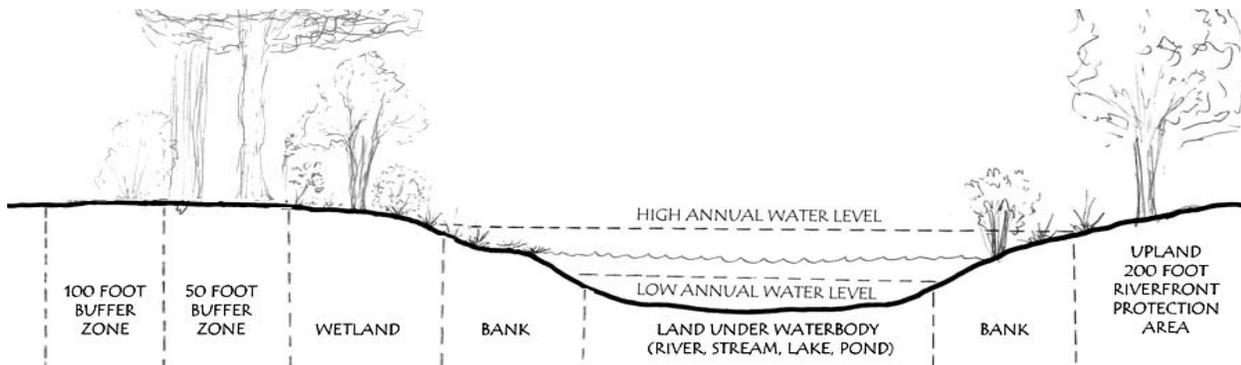# *WETLANDS PERMITTING*
WITH THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Activities that will remove, fill, dredge, or alter ponds, wetlands or buffer zone, are prohibited under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, Rivers Protection Act and the Lincoln Wetlands Protection Bylaw without first obtaining a permit from the Conservation Commission. Regulated activities include, but are not limited to:

- Building Construction
- Vegetation Removal
- Grading or Excavation
- Depositing Yard Waste
- Septic System Installation
- Discharging Stormwater

Regulated resource areas include wetlands, stream, swamps, and ponds, and their associated buffer zone, which extends 100' beyond these protected areas. In addition, Riverfront Area is a regulated resource area that extends 200' out from any year-round flowing stream (perennial stream). The Lincoln Wetlands Protection Bylaw provides greater protection than State law. The inner 50' of the wetland buffer zone is a no-disturb area, and the buffer zones as a whole are considered resource areas. Isolated areas of flooding, including vernal pools, are also protected. Wetland can be dry much of the year so it is always best to contact the Conservation Office and ask if you have wetlands on your property.

Wetland Permitting Process
- Contact the Conservation Office to discuss the project.
- Determine with Conservation Staff if the project is within a protected resource area, and whether it will require permitting.
- Work with a professional to complete and submit the required application.
- The Conservation Office will schedule a public hearing and you must notify abutters.
- Conservation Staff will arrange a site visit prior to your hearing.
- Attend public hearing(s) to review your plan with the Conservation Commission.
- Receive approval/denial from Conservation Commission.
- Proceed with work, obeying Conditions of the permit (permits are valid for three years)
- Upon completion of work, submit a Request for Certificate of Compliance.
- You are ultimately responsible for what happens on your property.

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