

Freshwater Wetland General Permit Workshop

Groundwater & Freshwater Wetlands Protection

RIDEM Office of Water Resources

August 29th, 2022





Presentation Outline





Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

Office of Water Resources – Groundwater and Freshwater Wetlands Protection

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Agenda

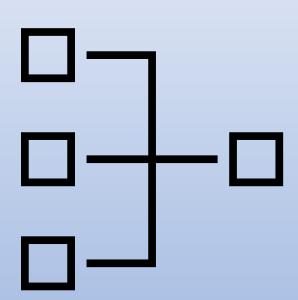
DEM Freshwater Wetlands General Permit Informal Workshop August 29, 2022: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Welcome (Eric Beck)	2:00
Workshop logistics and protocols (Sean McCormick)	2:05
Overview of Agenda and Introduction (Eric Beck)	2:10
Presentation of the FWW GP (Chuck Horbert)	2:15
Questions and Answers	2:45
Review of Application Form (Sean McCormick)	3:00
Questions and Answers	3:15
Next Steps (Eric Beck)	3:25
End	3:30

Introduction: What is a General Permit (GP)?



- GPs are developed for projects that:
 - occur within the jurisdictional area identified in the GP;
 - involve similar land uses;
 - involve substantially similar types and areas of alteration and impacts in a defined area and;
 - are more appropriately authorized under a GP than under individual Freshwater Wetlands Permits.
- GPs allow the Department to streamline application requirements and develop standard permit Terms and Conditions.



Authority for the General Permit

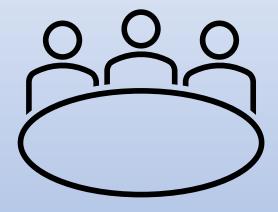


250-RICR-150-15-3.10 General Permits

- A. The Department may issue a general permit in accordance with the following:
 - 1. Scope. The general permit shall cover projects and activities as described in the permit within a jurisdictional area, as defined herein;
 - 2. Sources. The general permit shall regulate, within the scope described in § 3.10(A)(1) of this Part, projects or activities that:
 - a. Involve the same or substantially similar types and areas of alteration and impacts;
 - b. Occur only within the jurisdictional area identified in the general permit;
 - c. Involve similar land uses; and
 - d. In the opinion of the Department, are more appropriately authorized under a general permit than under individual Freshwater Wetlands Permits;
 - 3. The general permit shall define, identify and regulate specific eligible projects or activities that may be proposed within a jurisdictional area;
 - 4. General permits may be issued, modified, revoked, and reissued or terminated by the Department in accordance with applicable requirements of these Rules...;

General Permit Workgroup





- RIDEM introduced the concept of a FWW GP during the promulgation of the new rules.
- After the new rules became effective on July 1, 2022, the RIDEM held a series of informal workshops with stakeholders including RIDOT, Save the Bay, and Design Professionals.
- Established a small working group of professionals with experience preparing and submitting FWW applications.

Guidance and Factsheets





RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

FACT SHEET

Office of Water Resources / July 2022

WETLANDS # 22-X

BASIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING THE PROPOSED FRESHWATER WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT

Question: What is a General Permit (GP)? Why is the GP language not included in the body of the

Freshwater Wetlands Rules (250-RICR-150-15-3)?

Answer: 250-RICR-150-15-3.10 of the Rules defines what a GP is and how it will be issued by the

Department. GPs are developed for projects that involve similar land uses, substantially

similar types and areas of alteration and impacts in a defined area.

The Department will identify categories of projects and activities that are more appropriately authorized under a GP than under individual Freshwater Wetlands Permits. This allows the Department to streamline the application requirements and develop standard permit Terms and Conditions for categories of projects or activities that have

similar requirements and impacts.

Question: Will the Department inform me if my project qualifies as exempt once I file a GP

application?

Answer: If the project is exempt there is no need to submit an application. Applicants should

review the exemptions in <u>250-RICR-150-15-3.6</u> and review the related fact sheets on the

New FWW Rules Training and Guidance Materials Page.

If there is a question or the applicant needs written confirmation, the applicant can file \boldsymbol{a}

Request for Regulatory Applicability to verify that the project is exempt.

Question: How do I know if my project or activity is eligible for authorization under the General

Permit?

Available Now:

- Basic Questions and Answers
 Regarding the Proposed
 Freshwater Wetlands General
 Permit
- Request to Verify Wetland
 Edges-Frequently Asked
 Questions

Soon to come:

- Application Checklist
- Eligibility Guidance
- Use of Professionals

Public Participation



- A public comment period is in effect from July 29, 2022, to September 12, 2022.
 Public comments may be submitted to Charles A. Horbert at chuck.horbert@dem.ri.gov.
- Visit <u>dem.ri.gov/newwetlandsrules</u> to view the draft General Permit, relevant guidance documents, and the Public Notice.
- Additional methods of commenting and obtaining copies of relevant materials are provided in the Public Notice.



