obtain answers to these questions, the Department of Environmental Management has formed a Water Quality and Wetland Restoration Team. The objectives of the Team are to support and encourage water quality improvement and wetland restoration projects in Rhode Island.

The Water Quality & Wetland Restoration Team seeks to:

- *Create an effective partnership between project proponents and regulators*
- *Help ensure that projects are successful and meet regulatory requirements*
- *Streamline the DEM permitting process*

The Team offers enhanced preapplication assistance by working with applicants during project planning and design to help advance restoration projects to the application stage, including the identification of any necessary permits. Application review and communication with applicants are coordinated through the Team. The Team will also coordinate with CRMC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as necessary.

The Team educates applicants and others about issues of concern to DEM and will over time develop written guidance and policies regarding water quality improvement and wetland restoration projects. The Team, as resources allow, will track the progress of projects during construction and afterwards.

The Team is comprised of:

- Water quality (TMDL), wetlands restoration, sustainable watersheds, and policy staff;
- Regulatory permit staff from DEM Wetlands, Water Quality Certification, Underground Injection Control (UIC), and RI Pollution Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) programs.

To learn more about the Team, or if you are planning a restoration project, please contact Lisa McGreavy at Lisa.McGreavy@DEM.RI.GOV or (401) 222.4700, Ext. 7611.