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EXE-SC-2025-28-00371

Cory Lieftring
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(Delivered electronically)

RE: Nonfederal Wetland Exemption Determination for an area described as Wetland 2 located in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County

Dear Cory Lieftring:

This letter is in response to your request for a nonfederal wetland exemption determination for the above-mentioned wetlands.

According to 281.36 (4n), Wis. Stats., a nonfederal urban wetland is a wetland that is not federally jurisdictional. Projects impacting nonfederal wetlands in urban areas must be less than 1 acre of total impact per parcel. Mitigation will be required for impacts greater than 10,000 sq ft up to 1 acre. The applicant must have a nonfederal jurisdictional determination from the Army Corps of Engineers along with a map of the wetland(s) involved. In addition, DNR must also consider whether the nonfederal wetland is a rare and high-quality wetland as defined in s 281.36(4n), Wis. Stat.

The Department reviewed the following materials to aid in our exemption determination:

- The request narrative including project scope and purpose
- Site location map and photographs that show different angles and views of the wetland
- the Wetland delineation

Below is a summary of our findings:

Request Narrative

According to the request narrative the total wetland impacts will be 0.32 acres. The purpose of this project is to create a residential subdivision.

Site Location and Photographs

The site location confirms that the wetland is located in an urban area. Wetland photographs also show various angles of wetland 2, confirm the vegetation present within the wetland boundaries, and provide context for the surrounding areas.

Wetland Delineation Information

The wetland delineation captures the vegetation types present and in what abundance. The delineation forms were accepted in lieu of a botanical survey. The delineation forms demonstrate that Wetland 2 is not a rare and high-quality wetland.

Stormwater Compliance Information

The documentation demonstrated that the project will be completed in compliance with applicable WPDES stormwater permits and stormwater ordinances adopted under s. 59.693, 60.627, 61.354, or 62.234, Wis. Stats.

Conclusion:

Based upon the documentation provided above, the project meets the eligibility criteria pursuant to s. 281.36 (4n), State Stat. You can proceed with this project. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss this approval, please call me at (262) 282-2029 or email Erin.Cox@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Erin Cox

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