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JOINT 30-DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

CRMC File Number: 2013-10-012

Date: October 4, 2013

RIDEM Water Quality Certificate File Number: 13-035

Date: October 4, 2013

These offices have under consideration the application of:

I – 195 Redevelopment Commission
c/o Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation
315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

for a State of Rhode Island Assent (AUTHORITY: in accordance with the Coastal Resources Management Program, as amended), and a State of Rhode Island Water Quality Certification (AUTHORITY: in accordance with Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et.seq.; Chapter 42-35 pursuant to Chapters 46-12 and 42-17.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended).

The I-195 Redevelopment District Commission (the Commission) is requesting a RIDEM Water Quality Certification and a CRMC Assent for a Stormwater Master Plan that will apply to redevelopment projects within the I-195 Redevelopment District (District). The Stormwater Master Plan establishes how the District will achieve compliance with the requirements of the Rhode Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual (RISDISM). The proposed activity meets the definition of Redevelopment in Standard 6 of the RISDISM and is required to meet Minimum Stormwater Standards 2,3 and 7-11.

The WQv for redevelopment projects, as specified in Section 3.2.6 of the RISDISM is equivalent to the runoff associated with one-half (0.5) inch for all impervious surfaces within each parcel of the District. Parcels with an active stormwater discharge to a Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) combined sewer must meet NBC stormwater requirements. Parcels that redirect stormwater from the CSO system to a surface water or municipal separate storm sewer must comply with a WQv of 1.0 inch for all impervious surfaces that are disconnected from the CSO to achieve a comparable level of treatment.

The I-195 Redevelopment District Stormwater Master Plan (I-195 SMP) proposes a flexible permitting approach to comply with CRMC and RIDEM stormwater regulations. Although no construction activity is proposed as part of this master plan, the plans objectives (attached) will be met through individual parcel reviews by the permitting agencies. The I-195 SMP proposes that the WQv will be treated on each parcel to the Maximum Extent Practicable. Alternatively, the I-195 SMP allows the WQv treatment to occur on lands within the Redevelopment District, including public streets, ways, or parcels in accordance with RISDISM Standard 6. The I-195 SMP proposes that treatment practices such as tree filters, rain gardens, subsurface infiltration chambers, porous pavement, and other practices will be utilized throughout the District to meet stormwater requirements.

Project Location: Richmond, Dyer, Chestnut and South Main Streets

Pole Number: N/A City/Town: Providence

Plat Number: 18, 20, 21, and 24 Lot Number (s): Not assigned yet

Block Number: N/A

Waterway: Providence River

Plans of the proposed work may be seen at the CRMC office in Wakefield or the RIDEM in Providence.

A copy of the full application may be viewed at www.

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws) you may request a hearing on this matter. You are advised that if you have good reason to enter protests against the proposed work it is your privilege to do so. It is expected that objectors will review the application and plans thoroughly, visit site of proposed work if necessary, to familiarize themselves with the conditions and cite what law or laws, if any, would in their opinion be violated by the work proposed.

If you desire to protest, you must attend the scheduled hearing and give sworn testimony. A notice of the time and place of such hearing will be furnished you as soon as possible after receipt of your request for hearing.

If you desire to request a hearing, to receive consideration, it should be in writing and be received at this office on or before November 5, 2013.

Comments that pertain to this JOINT NOTICE must be submitted in writing and must be addressed to the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management at the above referenced addresses.

1 Introduction

Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. (Fuss & O'Neill) has prepared this report to support an application to the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) for Assent and to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) for Water Quality Certification to develop the I-195 Redevelopment District (the District). This report has been prepared on behalf of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission (the Commission), and describes the overall existing District conditions, the proposed improvements and associated work, and the measures to minimize and avoid disturbances and water quality impacts to the Providence River. The Commission requests approval of the I-195 Redevelopment District Stormwater Master Plan under the CRMC Assent and RIDEM Water Quality Certification applications that accompany this narrative. The Assent and Certification will apply as a stormwater General Permit to all redevelopment parcels within the District in accordance with the I-195 Redevelopment District.