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
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235 PROMENADE STREET
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT ACTION UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT'S (RI DEM) FRESHWATER WETLANDS PROGRAM WHICH REGULATES ALTERATIONS TO FRESHWATER WETLANDS, BUFFERS AND FLOODPICALIN UNDER CHAPTER 2-1-18 ET. SEQ. OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS OF 1956. AS AMENDED.

DATE OF NOTICE: July 29, 2022

Draft Freshwater Wetlands General Permit

In accordance with Chapter 2-1-18 et. seq. of the Rhode Island General Laws, and Rule No. 3.5.5. of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the RI Freshwater Wetlands Act (250-RICR-150-15-3, "FWW Rules") the alteration of any freshwater wetland, buffer, floodplain, area subject to flooding or area subject to storm flowage, or undertaking any activity within a wetland jurisdictional area that may alter the character of a freshwater wetland, buffer, or floodplain, is prohibited without first obtaining the approval of RI DEM.

Pursuant to Rule 3.10 of the FWW Rules, RI DEM may issue a general permit for activities within jurisdictional areas that a) involve the same or similar types and areas of alteration or impacts; b) occur only within the jurisdictional area identified in the general permit; c) involve similar land uses and that d) in the opinion of the Department are more appropriately authorized under a general permit than under individual Freshwater Wetlands Permits.

At this time, RI DEM is proposing to issue a Freshwater Wetlands General Permit (FWW GP). The FWW GP covers four general categories of activities within wetland jurisdictional areas, including 1) Individual residential construction; 2) Limited projects associated with existing developed property; 3) Stormwater retrofit projects; and 4) Other development located outside of designated buffer zones. All activities will have specific requirements and are subject to standard terms and conditions. This FWW GP is proposed to be effective for a five-year period, expiring in October 2027.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Copies of the FWW GP and a fact sheet (providing basic questions and answers associated with the authorized activities covered by this permit action) may be obtained at no cost by emailing or calling RI DEM as noted below:

Charles A. Horbert chuck.horbert@dem.ri.gov

(401) 222-6820, Ext. 2777402

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources 235 Promenade Street Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767

This information is also available at the following website during the public comment period:

http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/permits/pn-wetland.phg

All of these documents may also be inspected, by appointment, at the RI DEM's Providence office mentioned above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. An appointment can be scheduled by contacting the Permit Application Center (PAC) at 401-222-4700, Ext. 2777265 or DEM.PAC@dem.ri.aov.



Freshwater Wetlands General Permit Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

Pursuant to Rule 3.10 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Fursuant to rule 3.10 of the Kines and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-3 ("Rules"), RIDEM hereby issues this Freshwater Wetlands General Permit for eligible projects and activities subject to the applicability and standard terms and conditions outlined herein.

Effective Date: October 10, 2022 Expiration Date: October 10, 2027

Purpose and Applicability. This permit applies to projects and activities identified herein within all Freshwater Wetland Jurisdictional Areas of the State of Rhode Island, as defined in R.I. Within an preshwater wettand jurisdictional Aleas of the State of Khode Island, as defined in K.I.

Gen. Laws § 2-1-20 and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act ("RIDEM Rules"), 250-RICR-150-15-3. Upon enforcement of the rreshwater wetlands Act (RIDEM Rules), 250-RICK-150-15-5. Upon confirmation in writing by RIDEM, and subject to compliance with all standard terms and commination in Whining by Kudeny, and subject to compliance with an standard terms and conditions of this General Permit ("GP"), applicants are authorized to proceed with eligible applicants and activities identified became within the defined fracturates wetlend furied in the design of the desig conditions of this General Permit (GP), applicants are authorized to proceed with eligible projects and activities identified herein within the defined freshwater wetland Jurisdictional Areas. The permittee is responsible for compliance with all project-specific requirements as well as The permittee is responsible for compniance with an project-specific requirements as well as all standard terms and conditions of this GP and any other applicable State, local or federal au standard terms and conditions of this Gr and any other applicable State, local or federal regulations. RIDEM shall be held harmless for any failure of the permittee to comply with this GP.

