

What Should I Do if I Have a Project in Mind?

1. Determine whether your proposed project might occur in, or near, a wetland resource area, buffer zone, riverfront area, or no activity zone (*see graphic, inside flyer*). You might need the assistance of a wetland scientist or the Conservation Agent.
2. Visit the Conservation Office in Town Hall; we're here to help you with questions and permit requirements.
3. Complete all required wetland permit application materials.
4. Meet with the Commission.
5. Receive a permit before work begins.

Wetland Violations

Examples of wetland violations for unauthorized activities within wetland resource areas, buffer zones, riverfront areas or no activity zones include:

- Littering or dumping (*including grass, leaves, brush, or other debris*);
- Cutting of trees or shrubs; and
- Building without a permit.

Penalties for Violations

Under State and Town wetland laws, the Conservation Commission may issue an Enforcement/ Cease and Desist Order, and also require the restoration of all illegally altered resource areas to their original (natural) conditions.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION,

Please visit to the following websites:

Foxborough Conservation Commission:
www.foxboroughma.gov/conservation

MassDEP:
www.mass.gov/guides/wetlands-information

GUIDE TO FOXBOROUGH'S WETLAND PROTECTION LAWS

*Understand your legal responsibilities
when managing property!*

**Are You Planning To
Landscape?
Install a Pool?
Grade your Land?
Cut Trees or Shrubs?**



BEFORE YOU BEGIN ANY WORK,

KNOW THE BOTTOM LINE:

***Any activities that could alter
Wetlands, Buffer Zones or NAZs
must be pre-permitted
by the Conservation Commission;
unpermitted work may result in
enforcement actions or fines.***

Areas of Jurisdiction

The Mass. Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) protect:

- Wetland resource areas (*streams, ponds, swamps, etc.*),
- 100-foot buffer zones, and
- Riverfront areas (*land within 200 feet of any perennial stream*)

Foxborough's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations (*Code of Foxborough, Chapter 267*) protect:

- 25-foot No Activity Zones (*25'NAZ*),
- Vernal pools, and
- Vernal pool 100-foot no activity zones

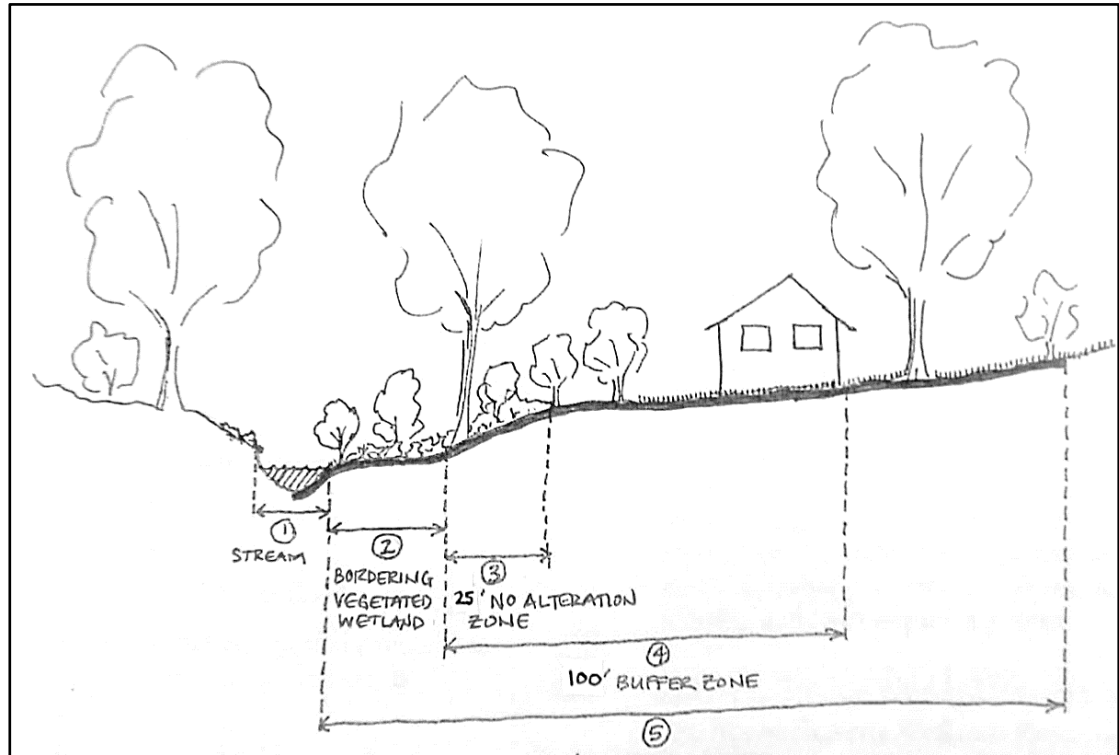
Regulated Activities

Any activities that could alter riverfront areas, wetlands, buffer zones, or NAZs must be pre-permitted or reviewed by the Commission (*exemptions may apply*). Regulated activities in resource areas include, but are not limited to:

- Grading/excavating
- Cutting/removing trees or vegetation
- Building/construction
- Installing/replacing a septic system
- Installing a swimming pool
- Discharging stormwater
- Landscaping
- Dumping (*includes leaves, grass, etc.*)

For more information, please see:
www.mass.gov/guides/wetlands-information
www.foxboroughma.gov/conservation

Wetland Resource Areas, Buffer Zones and No Activity Zones



Wetland and Upland Resource Areas (key, below)

Resource Area Key and Permit Requirements

1. **Stream/River:** No activities are allowed without a wetland permit and/or a waiver.
2. **Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW):** No activities are allowed without a permit.
3. **25-Foot No-Activity Zone:** No new alterations or activities are allowed without a Bylaw wetland permit and/or a waiver.
4. **100-Foot Buffer Zone:** A wetland permit is required for most activities.
5. **200-Foot Riverfront Area:** A wetland permit is required for most activities within 200' of a perennial stream (*the inner riparian area [0-100' from a river] is a no activity zone; restrictions apply for the outer riparian area [100-200' from a river]*).
6. **Other Resource Areas** include land subject to flooding, vernal pools and 100-foot vernal pool no activity zones; a wetland permit is required for most activities.