

Ms. Tilton,

I am very concerned about the proposed reductions in our state wetland protections.

The purpose of wetlands law is to protect our wetland resources. These proposed rules undermine that essential duty to protect.

Conservation Commission Review should apply to Lower Scrutiny Approval permits. 5 days for NHDES to review a proposal is grossly inadequate.

The term "Priority Resource Area" is needed to best protect our prime wetlands.

I disagree with the new project categories added to the Permit by Notification category. Wetlands are an integral part of our complex eco-systems. Projects that will have lasting impacts need time for thorough review. We should not rush decisions concerning our wetlands, aquatic habitat and public health and safety.

The gutting of the processing times from 75 days to 5 etc. does not bode well for thoughtful processing.

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