

**TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON
ENVIRONMENT DIVISION
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE WETLANDS PERMIT**

Permit No.: WAP170005 **Date of Receipt of Application:** 01/13/2017

Project Title: Cow Neck Preserve, LLC.

Project Location: 2299 North Sea Road, North Sea

SCTM No.: 0900-057-01-1.6

Description of Permitted Activity: To restore and enhance tidal and brackish wetlands, between Scallop Pond and an interior coastal fresh pond, known as "The River", that have been adversely impacted by nuisance phragmites invasion and by historic manipulation of water levels and tidal flows, by repetitive cutting and removal of cut phragmites stems, as well as ground covering dead plant material and thatch, and potentially root systems, to prevent re-sprouting and formation of stolons, utilizing hand tools, up to three (3) times a year, to a height of no lower than eight (8) inches above the ground for the first year and two times per year thereafter; by preservation and allowance for colonization, succession and recovery of other valued native wetland vegetation; by monitoring and preparation of status reports in order to evaluate the success of the project; by removal of an existing approximate 7 feet x 51 feet concrete seawall, bulkhead, water control structure and platform, along the westerly shoreline of Scallop Pond, inclusive of an existing 24 inches diameter culvert, and remnants of a former concrete pier, water control structure, dock or duck blind platform, within the interior tidally influenced brackish marsh, on the opposite site of an existing dirt road and associated earthen berm, dike or embankment; by excavation and removal of at least 50 linear feet of historically constructed earthen berm, dike, embankment and dirt road, between Scallop Pond and the interior marsh, by disposal of the excavated soils, concrete culvert, and associated debris off site; by construction of a 10 feet wide by 60 feet long low profile free span untreated timber and metal truss vehicular bridge supported by concrete bridge footings, to replace the removed earthen road, berm/dike/embankments, culvert, water control structure and related debris, thereby allowing for unrestricted natural tidal flows from Scallop Pond, and saline flooding of the interior emergent marsh; by grading of the impacted areas, so as to re-create historic or naturalized contours consistent with biological benchmarks taken from Scallop Pond and associated tidal marshes, and by planting of *Spartina patens* (saltmeadow grass) and potentially *Spartina alterniflora* (inter-tidal cordgrass); and to restore and enhance tidal and freshwater wetlands, inclusive of state endangered eastern mud turtle habitat, associated with Long Pond and the adjacent sections of Scallop Pond, by hand cutting and removal of phragmites along the fringes of portions of Long Pond and Scallop Pond up to three times a year down to a height of no lower than 8 inches high above grade; by potential hand removal of phragmites root mats, without the use of heavy machinery; by monitoring and preparation of status reports in order to evaluate the success; and by renewing administrative wetland permits, as needed, to extend the term of the phragmites management activities at a residential estate containing town regulated freshwater, brackish and tidal wetlands, **in accordance with the "Cow Neck Farm Wetland Restoration Phragmites Removal Bulkhead and Culvert Removal" drawing prepared by Belvedere Property Management LLC, dated March 1, 2018; the "Final Cow Neck Farm Wetland Restoration Phragmites Removal Bulkhead and Culvert Removal" drawing, as prepared by Belvedere Property Management LLC, dated October 24, 2017; the "Final Cow Neck Wetland Restoration Phragmites Control" drawing prepared by Belvedere Management LLC, dated October 31, 2017; and the "Cow Neck Farm – Phragmites Removal, Bulkhead Removal Bridge Construction Project Narrative" prepared by Belvedere Property Management, LLC, last revised August 18, 2017.**

Permit Approved

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