A HOMEOWNERS GUIDE TO WORKING NEAR WETLANDS AND STREAMS

Understanding your responsibilities when managing your property

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Your awareness of wetland laws and regulations contributes to protecting Concord’s important wetland resources. Adherence to these laws and regulations can ensure you that you avoid delays in your project or possible enforcement action.

Any activity that will alter a wetland or its buffer zone must be permitted by the Natural Resources Commission.
ARE YOU WORKING IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS SUBJECT TO JURISDICTION?

MA Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Concord Wetlands Bylaw and Regulations regulates work within:

- **Wetland resource areas** (streams, ponds, rivers, wetlands, 100-year floodplain, Riverfront Area (land within 200 feet on any perennial stream), Certified Vernal Pools and adjoining lands out to a distance of 100 feet known as Vernal Pool Habitat;
- **25-foot No Disturb Zone** (land within 25 feet of wetlands and streams)
- **50-foot No Build Zone** (land within 50 feet of wetlands except land subject to flooding)
- **100-foot Buffer Zone** (land within 100 feet of wetlands except “land subject to flooding”)

...THEN WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

1. Determine if your project will occur in a wetland resource area or buffer zone. Check the Town GIS at www.mapsonline.net/concordma/ or contact the Division of Natural Resources. You may need to hire a wetland scientist to help you determine your wetland boundaries.
2. Visit the Natural Resources Office to review your plans and application requirements.
3. Complete the required application materials.
4. Attend a public hearing(s).
5. Read and understand your permit before starting work.