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### SHORELAND PERMITTING SERVICES

On July 1, 2008 the current Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) became effective. In 2011 it was renamed the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SWQPA). This act now regulates all land which lies within 250' of all "Great Ponds" (bodies of water greater than 10 acres in size) and all fourth order streams. A Consolidated List of these water bodies, and further information can be **found here**.

The SWQPA requires a permit for most construction and/or excavation that occurs within 250' of the "Reference Line" which is essentially the shoreline or riverbank of the regulated water body.

The Administrative Rules which govern this Act clearly spell out the information necessary for filing a proper Shoreland Permit Application.

The primary goal of the Act is to protect the ponds and streams by ensuring that between the shoreline and 50 feet back from the shoreline, tree removal and shrub/brush removal is severely restricted. This zone is called the "Waterfront Buffer."

Between the 50' and 150' setback from the shoreline you must maintain at least 25% in an "unaltered state." This zone is called the "Natural Woodland Buffer."

Between the shoreline and 250' setback from the shoreline you may have no more than 30% of this area as "impervious" without the preparation of a stormwater management system design by a Professional Engineer. This zone is called the "Protected Shoreland Zone."

Because of our location in the heart of the Lakes Region, White Mountain Survey & Engineering, Inc. has filed many Shoreland Applications for our clients. From the most basic Shoreland Permit Applications to the most complex, requiring re-development waivers, White Mountain Survey & Engineering, Inc. has had tremendous success obtaining these permits for their clients.