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From: Katharine Riley [mailto:**REDACTED EMAIL ADDRESS**]

Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 2:19 PM

To: Tilton, Mary Ann

Subject: RE: 2018 Wetland Rule Comments

Dear DES and Ms. Tilton,

I am a past chair of the Enfield Cons.Comm. and Orange Cons.Comm and know of the fragility of the wetland ecosystem and the importance of protecting that environment.

The proposed new wetland rules must be clear in their vigilant care of wetlands. Protective forest management will be a key to wetland protection. Forests will be a carbon store, assisting in climate moderation for our area. Water and wetlands will be conserved with protection of our forests. As there will be more pressures on the land with future development - PLEASE make sure that we have the laws and guidelines in place so that our beautiful NH survives into the future!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Katharine P. Riley