



# FACT SHEET

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WETLANDS # 6

## WETLAND APPLICATION PROCESS

### If you plan a project near a freshwater wetland...

Review maps to determine if you are under DEM or CRMC jurisdiction.

If your property is seaward of the jurisdictional boundary, consult with CRMC.

If your property is landward of the jurisdictional boundary, adhere to DEM Rules and Regulations.  
(See process below.)

### If you are unsure if you have wetlands on your property...

File a **Request to Determine the Presence of Wetlands** application with DEM.

DEM determines NO wetlands are present.

DEM determines wetlands are present.

(List of wetland types and general location only; specific edges of wetlands are not verified.)

### If you know or suspect that wetlands are present...

...and you want to verify their extent...

Have wetlands flagged by a qualified consultant and file a **Request to Verify Wetland Edges** application with DEM.

DEM verifies the flagged edges of wetlands.

(This step is usually needed for project planning and to avoid and minimize impacts of wetlands.)

...and your project is outside of all regulated wetlands and appears not to alter a wetland...  
(see Rule 5.01B)

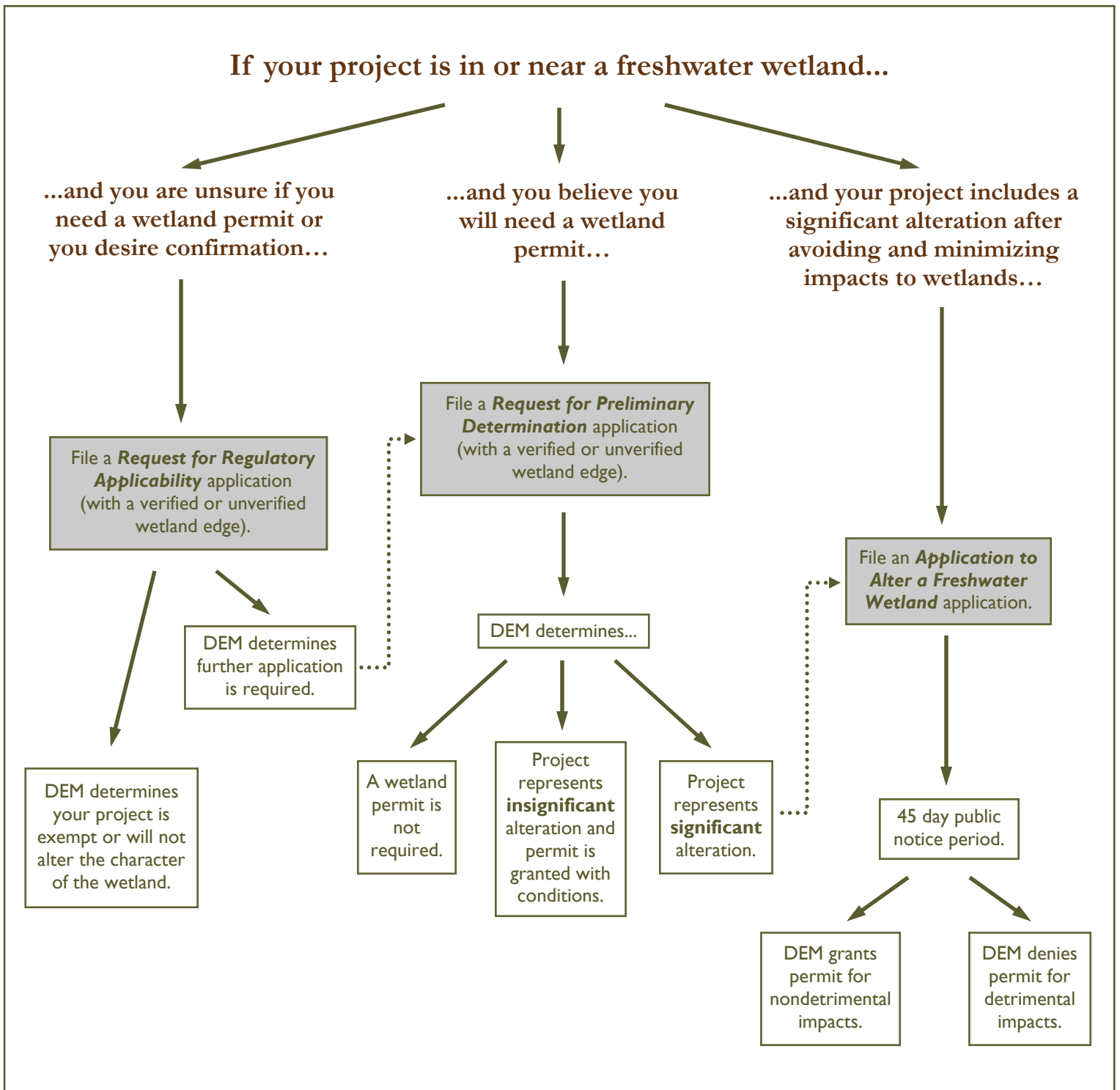
No permit required.

Determine if your project is exempt per Rule 6.00.

Yes, exempt - You can proceed without a wetland permit. Adhere to all conditions in Rule 6.00.

No - You may need a permit (see back page).

## WETLAND APPLICATION PROCESS, continued



A complete copy of DEM's *Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act* can be obtained from DEM's Office of Technical and Customer Assistance located at the Foundry Office Complex at 235 Promenade Street, Providence (401-222-6822). They may also be found on the DEM website at [www.dem.ri.gov](http://www.dem.ri.gov).

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