A. Eligible Projects and Activities

- 1. Individual residential construction: Construction of individual single-family or duplex residential structures, and construction of associated accessory structures, on lots of record, residential structures, and construction of associated accessory structures, on iots of record, subject to compliance with all standard terms and conditions of this permit and with all of a. Applicants must demonstrate that all construction-related disturbance and future the following project-specific requirements:
 - use of the property, including buildings, infrastructure, accessory structures and landscaped yard areas are proposed outside all freshwater wetlands and meets all ranuscapeu yaru areas are proposeu ouisiue an resinwater weitanus and meets an Freshwater Wetland Buffer Standards specified in Rule 3.7.1(B), except as specified below in (b). While not required, it is advised that applicants first obtain a verification of wetland edges and applicable buffer zone limits (see Rule 3.9.3) to a vehication of wettain edges and appricative outrer zone minis (see Kine 3.9.3) to facilitate quicker review and a predictable outcome. Note that buffers include existing undeveloped vegetated land and, where applicable, creation of new buffer
 - b. Proposed projects that rely on the Residential Infill Lot Buffer Standard (Rule Proposed projects that rely on the Residential Infili Lot Butter Standard (Rule 3.7.1(B)(5)) to satisfy the Freshwater Wetland Buffer Standard are not eligible for

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Overview of FWW **General Permit**

Remember, you don't need a GP if your project is Exempt!



- Review the exemptions under the FWW Rules before applying for a GP (3.6 Exempt Activities)
- Many projects on existing developed land may qualify for an exemption.
- If a project is exempt, then a permit is not needed.
- If you would like written confirmation from DEM that your project is exempt, you may submit a Request for Regulatory Applicability.



Eligible Projects and Activities



- 1. Individual residential construction
- 2. Limited projects associated with existing developed properties
- 3. Stormwater retrofit projects
- 4. All other development outside of designated buffer zones

Project Specific Requirements Common to All Eligible Activities



- The land area of disturbance must be less than 1 acre, or, for stormwater retrofits projects only, less than 5 acres.
- Proposed work must be outside all freshwater wetlands and meet all Freshwater Wetland Buffer Standards in Rule 3.7.1(B) (with an exception for highway wetlands for stormwater retrofit projects).



Project Specific Requirements Common to All Eligible Activities



- Projects must not include subsurface disposal of stormwater subject to the <u>RIDEM Groundwater</u> <u>Discharge Rules</u> (includes Federal Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program), 250-RICR-150-05-4.
- Projects that involve new impervious areas or disturbance of ≥ 10,000 sq ft of existing impervious area (excepting projects associated with existing developed single-family residences or duplexes) require a signed statement from a RI PE certifying the project has met applicable requirements of the <u>Stormwater Rules</u>.

