

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

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This Administrative Approval does not exempt you, your property, or activities on your property from the Wetlands Protection Act and its Regulations (310CMR 10.00). Cutting vegetation, grading, filling, etc. beyond the specific activities cited in this approval, may require a permit from the Conservation Commission.

- A. **Project Address:** _____ **Applicant:** _____
Proposed Approved Project: _____
 Sketch Attached **Approved by:** _____ **Approved Date:** _____

Jurisdiction

- B. According to our maps, **at least a portion of the property is within wetland or buffer zone** protected by the Mass. Wetlands Protection Act (310CMR 10.00). Specifically, all or a portion of our property is in a:
 Wetland Resource Area (e.g., 200' riverfront area, bordering wetland, pond, stream, or 100-yr flood zone)
 Buffer Zone of a Wetland Resource Area (all land within 100' of a qualifying wetland).
- C. According to our maps, **there are no wetlands or buffer zone on your property.**
- D. The project **will not alter a wetland Area Subject to Protection** (wetland, river, pond, marsh, etc.). The following conditions apply: _____

Reason for Administrative Approval

- E. **The work you propose is not within wetland or buffer zone.**
- F. According to our maps, **your proposed project is within wetland or buffer zone, but has been allowed under:**

EXEMPT within Buffer Zone or Riverfront Area [310 CMR 10.02(b)(1)], as long as erosion controls are maintained

- The conversion of lawn to uses accessory to residential structures such as decks (and porches, covered or uncovered), sheds, pools, and patios more than 50 feet from edge of wetland, stream, pond, etc. (no additions)
- Installation of pervious (wood-chipped or gravel) unpaved pedestrian walkways for private use.
- Fencing, stonewalls, or stacks of cord-wood that do not bar wildlife movement.
- Plantings of native species of trees, shrubs, or groundcover, but excluding turf lawns
- Vista pruning of native species of trees, shrubs, or groundcover, but excluding turf lawns
- Conversion of impervious surfaces to vegetated surfaces such as lawn, shrubs, and trees
- Temporary, negligible activities associated with planning or monitoring Herbicide use under ROW VMP
- Maintaining a stormwater management system installed after 1/2/08 under a valid OOC
- Maintaining parking lots within Riverfront Area ONLY
- Maintaining clearings and landscaping within Riverfront Area ONLY

TOWN APPROVAL FOR MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY anywhere within a Resource Area or Buffer Zone

- Maintaining or repairing an existing structure. No filling, grading, or landscaping is allowed under this approval.
- Removal of 1-2 hazard trees if the tree(s) appear(s) to the Agent and Tree Warden to be unsafe (likely to damage a human, house, or structure). No equipment shall enter a wetland.
 - Only the top of the tree may be removed to eliminate danger. _____ feet of trunk must be left as habitat.
 - The tree may be cut flush with the ground.
 - No wood chips shall remain on site. No brush shall be left in or within 25 feet of a wetland.
 - 1-2 saplings (native species) shall be planted on the site for each tree over 18" (dbh) removed.
- De minimis fill in a Floodplain with documentation of fill brought in and/or removed.

Requirements (or full wetland enforcement and/or permitting requirements shall apply)

- G. Sedimentation controls shall be installed as shown on the attached plans. _____
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