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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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March 31, 2022

Ron Wolanski, Town Planner  
Town of Middletown  
350 East Main Road  
Middletown, RI 02842

Re: **Departmental Comments – Mixed Use Development, 656 & 670-716 Aquidneck Avenue, Assessor's Plat 114, Lots 107, 107A, 107B, 107D, 107E, 108 & 109**

Dear Mr. Wolanski:

Below are the Department's preliminary comments regarding Mixed Use Development ("Polo"), 656 & 670-716 Aquidneck Avenue, Assessor's Plat 114, Lots 107, 107A, 107B, 107D, 107E, 108 & 109. The Transmittal Memorandum submitted by your office, along with the plans, were dated March 23, 2022.

1. As submitted, it appears that the applicant (Samuel's Realty Co., Inc.) for the abovementioned Mixed Use Development proposal will need to submit a permit application to DEM's Freshwater Wetlands Program. It was noted that the Program issued a Wetland Edge Verification (Appl. #21-0273) on December 2, 2021. Please note that any stormwater or other Departmental permits needed for this project proposal will be authorized through the Freshwater Wetlands program.
2. DEM suggests that the applicant consider scheduling a pre-application meeting to review the freshwater wetland and stormwater permitting requirements. A pre-application meeting can be scheduled by contacting the Office of Customer and Technical Assistance. More information is available on the DEM website at: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/customertech/preapp-meeting.php>.

This concludes RIDEM's preliminary comments regarding this project proposal. I hope that they are of assistance to you in preparing your Environmental Assessment for this project. Please be aware that this letter is not to be construed as a permit to undertake work or any indication that any permit for this project will ultimately be granted. This letter does not relieve the property owner from his/her obligation to obtain any local, state, or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law.

If you have any questions concerning these comments, please contact me from this Office at 401-222-4700, x2774410 or by email at [joseph.antonio@dem.ri.gov](mailto:joseph.antonio@dem.ri.gov) to set up an appointment.

Sincerely,

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RI Department of Environmental Management/Office of Customer & Technical Assistance