



RHODE ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF LAND REVITALIZATION & SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

D&H PROPOSAL CONDITIONAL CONCURRENCE LETTER **File No. SR-10-2243**

August 7, 2025

Paul Pisano
Metacomet Property LLC
950 Warren Avenue, Suite 401
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RE: Metacomet Redevelopment Project
500 Veterans Memorial Parkway
East Providence, Rhode Island
Map 107 / Plat 15 / Lot 01

Dear Mr. Pisano:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's (the Department) Office of Land Revitalization and Sustainable Materials Management (LRSMM) has reviewed the Dig & Haul Notification, Metacomet Redevelopment Project, 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway, (Portion of Map 107, Plat 15, Lot 1), East Providence, Rhode Island for the above referenced property (the Site), which was submitted on August 6, 2025, by Sage Environmental, Inc. (Sage) in accordance with 250-RICR-140-30-1, Section 1.7 of the Department's Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases (the Remediation Regulations) and the Department's Guidelines for Expedited Excavation and Disposal Response Actions ("Dig and Haul" Policy). The Dig and Haul Policy is specifically tailored to actions addressing soil direct contact issues with the intent of complete removal of contaminated media and compliance with the applicable Direct Exposure Criteria.

After review of the Dig & Haul Notification, on August 6, 2025, the Department issued an email expressing conditional concurrence with that proposal. This D&H Proposal Conditional Concurrence Letter is meant to amend the conditions of that original email based upon additional information made available to the Department. Based upon that new information the Department concurs with the scope of the proposed Dig and Haul activities with the following conditions:

1. The Department's Site Remediation Program acknowledges its jurisdictional limits regarding the ongoing archeological assessment work being conducted at the property. It is the Department's position that all work that falls under the jurisdiction of the State of Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) be coordinated with that agency and representatives of the Narragansett Tribe. RIHPHC's authority in this matter originates from RIGL 42-45: particularly 42-45-5 Section (a)(2), which states: "*The state, a city or town, or any subdivision or instrumentality thereof shall not undertake, fund, or license any activity which will encroach upon, damage, or destroy, physically, visually, or environmentally, any site, building, place, landmark, or area included in the state register without first obtaining the advice of the historical preservation and heritage commission.*"

530-RICR Chapters 10 and 20 related specifically to cemeteries, specifically: 530-RICR-10-00-1.5(A)(3)(a), which states: *“The Agency Official is required to complete the review process prior to the approval of the expenditure of any funds on the undertaking or prior to the issuance of any license or permit.”* RIGL 42-451, the Antiquities Act of Rhode Island, specifically 42-45.1-7(1), which states, *“When any state or municipal agency finds or is made aware by an appropriate historical or archaeological authority that its operation in connection with any state, state assisted, state licensed, or contracted project, activity, or program adversely affects or may adversely affect scientific, historical, or archaeological data, the agency shall notify the state historical preservation commission and shall provide the commission with appropriate information concerning the project, program, or activity.”* Prior to conducting any work at the site please provide RIHPHC with a plan that includes additional information on the locations of the proposed remediation areas and the scope of work for their review to determine whether the project needs to be altered to reduce or avoid impacts to sensitive areas.

2. Please be sure to follow the regulatory requirements of any other Federal, State or Municipal Department, Agency, etc. that has jurisdictional authority over the work at the Site.
3. Due to the significant level of community and stakeholder interest in this site, before scheduled work begins, the Department is requesting that Metacomet Property LLC please distribute a written notice to all abutters regarding the work to be performed during the Dig and Haul activities.
4. During all soil disturbance or movement activities, dust control measures must be employed, and any jurisdictional soil temporarily stockpiled prior to eventual proper disposal must at a minimum be placed on and under poly sheets.
5. As previously discussed, please include appropriate confirmation sampling of the sidewalls and floor of each excavation area consistent with the requirements of the Dig and Haul Policy. This work should be done in coordination with representatives of RIHPHC and the Narragansett Tribe.
6. The Department acknowledges and concurs with the proposed supplemental soil testing for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) to complete the characterization of the property. This work should be done in coordination with representatives of RIHPHC and the Narragansett Tribe.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or would like the opportunity to meet with Department personnel, please contact me by telephone at (401) 537-4348, or by E-mail at joseph.martella@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,



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