



CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

A Permit From The EPB Is Needed When:

A regulated activity is planned to be conducted within an inland wetland, watercourse, or adjacent area.

What is regulated?

Regulated Activity – any operation within or use of a wetland, watercourse, or adjacent area involving removal or deposition of material, or any obstruction, construction, alteration or pollution of these areas.

Areas where the regulations apply –

- Inland wetlands or watercourses
- Areas immediately adjoining wetlands and watercourses necessary to provide protection from the adverse impacts of unregulated land uses.
- 100-year floodplains or FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas
- Open Space / Conservation Easement Areas



What is a watercourse?

Most watercourses are easily recognized, and include lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. Some are only apparent during certain times or seasons of the year and are termed “intermittent” watercourses.

Watercourse

Means rivers, streams, brooks, waterways, lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, bogs, and all other bodies of water that are natural, artificial, vernal, or intermittent, public or private, that are contained within, flow through, or border upon the City of Stamford.

Intermittent Watercourse

Are delineated by a defined permanent channel and bank and the occurrence of at least two of the following characteristics: (a) evidence of scour or deposits of recent alluvium or detritus; (b) the presence of standing or flowing water for a duration longer than a particular storm event; and (c) the presence of hydrophytic vegetation.

What are wetlands?

Not all wetland areas look wet. Wetlands in Connecticut are determined by soil type and a Soils Scientist is required in order to delineate wetland boundaries.

“Wetlands”

Means land, including submerged land, that consists of any of the soils types designated as poorly drained, very poorly drained, alluvial, and floodplain by the National Cooperative Soils Survey. Such areas may include filled, graded, or excavated sites that possess aquic soils (i.e., water-saturated within 24 inches of the ground surface).

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