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TOWN HALL  
238 Danbury Road  
Wilton, Connecticut 06897

"Corrective Action"

## APPLICATION FOR A SIGNIFICANT REGULATED ACTIVITY

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Date of Submission \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_

WET# 2664

Wilton Land Record Map# \_\_\_\_\_

Volume # \_\_\_\_\_ Page # \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Map # \_\_\_\_\_ Lot# \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Applicant Mieko Ikegame

Address 16 Rivergate Woods  
Wilton, C.T.

Telephone 917 476 7776

Email mieko615@aol.com

Agent (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

Property Address 16 RIVERGATE WOODS

Acres of altered Wetlands On-Site \_\_\_\_\_

Linear Feet of Watercourse \_\_\_\_\_

Linear Feet of Open Water \_\_\_\_\_

Sq. Ft. of proposed and/or altered impervious  
coverage \_\_\_\_\_

Site Acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Cu. Yds. of Material Excavated 40 cu yd

Cu. Yds. of Material to be Deposited 0

Acres of altered upland buffer \_\_\_\_\_

Sq. Ft. of disturbed land in regulated area \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Is The Site Within a Public Water Supply  
Watershed Boundary? NO ☒ YES\* \_\_\_\_\_

Is The Site Within 500 Feet of a Town Boundary?  
NO ☒ YES\* \_\_\_\_\_

\* If the answer is yes, then the applicant is responsible for notifying the appropriate water authority and/or adjoining community's Wetlands Department. Instructions for notification are available at the office of the commission.

Project Description and Purpose: WE would like to clean a man-made pond that has fallen into disrepair. Removing approx. 40 cu yd of decomposing leaves.

In addition, the applicant shall provide eleven (11) collated copies of the following information as well as an electronic submission via email to [mike.conklin@wiltonct.org](mailto:mike.conklin@wiltonct.org) & [elizabeth.larkin@wiltonct.org](mailto:elizabeth.larkin@wiltonct.org) \*\*

- ☒ A. Written consent from the owner authorizing the agent to act on his/her behalf
- ☐ J B. A Location Map at a scale of 1" = 800'
- ☐ J C. **A Site Plan showing existing and proposed features at a scale not to exceed 1" = 40'** accurate to the level of a A-2 property and T-2 topographic surveys
- ☐ J D. Sketch Plans depicting the alternatives considered
- ★ ☐ E. Engineering Reports and Analysis and additional drawing to fully describe the proposed project
- ☐ J F. Sedimentation and Erosion Control Plan, including the Construction Sequence
- ☐ J G. Names and addresses of adjoining property owners
- ☐ J H. A narrative describing, in detail
  - a. the proposed activity
  - b. the alternatives considered
  - c. impacts
  - d. proposed mitigation measures
- oil { ★ ☐ I. Soils Report prepared by a Certified Soil Scientist and Wetlands Map prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor
- ★ ☐ J. A Biological Evaluation prepared by a biologist or other qualified professional
- ★ ☐ K. Description of the chemical and physical characteristics of fill material to be used in the Regulated Area
- zen ☐ J. L. Description and maps detailing the watershed of the Regulated Area
- ☐ J. M. Envelopes addressed to adjacent neighbors, the applicant, and/or agent, with certified postage and no return address

**\*\*Application materials shall be collated and copies of documents more than two pages in length shall be double sided.**

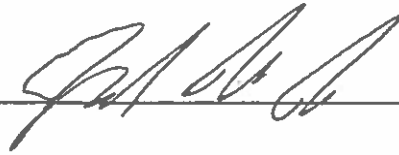
See Section 7 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Wilton for a more detailed description of applications requirements.

The Applicant or his/her agent certifies that he is familiar with the information provided in this application and is aware of the penalties for obtaining a permit through deception, inaccurate or misleading information.

By signing this application, permission is hereby given to necessary and proper inspections of the subject property by the Commissioners and designated agents of the Commission or consultants to the Commission, at reasonable times, both before and after a final decision has been rendered.

Applicant's Signature: M. J. [Signature] Date: 10/30/2020

Agent's Signature (if applicable)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. A. A.', written over a horizontal line.

Date: 10.11.2020

WILTON BUILDING  
DEPARTMENT

Building Official  
Demolition Officer  
Tel: 203-563-0177



TOWN HALL ANNEX  
238 Danbury Road  
Wilton, Connecticut 06897

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LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby declare the following:

1. That I am the owner/authorized representative of the premises described as follows:

16 River gate Woods, Wilton, C.T. 06897  
Street City State Zone

2. That Mr. Joseph Doceti is duly authorized for and on behalf of the owner to execute an application for building, zoning, health and wetlands permits to enable him/her to obtain permits to complete construction of the following work dradging and clearing the pond.

at the above site.

3. That MR. Joseph Doceti is hereby designated as the owner's representative with whom all town departments may deal with in respect to the work involved.

4. That this authorization also includes any and all electrical, plumbing, heating, and HVAC contractors doing work in conjunction with the above noted activity to obtain the appropriate sub permits.

