

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

1. Determine if your project will occur within a wetland resource area or buffer zone. You may need to have a wetland scientist or Conservation Commission staff member help you determine this.
2. Visit the Conservation Office to review your plans and application requirements.
3. Complete the required application materials.
4. Attend a public hearing.
5. Receive your permit before starting work

Violations

Examples of violations include the unpermitted:

- Dumping of grass, leaves, brush, or debris in a wetland or buffer zone
- Cutting of trees or shrubs within Riverfront Area, a wetland, or a buffer zone
- Building without a permit within Riverfront Area, a wetland, or a buffer zone

Penalties for Violating the Law

Under the Wetland Protection Act and Lunenburg Wetlands Bylaw, the Conservation Commission can require illegally altered land to be restored to its original condition, and can issue fines.

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A Guide to Wetlands Protection Laws in Lunenburg

Understand your responsibilities when managing property!

Are you planning to:

Cut trees or shrubs?

Build?

Landscape?

Grade the land?

Install a pool?



**Before you do,
know the bottom line:**

Any such activity that will alter a wetland or its buffer zone must be permitted by the Conservation Commission, or fines and enforcement may occur.

Areas of Jurisdiction

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

- Wetlands (streams, ponds, rivers, swamps, etc.)
- 100-foot buffer zones
- Riverfront Area (land within 200 feet of any perennial stream)

Lunenburg Wetland Bylaw and Regulations provide greater protection than state law. Together, they protect:

Wetlands (streams, ponds, rivers, swamps, etc.)

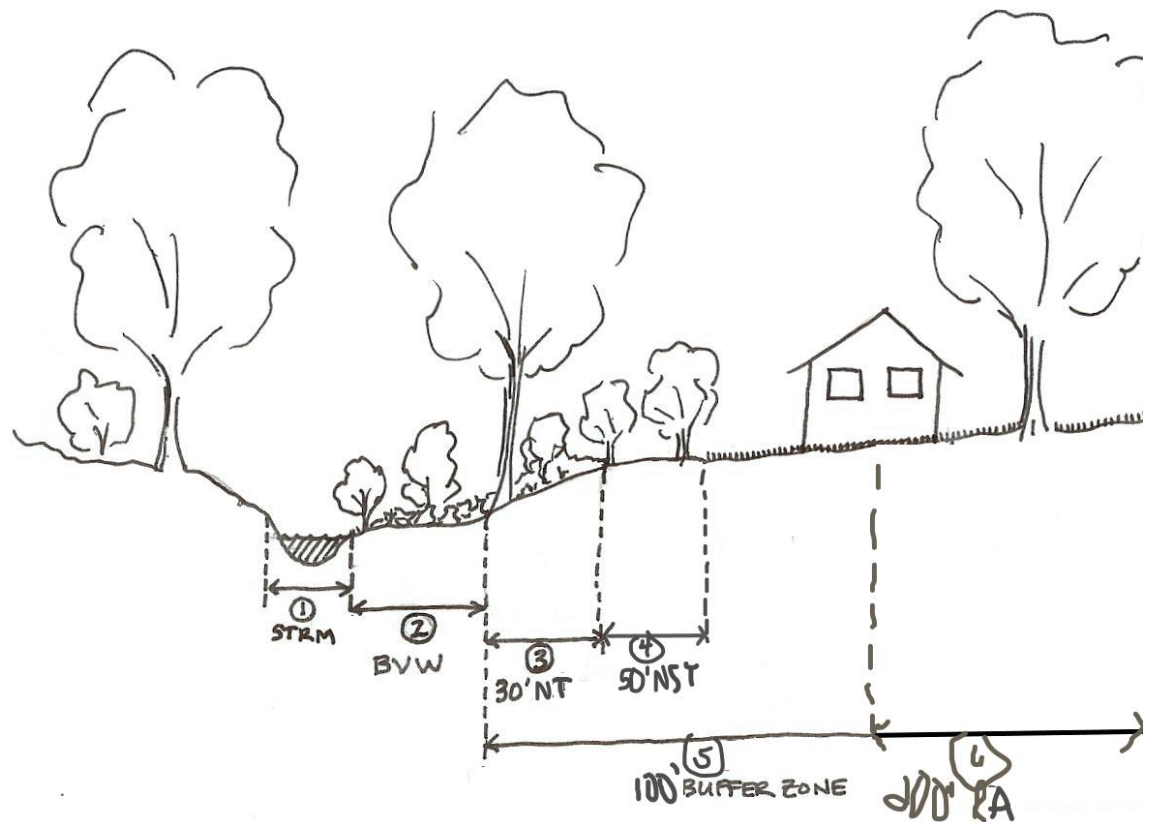
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- 100-foot buffer zones
- 30-foot No Touch Zone
- 50-foot No Build Zone

Regulated Activities

Activities that will alter wetlands or buffer zones must be permitted by the Conservation Commission.

Regulated activities include:

- Dumping leaves, brush, grass
- Vegetation removal
- Building or construction
- Grading or excavating
- Installing a septic system
- Discharging stormwater
- Disturbing or altering wetlands or streams



Not to scale

Regulated Areas and Associated Permit Requirements

1. **Stream (STRM):** No activity is allowed without a permit and a waiver
2. **Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW):** No activity is allowed without a permit and a Waiver
3. **30-Foot No Touch (30' NT):** No activity is allowed without a permit and a waiver
4. **50-Foot No Structure Zone (50' NST):** No structure is allowed without a permit and a waiver
5. **100-Foot Buffer (100' Buffer Zone):** A permit is required for many activities
6. **200-Foot Riverfront Area (200' RA):** A permit is required for many activities