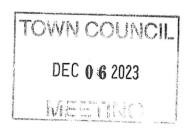


RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Office of Water Resources

235 Promenade Street Providence, Rhode Island 02908

November 22, 2023 Application No. 22-0264



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NOTICE

The Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has under consideration the application of KenDan, LLC of 613 Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842 requesting permission to alter freshwater wetlands in the Town of Bristol.

The proposed project is located approximately 150 feet south of Gooding Avenue, and approximately 300 feet southeast of its intersection with Broadcommon Road, near Utility Pole No. 218, Assessor's Plat 111, Lot 1, Bristol, RI.

The freshwater wetlands affected by the proposed project include at least a Swamp and its 50-foot Perimeter Wetland (that area of land within 50 feet of the edge of any swamp).

The purpose of the proposed alterations is for the construction of an 80-room hotel and associated parking area, screen plantings, retaining wall, stormwater mitigation systems, and utilities (electrical utility connection and connections to town water line, gas line, and sewer line).

The proposed alterations to freshwater wetlands consist of at least filling, grading, clearing, excavation, and other construction related disturbance within the above-noted freshwater wetlands.

The project, as proposed, will result in the alteration and/or disturbance of approximately 4, 717 square feet (0.11 acres) of swamp and approximately 45,200 square feet (1.04 acres) of perimeter wetland as noted above.

Full-sized site plans illustrating the proposed project and detailing freshwater wetlands to be altered have been furnished to the Bristol Town Council and the Bristol Town Clerk's Office and may be viewed at the Town offices or at our Offices. A reduced-size copy of the site plan has been provided with this **NOTICE**.

This NOTICE is not authorization to do any work or to proceed with the project.

The purpose of this **NOTICE** is to inform all landowners whose properties are within two hundred feet (200') of the proposed project, the Town Council, the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board, and any other interested individuals and agencies of the proposal and to provide for a period of forty-five (45) days (NOTICE Period) within which concerns or comments may be received. Any comments and/or objections received during the NOTICE period shall be used to evaluate the proposed project and its impacts upon freshwater wetland functions and values.

You are advised that if you desire to submit a statement or have a good reason to enter a protest against the proposed project, it is your privilege to do so. Objections to the proposed project must relate to the proposed project's impacts on the functions and values provided by the freshwater wetlands to be altered.

Such functions and values include but are not limited to:

- 1) Protection of life and/or property from flooding or flood flows by retaining, storing, metering, or slowing flood waters from storm events;
- 2) Providing and maintaining surface and/or groundwater supplies by acting as a recharge or discharge area;
- 3) Providing and maintaining valuable wildlife habitats;
- 4) Providing and maintaining high value recreation areas; and
- 5) Protecting and maintaining water quality.

Information regarding the Program's practices and procedures for evaluating such comments, any definitions, or further information on wetland functions and values may be obtained by consulting the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-1.

In accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-1.10(D)(3)(a), comments filed with the DEM will be considered if they are in writing, are legible, contain a discernable name and address, are signed, and are received during the NOTICE period. The application number appearing in this NOTICE or other information which will identify the comments to the proposed project is also required. **Comments sent via email will not be considered**. The NOTICE period for this application ends at 4:00 p.m. on January 8, 2024. This Program cannot extend this NOTICE period.

Anyone wishing to review the file in this matter should contact the Office of Customer and Technical Assistance in advance (telephone: 401-222-4700, ext. 2777307 or Email: <u>DEM.filereview@dem.ri.gov</u>) to arrange an appointment.

Sincerely,

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