



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES

235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767

July 3, 2024

Town of Bristol
c/o Gregg Marsili
10 Court Street
Bristol, RI 02809

**RE: Water Quality Certification (WQC): Independence Park Boat Ramp
Improvements, Thames Street, Bristol
WQC File No. 24-057**

Dear Mr. Marsili:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources (RIDEM OWR) has reviewed the above-referenced project for compliance with the State Water Quality Regulations (250- RICR-150-05-1). The purpose of the project is to remove existing concrete boat ramp, floating dock and pier, replacing them with a new and wider, precast concrete ramp, a new floating dock, and a new timber pier. Project also provides shoreline stabilization and public access improvements. Work will include approximately 405 cubic yards (cy) of fill below Mean High Water (MHW), as further described in your application and detailed on site plans consisting of ten (10) sheets as prepared by Todd D. Turcotte of Pare Corporation, received by RIDEM OWR on April 9, 2024. The State water associated with this project is Bristol Harbor, Class SB.

It has been determined that the above-referenced application is compliant with the requirements of the RI State Water Quality Regulations, provided that the Applicant complies with the above-referenced application materials and the following conditions:

- 1) You must notify the RIDEM OWR contact person identified below of the anticipated date of construction and your contractor's contact information, prior to any site disturbance.
- 2) Prior to construction, you must erect or post a sign resistant to the weather and at least twelve (12) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches long, which identifies the initials "DEM" and the application number(s) assigned to this project. The sign must be posted in a conspicuous location near the site access and maintained until the project is complete.



- 3) All fill material shall be clean and free of matter that could cause pollution of the waters of the State.
- 4) No sewage, refuse, or waste of any kind shall be discharged into waters of the State from activities associated with the proposed project. Any release of materials from the site associated with the project during the construction period will require immediate notification to RIDEM OWR.
- 5) Appropriate soil erosion, sedimentation and turbidity controls shall be used and maintained in effective operating condition during in-water construction activities.
- 6) All in-water work shall be limited to the Time of Year (TOY) period between October 15 and January 31, of any year(s), unless the work is conducted within a cofferdam. There is no TOY restriction for work within a cofferdam.
- 7) Soft-start methods in advance of piledriving or sheet-pile driving activities shall be used.
- 8) Any sub-tidal material excavated for construction is to either be re-used onsite or be disposed of at a licensed disposal facility. Disposal receipts **must** be submitted to the WQC program.
- 9) A copy of this WQC must be kept at the site at all times during site preparation, construction, and final stabilization. Copies of this WQC must be made available for review by any RIDEM or City/Town representative upon request.
- 10) Any alterations, additions, or modifications to the project design plans from that approved herein must first be reviewed and approved by RIDEM OWR.
- 11) You must notify the RIDEM OWR contact person identified below upon completion of the project.
- 12) This WQC shall expire on July 1, 2027. Project construction is to be completed by this date. You are required to submit a request for any modification(s) and/or extension(s).
- 13) This WQC does not relieve your obligation to obtain and adhere to any other applicable local, state and federal permits prior to commencing construction. Should any stipulation/condition identified within any other applicable permit be in conflict with the conditions set forth in this WQC, the applicant shall notify RIDEM OWR immediately.

You are required to adhere to all above Terms and Conditions and carry out this project in compliance with the State Water Quality Regulations at all times. Issuance of this certificate does not bar the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, nor any of its various Divisions, from initiating any investigation and/or enforcement actions that it may deem necessary for violations of this certificate or of any and all applicable statutes, regulations and/or permits.

This is the State's Water Quality Certification, which shall have the full force and effect of a permit issued by the Director. Violation of the Terms and Conditions of this Certification may result in violation of the State's Water Quality Regulations and appropriate enforcement action.



Should you have any questions or require additional information, you may contact me or Rebecca Russell at Rebecca.Russell@dem.ri.gov or 401-537-4157.

Sincerely,



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