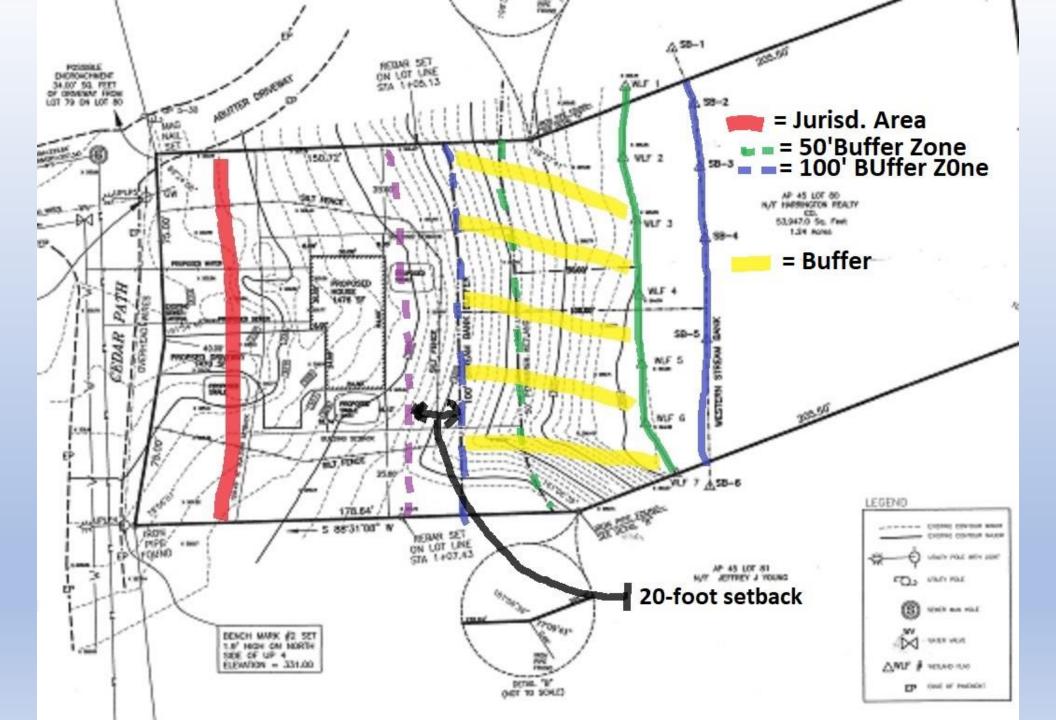




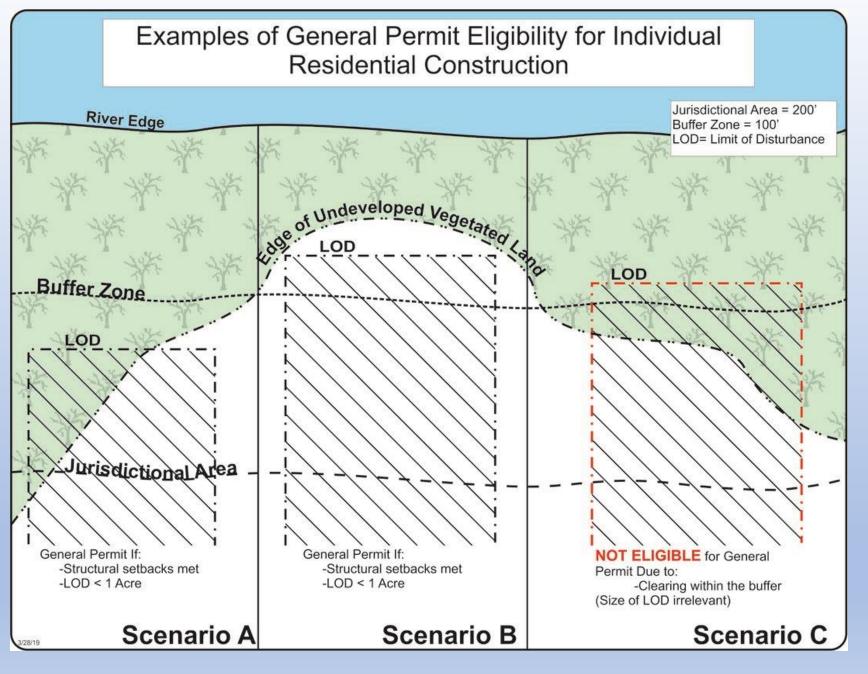
Individual residential construction

- Includes construction of individual single-family or duplex residential structures and construction of associated accessory structures on lots of record.
- All structures must meet all required setbacks specified in Rule 3.7.1(C).
- Projects that rely on the Residential Infill Lot Buffer Standard are not eligible for authorization through the GP.









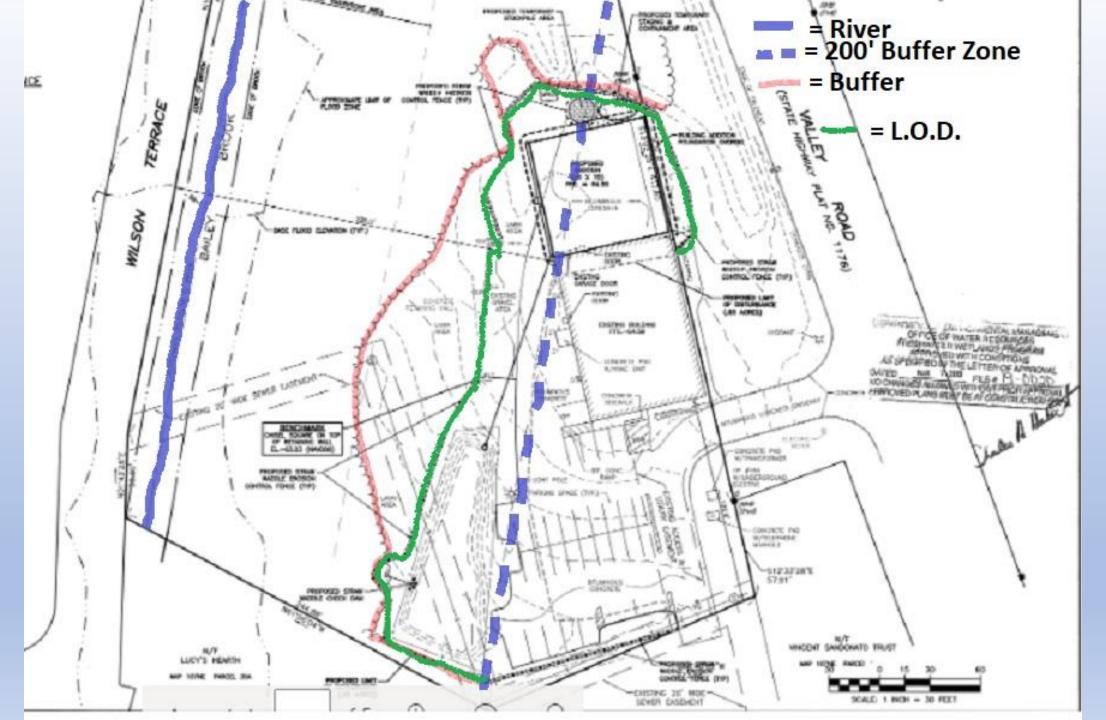


Limited projects associated with existing developed properties



- Includes construction and installation of accessory structures and other limited projects including but not limited to:
 - additions, garages, loading areas, tennis courts, landscaping areas, OWTS, utilities, parking areas, outbuildings, and replacement of existing structures.