Date: 10/28/2020

Owner/ Authorized Rep.: Mieko Ikegame M. Ikegame  
Print Name Signature

Dear zen ,

Thank you very much for your guidance. I am not expert on this subject therefore I do not really understand what dredging means. But I would like to simply explain my observation and what I were trying to do for the healthy condition of pond and it's environment.

What I have been informed when we bought this property around in 2006 was that the pond has been there very long time at least 40–50 years and water is coming from natural watershed stream and go to the pond next to us.

Over 15 years, the stones around the pond which were preventing soil coming into the pond has been falling down into the water and thus sedimentation started. Also the stream coming into our pond was broken by falling leave and trees in our neighbors land. Thus water was getting less and pond damaged. At the same time sedimentation came into the pond and started to create weed island.

We have been out of country for about year due to corona virus outbreak. When we returned we felt, the pond border need to be rebuilt as it was originally placed by taking edge soil out, the stones in the pond to be lifted and put back to original border line.

We have no intention to change the border line. We simply wanted to reestablish border of the water and land and help water flow going through so that the pond would be healthy and all creatures survive.

The work with team of experts was needed as we failed to do the maintenance work of healthy pond by ourselves. We considered the ongoing work as maintenance work of the pond accumulated by long sedimentation, falling leaves, and misplacement of border stones.

My husband had stroke in 2014 and half paralyzed whereas I went through lung cancer treatment since 2014 as well. We live in the US maximun half year, the rest in Japan and Africa due to my UN and African Unions work. I also teach at two

universities in Japan. Thus we did not know exactly what could be done to save the pond and wetland.

From now on, we will have work plan for the periodical maintenance work of the pond in cooperation with Joe and his team.

Your kind advice and guidance would be most appreciated.

Mieko Ikegame, Prof.

To whom it may concern, Regarding 16 Rivergate woods, Wilton Connecticut.

My name is Joseph Doceti, Owner of Hat City Construction LLc. We are out of Danbury Ct. I was contacted by Mrs, Ikegame regarding the health of her pond. Upon arrival I observed a beautiful home with a man made pond. The house was designed in a way to highlight the pond. Bay windows up front looking directly at the pond as if it was the centerpiece of the builders dream and project. The pond has a stone wall around the perimeter. The house and pond were built in 1961. The pond is fed by wetlands and the pond exit flows to what I believe is another man made pond or possibly wetlands. Mrs Ikegame explained that over the years the leaves have accumulated in the pond and clogged or mostly obstructed the pipes. She was correct. Lack of cleaning and maintenance has caused the pond to fall into disrepair. Mrs Ikegame explained that over the years the butterflys, fish, and typical wildlife around the pond seemed to dwindle. Mrs Ikegame had explained that there was an increase in mosquitoes and alge buildup. My observation and everything Mrs Ikegame explained was perfectly in line. I took a tape measure and measured the distance from the water line to the top of the bed of decomposing leaves. It was 8". I took a rake and cleaned a small section. The amount of leaves decomposing in the pond was about 2 feet thick. Just under the leaves are beautiful decorative stone put in the bed of the pond when it was built. I had and have



no intention of cleaning or digging deeper as this is just a maintenance project. I thought that since this is a man made pond, we didnt need permission to clean. Ive done multiple projects for wetlands of Brookfield and brookfield nature preserve. Im extremely conscious about our environment. Im an outdoorsman when im not at work. So I am very conscious of everything we do. I know better than to go anywhere near natural wetlands with my equipment or tools. I have cleaned numerous ponds in my 15+ years in this business. The only thing we are usually asked to do is to keep the soil dug, on site. I Had no intention of maliciously doing a project like this without permission. I had no clue that wetlands had jurisdiction over this pond. We showed up to start cleaning the pond. We used lake rakes to pull the leaves to ths edge of the pond. Then we use an excavator to pull the leaves out. All of my equipment is brand new and in tip top shape making sure no oils or grease can enter water. We expected to clean approximately 40 yards of decomposed leaves from the bottom of the pond. Also over the years a few rocks from the rock wall have fallen in allowing dirt to enter the pond. We were going to pull them out and add them back to the pond border wall. I typically plug the pond inlet and outlet during cleaning until pond settles so dirty water doesn't flow forward or back during the cleaning process. The only intention of this project was to improve the life of the pond, not to do harm. We had planned on removing about 40 cubic yards of leaves. There are multiple articles about how stagnant ponds pose health

issues. It was my impression that it is Mrs Ikegame responsibility to keep this pond clean and healthy. I do understand that this pond was built in 1961. I believe weston wetlands commission was established about 12 years after this pond was built. We are asking for your permission to allow us to clean this pond and setup a maintenance schedule once a year to maintain this pond my skimming leaves before they sink. Ive attached pictures of our lake rakes as well as pictures of the pond. Ive also attached an article on health issues pertaining to stagnant water and ponds. I am sorry for not taking the time to call prior to starting this project. It was my complacency to think that all towns are the same when it comes to wetlands. I now know to check with each town prior to start of each project individually. Again my sincerest apologies.

Joseph Doceti  
Hat City Construction L.L.C  
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