The District and the Commission were created by State legislation, the latter to administer and dispense of the parcels of land created by the I-195 highway relocation for the purpose of "workforce development, education and training, and the growth of "knowledge-based" jobs and industries such as research and development, life sciences, media technologies, entrepreneurship and business management, design, hospitality, software design and application," and similar uses. The Commission may, for example, acquire additional land, enter into legal agreements, or improve parcels within the District as necessary to fulfill its legislative mandate. The Commission is also empowered to act as the local permitting authority (e.g. planning, zoning, building, and historic district) for the redevelopment of District parcels, including any abutting properties that are to be combined with District parcels as part of a larger redevelopment project.

2 Permit Objectives

The unique circumstances of the District's creation and the significance of the economic opportunities for the State of Rhode Island and the capital city of Providence dictate the need for a streamlined permit review and approval process. The primary goal of this Stormwater Master Plan and Consent/Certification application is to have a clear path for approval of development in the District, reduce risk and create both certainty and confidence for prospective Developers. This Stormwater Master Plan will be used by regulators and developers to set a clear expectation for design and to provide a streamlined permit review and approval process while achieving the development standards of both CRMC and RIDEM. An approved Stormwater Master Plan will benefit the District in attracting new Development, and will benefit both CRMC and RIDEM through the improved quality of design and permit applications.

Because of these circumstances and the purpose for which the Commission was formed, the requested conditions of approval include:

- General Permit status for CRMC Assent and RIDEM Water Quality Certification with validity periods of 10 years plus a renewal period of 10 years.

- Joint 30-day public notice of the permit applications. Individual applications for CRMC Category A Assent on Parcels 1A, 2, 3, 5, 14, P2 and P4 will be subject to a separate 15-day public notice pursuant to UCG Rule 150.1.
- Individual RIDEM RIPDES Authorization (for Construction Activity) and CRMC Category A Assent will be required for all parcel development proposals. Applications will be processed by RIDEM and CRMC within 30 days of certification of the application as complete.
- Individual RIDEM and CRMC permit applications will include compliance tracking and verification of consistency with the I-195 Redevelopment District Stormwater Master Plan. Permits will be valid for a period of three (3) years, but may include one-year extensions as allowed under current RIDEM and CRMC regulations.
- Parcels abutting District that are merged with District parcels shall be subject to the standards of the I-195 Redevelopment District Stormwater Master Plan and general permit conditions of the CRMC Assent and RIDEM Water Quality Certification. The water quality treatment volume (WQv) and compliance tracking will be amended to document changes to the impervious surfaces that are built or will be built as part of a development proposal within the District.
- Parcel development must comply with the Rhode Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual (RISDISM) for Redevelopment Projects with more than 40% impervious coverage (Standard 6). Standard 2 (Groundwater Recharge) will be achieved when practicable and where site conditions allow. A pollutant loading analysis (PLA) will not be required.
- Redevelopment will comply with Water Quality Regulations and anti-degradation standards.
- The owners of District parcels will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of stormwater facilities serving their respective properties, regardless of location. The legal entity responsible for operation and maintenance will be identified on individual permit applications.
- The Commission, as the local permit granting authority, is responsible for verifying compliance with applicable Providence ordinances and building codes. A letter from the Commission's designee will serve as CRMC's requirement for local municipal approval.

3 Project Description

3.1 Site Location

The District, which occupies approximately 41 acres of downtown Providence, is generally located east of Interstate 95 and west of the Providence River between the Jewelry District and Downcity, and between the east bank of the river and South Main Street. It is comprised of approximately 25.8 acres of undeveloped land with the remainder occupied by developed lots and land that is designated for city roads that will be built by RIDOT as part of the Contracts 14 and 15 of the I-195 relocation project.