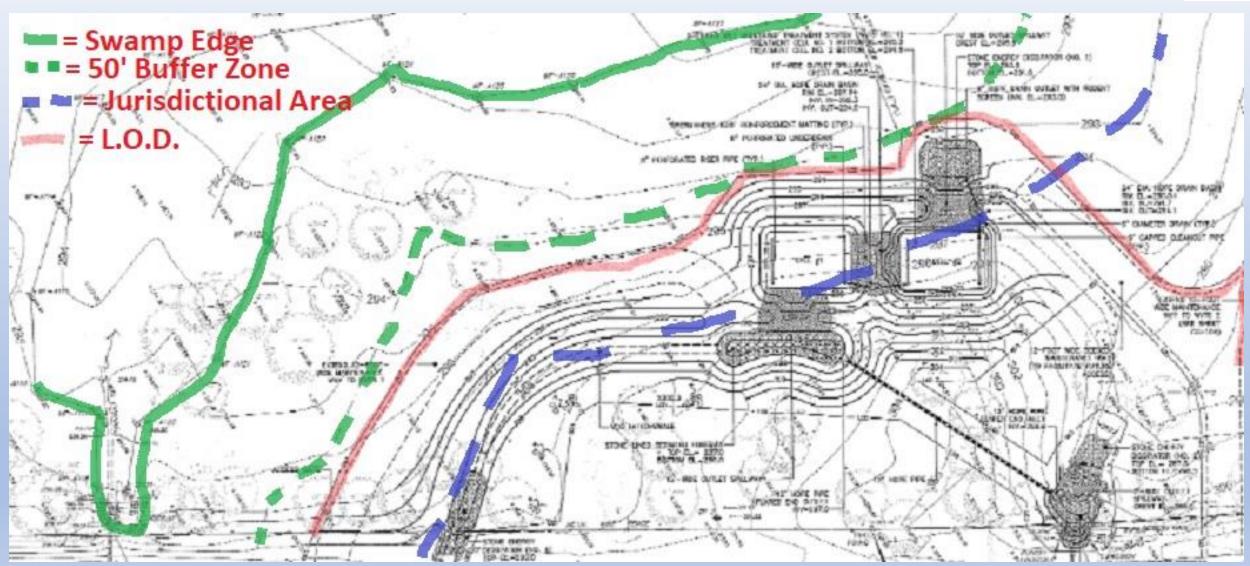


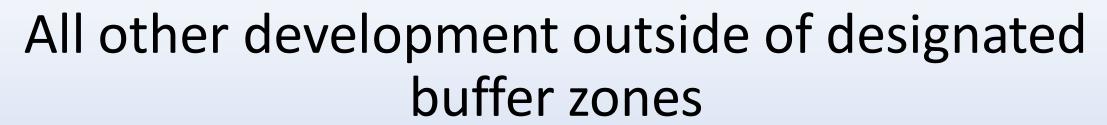
Stormwater retrofit projects



- Includes construction of stormwater best management practices ("BMP's") to manage **existing** stormwater runoff.
- Work is allowed in the buffer of highway wetlands where buffer is routinely mowed and does not contain shrubs or trees.
- BMPs are authorized to manage existing runoff only; they are not authorized to receive runoff from new construction activity or increases in impervious surfaces.
- Existing runoff patterns to receiving freshwater wetlands must be maintained.
- Any project that involves land disturbance of ≥ 1 acre must be accompanied by a signed statement from a RI PE certifying that the project will meet applicable SESC Requirements.



