



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES

235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767

January 15, 2025

Attention: Matthew McGowan, Receiver
Commerce Park Properties, LLC
50 Exchange Terrace, Suite 200
Providence, RI 02903

RE: WQC/STW File No. 24-194; RIPDES File No. RIR102743
Highlands at Hopkins Hill Phase 1G, 1H, 1I, 1J, 1M, 1N
Dante Boulevard, Stephanie Drive, Angelina Drive
Plat 13, Lot 22
Coventry, RI

Dear Mr. McGowan:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources (RIDEM OWR) has reviewed the above-referenced project for compliance with the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction General Permit (CGP). As stated in the application materials, the purpose of the project is to construct and maintain 66 residential dwellings and associated driveways and roadways on a previously disturbed and partially constructed site. The project includes construction of associated utilities, including connections to public water service and public sewer service, as well as closed drainage systems—portions of which have already been constructed—and five (5) proprietary stormwater water quality treatment practices. These water quality treatment practices will be situated near the discharge points of the closed drainage systems. Four of the five discharge points are situated upgradient of existing extended detention basins. The work is as further described in your application and detailed on site plans consisting of 12 sheets as prepared by Brian C. Giroux, P.E. of DiPrete Engineering, received by RIDEM-OWR on 1/13/2025.

This letter serves as your permit/authorization to discharge for the above-referenced project, provided that you comply with the application materials, the CGP and the following conditions:

- 1) This authorization is specific to the project, site alterations, and stormwater management system depicted on the site plans submitted with your application and received by RIDEM on 1/13/2025. Any alterations, additions or modifications to the project approved herein must be reviewed and approved by RIDEM OWR prior to implementation.
- 2) You must submit the Notice of Start of Construction Form prior to commencement of any permitted site alterations or construction activity. The Start of Construction Form can be found on the Stormwater Construction Permitting website.
- 3) Prior to construction, you must erect or post a sign resistant to the weather and at least twelve (12) inches wide and (eighteen) inches long, which identifies the initials "DEM" and the application number(s) assigned to this permit. The sign must be posted in a conspicuous location near the site access and maintained until the project is complete.

- 4) A copy of this permit, any inspection records, and a signed and updated SESC Plan, must be kept at the site at all times until the project is complete. Copies of this permit must be made available for review by any RIDEM or City/Town representative upon request. Electronic versions of required documents that are readily accessible from the construction site are acceptable.
- 5) All fill material shall be clean and free of matter that could cause pollution of the waters of the State.
- 6) The stormwater collection and treatment system approved herein is for the discharge of stormwater only. Any other discharge is prohibited.
- 7) You must provide written certification from a registered land surveyor or registered professional engineer that the stormwater drainage system including any and all basins, piping systems, catch basins, culverts, swales, and any other stormwater management practices have been constructed/installed in accordance with the site plans reviewed for this permit. This written certification is due upon completion of the project or within twenty (20) working days of the request of this Program.
- 8) You must submit the Notice of Termination Form upon completion of the project and final site stabilization. The Notice of Termination Form can be found on the Stormwater Construction Permitting website.
- 9) You are responsible for the long-term inspection, cleaning and maintenance of the stormwater collection and treatment system to ensure proper performance of all components until documentation is provided to indicate that this responsibility has been assumed by another entity. Long-term operation and maintenance is to be as described in the Post-Construction Operation and Maintenance Plan entitled "Stormwater System Operation & Maintenance Plan, Highlands at Hopkins Hill, Phases 1G, 1H, 1I, 1J, 1M, 1N, Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 22; Prepared for: D2 Homes, Inc., 420 Scrabbletown Road, Suite G, North Kingstown, RI 02852", dated January 10, 2025, dated received 1/13/2025, indicated as prepared by DiPrete Engineering.
- 10) The owner of the stormwater system must enter a maintenance contract for a minimum of two years from the starting time of the installation of the proposed Jellyfish ® Filter proprietary stormwater treatment devices. The contracted maintenance provided must receive training by Contech Engineering Solutions, LLC on how to properly maintain Jellyfish ® Filter devices unless the maintenance contractor is already a recognized, qualified provider by RIDEM to maintain Jellyfish ® Filter devices. A copy of this contract must be provided to RIDEM no later than 60 days after the completion of installation of the Jellyfish® Filter units.

This permit is not transferable to any person except after written notice to the Director, in the form of a Permit Transfer Form available on the RIDEM Stormwater Construction Permitting website.

RIDEM's Rules and Regulations Governing the Establishment of Various Fees require that RIPDES CGP permit holders pay an Annual Fee of \$100.00. An invoice will be sent to the owner on record in May/June of each year if the construction was still active as of December 31st of the previous year. The owner will be responsible for the Annual Fee until the construction activity has been completed, the site has been properly stabilized, and a completed Notice of Termination (NOT) has been received.

Your authorization to discharge **expires at midnight, on September 25, 2025**. If construction has not been completed by that date, there will be measures in place for you to reauthorize.

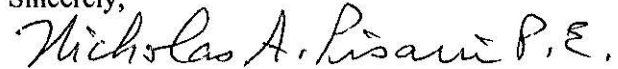
You are required to adhere to all above terms and conditions and carry out this project in compliance with the CGP at all times. Issuance of this permit does not bar the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, or any of its various Divisions, from initiating any investigation and/or enforcement actions that it may deem necessary for violations this permit or of any and all applicable statutes, regulations and/or permits.

This permit has the full force and effect of a permit issued by the Director. This permit does not relieve your obligation to obtain any other applicable local, state and federal permits prior to commencing construction and does not relieve

you of any duties owed to adjacent landowners with respect to changes in drainage. RIDEM assumes no responsibilities for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of the permit, you may contact me at nicholas.pisani@dem.ri.gov or 401-537-4151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas A. Pisani P.E.".

Nicholas A. Pisani, P.E.
Environmental Engineer IV
Stormwater Engineering and 401 Permitting
Office of Water Resources
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

cc: Brian C. Giroux, P.E., DiPrete Engineering