



TOWN OF HINGHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Resource Area Delineation Policy

In order to clarify the application review process for the Commission and/or its agent, all Resource Areas within 100 feet of the edge of Activity shall be marked in the field in accordance with the following procedures, unless waived by the Commission and/or its agent:

1. The applicant is responsible for hiring a qualified professional to delineate the Resource Areas. A qualified professional can be either a certified Professional Wetland Scientist; a non-certified professional wetland scientist with a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the field of wetland science; or a professional who demonstrates expertise in wetland science to the satisfaction of the Commission and/or its agent.
2. The qualified professional shall uniquely identify the boundaries of each Resource Area in the field by affixing colored, lettered, and consecutively numbered flagging to fixed objects such as woody vegetation or survey stakes (e.g., Wetland A, flags #A1-A10; Inland Bank, flags #IB1-IB10, etc.). Flagging should be clearly visible in the field and placed at intervals no greater than 40 feet.
3. Flagging may be performed year-round. However, if field conditions prohibit an accurate identification of the Resource Areas, the Commission and/or its agent may ask the applicant to postpone its request until the delineation(s) can be accurately reviewed.
4. The qualified professional shall also describe the delineated Resources Areas and the methodology used for delineation in a written report or narrative, submitted with the application.
5. Flagging shall be shown on the submitted plans along with the Buffer Zone, Inner Riparian Zone, and Outer Riparian Zone, as applicable.
6. Flagging must be current. The Resource Areas must have been delineated within three (3) years of application submission.