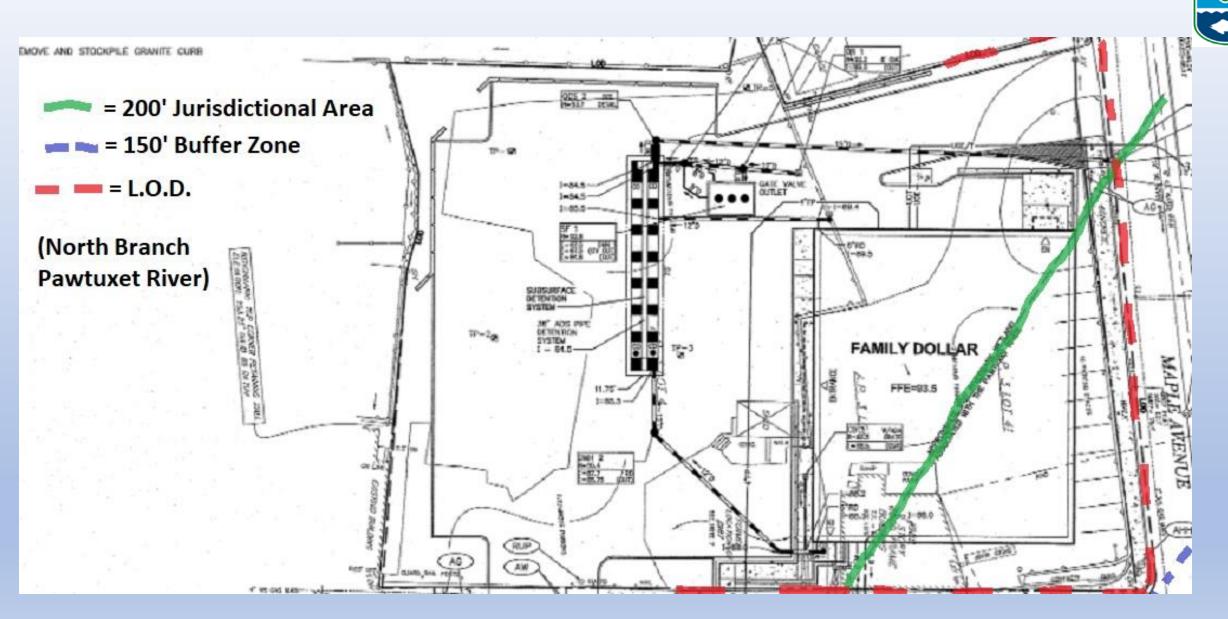






- Projects of any kind not otherwise listed above within Jurisdictional Area that are
 - 1) located outside of all freshwater wetlands and designated buffer zones, or that are:
 - 2) outside of Jurisdictional Area but may not be undertaken without approval from RIDEM pursuant to Rule 3.5.6(B)
- All structures must meet all required setbacks specified in Rule 3.7.1(C).







Questions?





Application Requirements

- ✓ Completed and signed application form
- **✓ Fee** of \$150
- ✓ Narrative (two copies): Project type & purpose, river protection region, buffer zone width, description of how the project will meet project-specific requirements & standard Terms & Conditions.
- √ Site plans (three copies)
- ✓ Other applicable documentation (2 copies): may include fww edge verification letter, pre-application meeting summary, etc.



When is a professional required?



- May be required for site plan preparation as described in <u>Rule 3.8.7.</u>
- Any project that involves new impervious area(s) or disturbance of ≥ 10,000 sq. ft.
 of existing impervious area (except projects associated with single-family
 residences or duplexes) must include a signed statement from a RI PE certifying
 that the project has been designed to meet all applicable Minimum Standards of
 the "Stormwater Rules" (250-RICR-150-10-8).
- Any project that involves land disturbance of ≥ 1 acre must include a signed statement from a RI PE certifying that the project has been designed to meet all applicable SESC Plan Requirements outlined in applicable sections of the <u>RIPDES</u> <u>CGP</u>.
- Many projects that require identification of the edge of vegetated freshwater wetlands and associated buffer zones.

Authorization



- RIDEM will provide in writing either authorization to proceed under the GP or a determination that the project is ineligible under the GP.
- Authorizations are valid for a period of five (5) years from issuance.
- A <u>Notice of Change of Ownership form</u> (coming soon) is required to transfer the authorization under the GP.
- If a project is determined to be ineligible, the applicant will be able to submit additional documentation and the balance of any fee to proceed with an Application for Freshwater Wetlands Permit or an Application for Significant Alteration.

Highlights of Standard Terms and Conditions



- No work shall commence prior to receipt of written authorization from RIDEM.
- RIDEM reserves the right to require an <u>Application for Freshwater Wetlands Permit</u> whenever RIDEM determines that the potential impacts of a proposed project may warrant a more detailed review.
- All projects must install, utilize and maintain appropriate SESC. All exposed soils are to be permanently stabilized at the earliest practicable date.
- Temporary SESC shall be removed upon completion of work, but not before all disturbed areas are permanently stabilized.

Review the GP for the full list of sixteen Standard Terms and Conditions!

