

***ADDENDUM**

NOVEMBER 6, 2007

***D. RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ALTERATION OF FRESHWATER WETLANDS IN
THE MARSH STREET AREA FOR PURPOSES OF NEW DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, all of Marsh and Abbott Streets, and most of the immediate neighborhood, including part or all of over 30 residential properties, are within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (also known as 100-year floodplain); and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the referenced neighborhood experienced flooding twice within a one-year period in 2005 and 2006, resulting in major hardship for neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Floodplain Mitigation Association strongly discourages filling or otherwise altering areas within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area for purposes of development; and

WHEREAS, additional development would likely unnecessarily increase the flood potential and flood impact in this area; and

WHEREAS, the East Providence Planning Department, the East Providence Public Works Department, and the East Providence Conservation Commission are concerned about the effects of new development in Special Flood Hazard Areas; and

WHEREAS, the alteration of freshwater wetlands in general adversely impacts their function of protecting life and/or property from flooding or flood flows by retaining, storing, metering, or slowing flood waters from storm events;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this East Providence City Council hereby respectfully expresses its opposition to RIDEM Application No. 05-0272 and all plans for freshwater wetlands alteration for the purpose of new development in the Marsh Street neighborhood.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Office of Water Resources of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management by the end of the notice period for this Application at 4:00 p.m. on November 19, 2007. *(Requested by Planning Department)*