



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

Inland Wetlands Board

AMENDMENTS TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

Increased Upland Review Areas

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Effective September 4, 2020, the Inland Wetlands Board has adopted amendments to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations (IWWR) for the Town of Ridgefield.

In addition to a thorough update, of particular note, is the increase to the Upland Review Area as defined in Sec. 2.2 of the IWWR.

Upland Review Area is defined as the area:

- Within 100 feet measured horizontally from the boundary of any wetland or watercourse not located within any public water supply watershed, or
- Within 150 feet measured horizontally from the spring high water mark of any vernal pool, or
- 150 feet from the spring high water mark of the following significant watercourses
 - Norwalk River, commencing on the westerly side of the Norwalk River Bridge along Danbury Road (aka Route 35) at the flood control dam
 - Saugatuck River, commencing on the westerly side of the Wataba Lake Dam outlet
 - Silvermine River, commencing on the southerly side of the Silvermine River Bridge under Whipstick Road, just west of Perry Lane
 - Titicus River, commencing on the northly side of the Titicus River Bridge under North Salem Road (aka Route 116) opposite Saw Mill Hill Road

It is the responsibility of any and all applicants to submit, to the Inland Wetlands Agent, a wetlands delineation completed by a CT Certified Soils Scientist for the Agent to determine whether the proposed activity is a Regulated Activity as defined in Sec 2.2 of the IWWR. All wetlands delineations shall include the following:

- Soils Report
- Sketch Map
- If no wetlands on site, the soil scientist must also confirm whether or not it is their professional opinion if there are any regulated Upland Review Areas as defined in Sec 2.2 of the IWWR.

- If yes to Upland Review Area's, these should be defined to the best of their ability.

*Exempt from this would be any proposed activity where the improvements are entirely contained within the existing footprint of an existing structure with no new earth disturbance.