Highlights of Standard Terms and Conditions



- All projects, other than stormwater retrofit projects, must utilize and maintain appropriate stormwater treatment best management practices in accordance with the Stormwater Rules.
- No project may result in placement of fill or structures in floodplain or floodway.
- No project may include installation of a groundwater well, or combination of wells within a sub-watershed, intended to withdraw greater than 10,000 gallons per day.

Review the GP for the full list of sixteen Standard Terms and Conditions!

Highlights of Standard Terms and Conditions



- The applicant authorizes RIDEM to perform periodic inspections at any time deemed necessary to ensure that the project is being constructed or has been completed in accordance with all project-specific restrictions and terms and conditions of the GP.
- Prior to the start of construction on any project authorized by this GP, an applicant must complete and submit the Start of Construction form found at: http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/swcoord/soc.pdf

Review the GP for the full list of sixteen Standard Terms and Conditions!

Review Timeframe



- The **goal** is to issue authorizations under the GP within thirty (30) days of receipt of a complete application.
- Actual approval times will vary based on the volume and rate of applications submitted and required field work to verify the buffer and wetland edges.
- If an applicant first obtains a verification of wetland edges and applicable buffer zones (see Rule 3.9.3), this will facilitate a quicker review and a predictable outcome.







Questions?

Online Application Form Process



The FWW GP Application process begins with an online form that will be accessible from the DEM Freshwater Wetlands website.



Once the online form has been submitted, the applicant(s) and professional(s) will receive an automated email containing the "final" application document and instructions.



The applicant(s) and professional(s) review and sign the document, provide payment (check or money order), attach supporting documents, and mail or deliver the hard-copy application to the DEM PAC.

Online Application Form





RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT Office of Water Resources - Groundwater and Freshwater Wetlands Protection

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908 Telephone: 401-222-6820; Rhode Island Relay: 711

Welcome & Introduction

Welcome! The General Permit is issued by RIDEM for limited projects that meet certain eligibility requirements. This online application form is the first step to request a Freshwater Wetlands General Permit.

The General Permit can be viewed here.

<u>Please click here to view the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and</u> Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act [250-RICR-150-15-3]

How does the General Permit Application Process Work?

After answering all of the questions, this form will help you determine if your project is eligible for a Freshwater Wetlands *General* Permit or if you should apply for a Freshwater Wetlands Permit. DEM will provide a <u>final</u> eligibility decision in writing after reviewing your application and other submitted materials.

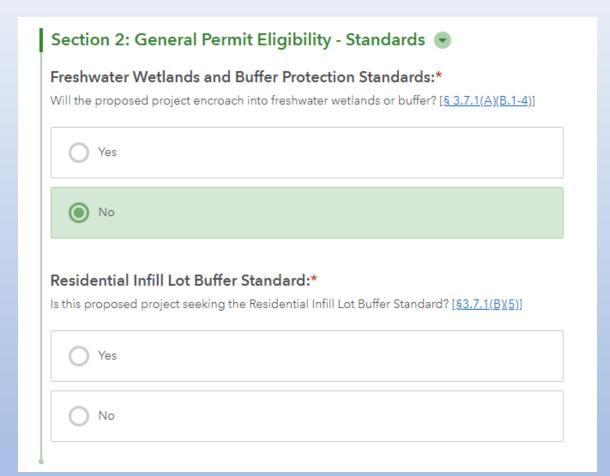
Once you begin this form, it will automatically save your progress, even if you close the browser or navigate away. A dark gray bar will appear at the top of your browser to let you know that the auto-saving function is active. To start over or clear the form, click "Reset."

Features:

- Instructions with links to the GP,
 Part 3 Rules, and other resources.
- Sections 1 & 2 of the application form contain screening questions designed to make sure that the GP is the appropriate application.
- The form saves progress as the applicant works on it.
- Management tool for application preparers working on multiple applications simultaneously.

Online Application Form





	Section 2: General Permit Eligibility - Standards 🗨
	Freshwater Wetlands and Buffer Protection Standards:* Will the proposed project encroach into freshwater wetlands or buffer? [§ 3.7.1(A)(B.1-4)]
	Yes
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	⚠ PROJECT LIKELY NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GENERAL PERMIT - DOES NOT MEET ONE OF THE STANDARDS IN §3.7.1
	Do not click "submit" on this form.
	Click here to access and review the General Permit
	Instead of this General Permit application, you should complete an Application for a
	Freshwater Wetlands Determination or Permit

Online Application – Automated Email



From: DEM Wetlands

To: McCormick, Sean (DEM); Beck, Eric (DEM)

McCormick, Sean (DEM)

