

CONNECT WITH CONSERVATION!

Town of Fairfield - Conservation Department

If you own property in Fairfield, here is some important information for you.

CALL CONSERVATION BEFORE YOU START. Learn whether your property is regulated, what you can do, and where you can do it.

To determine if activity on your property is regulated:

- Contact the Conservation Department and check your deed.
- Your property may be regulated if it contains a watercourse, wetland soils, a buffer zone from adjacent wetlands, or a conservation easement to protect fragile natural resources.
- Note that wetlands may be present even if they seem dry.
- Regulated activities include any digging (even down 1 inch) or dumping (depositing any material in or around wetland areas).

What should I do if activity on my property is regulated?

- Contact the Conservation Department to assess the environmental impact and safety of your future plan. They may issue a “staff-level permit”, a “Commission level permit”, or no permit at all.
- Be sure to come in for a **Concept Review** before submitting a permit application online.
- After your **Concept Review**, you can submit your online permit application.

What’s in it for you?

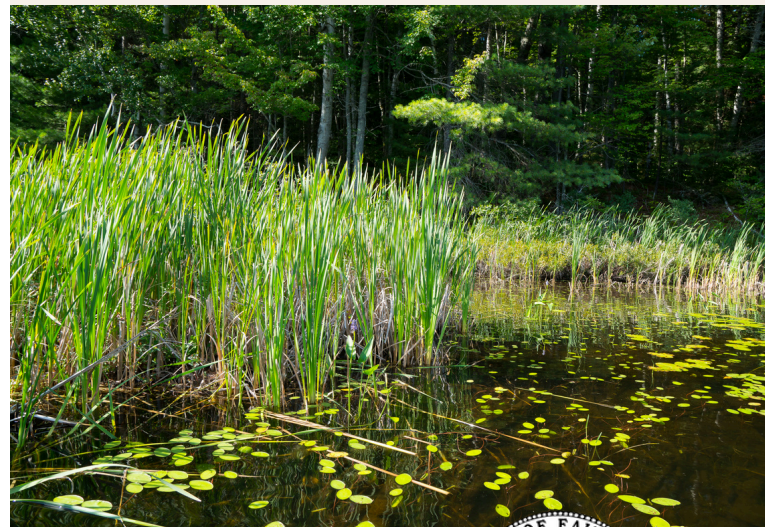
Water quality: Wetlands help purify water.

Flood control: They regulate flooding & prevent storm run-off.

Ecosystem support: Wetlands are crucial for wildlife’s ability to breed & survive.

Permanent loss prevention: Once damaged, wetlands cannot fully recover to their natural state.

Avoid violations: Conservation violations are costly to the department, you, and the environment.



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