

# MASSACHUSETTS WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT



Mandated by Law, it is the duty of Conservation Commissions to protect valuable water resources such as streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, wetlands, etc. Under the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL c. 131 Sec. 40, 310 CMR 10.00, no person may remove, fill, dredge or alter certain resource areas without first filing a Notice of Intent and obtaining an Order of Conditions. This law requires that any order so issued must contain conditions sufficient to preserve and promote the following public interests: the protection of public or private water supply and groundwater supply, the enhancement of flood control and storm damage prevention, the prevention of pollution and the protection of fisheries and land containing shellfish.

**IF YOUR PROJECT INVOLVES A POND, LAKE, RIVER, STREAM, OR WETLAND OR WORK WITHIN 100', 200' OR 400' HORIZONTAL FEET OF ANY OF THESE RESOURCE AREAS INCLUDING THE CUTTING OF TREES AND DISTURBING THE EARTH IN ANY MANNER, YOU MAY NEED A PERMIT (ORDER) FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OR A BUILDING PERMIT MAY NOT BE ISSUED.**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ My project does not involve any Resource Areas described.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not sure if my project involves a Resource Area, so I will fill out the attached Abbreviated Notice of Intent and the Commission will advise me with a Negative Determination if it does not.

\_\_\_\_\_ My project does involve a Resource Area; I have filled out a Notice of Intent and/or I will fill out a Notice of Intent.

\_\_\_\_\_ My project involves a large resource area, land might be subject to flooding, may be located in a flood zone and may require a Permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. I will need the long Notice of Intent Form.

\_\_\_\_\_ My project involves a Resource Area and I do not know if I need the long form, please advise.

\_\_\_\_\_ My project is exempt under Agriculture. I understand I am required to attend a meeting of The Conservation Commission.