Subject: [Test] RIDEM - Freshwater Wetlands General Permit Application

Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 11:33:13 AM

Importance: High

Thank you for starting the FRESHWATER WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT APPLICATION Process! Please review the FRESHWATER WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT APPLICATION portion of this email below for accuracy and completeness. If edits are needed, please strike out on the paper copy that you print, then correct and initial. If the information is accurate and complete, the primary applicant and professional (if applicable) must sign the appropriate sections of the printed FRESHWATER WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT APPLICATION portion of this email below and submit the complete FRESHWATER WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT APPLICATION to:

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Permit Application Center 235 Promenade Street Providence, RI 02908

Complete FRESHWATER WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS will include:

- One (1) copy of the printed FRESHWATER WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT APPLICATION (below) with valid original signature(s);
- Freshwater Wetlands General Permit fee of \$150.00. Check or money order must be made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer.
- Two (2) copies of a written project description that provides sufficient detail to demonstrate how the project meets the project-specific restrictions for a <u>General Permit and</u> all the <u>Terms and Conditions of the General Permit.</u>
- Three (3) copies of the site plans that meet relevant requirements of §§ 3.8.4 and 3.8.5 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act (250-RICR-150-15-3).
- 5. Two (2) copies of any other relevant documentation that is needed to demonstrate that the requirements of the General Permit have been met, such as copies of a DEM Wetlands Edge Verification letter or DEM Pre-Application Summary letter (if applicable).

VIEW APPLICATION STATUS and historical permit information from DEM's Wetlands Online Permit search at www.ri.gov/DEM/wetlands/. A copy of most Freshwater Wetlands decision letters and approval plans are also available for download within 1-2 business days of issuance.

NEED ASSISTANCE? Please contact the Freshwater Wetlands Program by email at: DEM.FWW@dem.ri.gov

- The first section of the email reiterates the instructions from the online application.
- Also includes the list of documents required for a full submission.
- Links to the DEM FWW Online permit search and assistance via email.

Online Application – Automated Email

235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 Telephone: 401-222-6820; Rhode Island Relay 711 www.dem.ri.gov/wetlands

FRESHWATER WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT APPLICATION

Project Information:

Project Name: General Permit Workshop Test

Project Type:

Pre-Application Meeting with RIDEM for this project? No Previous Application for this property? Yes - 21-0000 Previous Enforcement Actions for this property? No -

Applicant Information:

Name and Title: Sean McCormick,

Organization Name and Type: DEM Office of Water Resources State Government

Mailing Address: 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI, 02908

Email Address: sean.mccormick@dem.ri.gov

Phone Number: 401-222-4700

Property Location:

Primary City/Town: Narragansett

Street Abutting Site, with Address (if applicable): 970 Ocean Road, Narragansett, RI 02882

Nearest Intersecting Street: Burnside Avenue

Distance and Direction from Nearest Intersecting Street: 200 feet Southwest

Assessor's Plat Number(s): K Assessor's Lot Number(s): 5 Nearest Utility Pole Number: 16

Property located in more than one city/town? No

Secondary City/Town:

Secondary Assessor's Plat Number(s): Secondary Assessor's Lot Number(s):

Professional Information:

Name and Title: Eric Beck,

Organization Name: DEM Office of Water Resources Mailing Address: 235 Promenade Street Providence RI 02908

Email Address: eric.beck@dem.ri.gov Phone Number: 401-222-4700

Additional Information (if applicable):

Test application for the 8/29/22 FWW GP Public Workshop.

Applicant Authorization/Certification and Signature:

I hereby certify that I have requested and authorized the investigation, compilation, and submission of all of the information, in whatever form, contained in this Application; that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted herein; and that such information is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize RIDEM personnel access to the property for purposes of observing conditions pertinent to this application and assessing compliance with any permit or determination resulting from this Application; including any sampling, monitoring, or surveying that may be deemed appropriate, consistent with the RIDEM Administrative Inspection Guidelines (250-RICR-20-00-3).

Signature:	
Date:	
Professional Certification and Signature: I hereby certify that I have been authorized by the applicant to prepare documentation to submitted in support of this Application; that such documentation is in accordance with Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwate Wetlands Act (250-RICR-150-15-3); and that such documentation is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.	the er
Signature:	
Date:	







Schedule to finalize the GP

- Public Comments must be submitted by September 12, 2022.
- Comments may be submitted by email to Charles
 A. Horbert at chuck.horbert@dem.ri.gov.
- RIDEM will review all comments received and will finalize the GP if no substantive changes are made to the GP based on comments received.
- If substantive changes are made to the GP, the RIDEM will provide an additional public notice and comments period to provide the opportunity for public input.
- The GP will become effective upon the date it is formally issued.
 Currently projected to be October 10, 2022.