



# Project-Specific Overview and Impact Classification

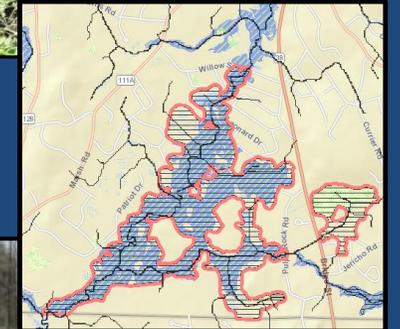


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# Introduction

- Project/ Impact Classification.
- Adjustments to Project Classification.
  - Project Type Exceptions.
- Env-Wt 500 Project-Specific Requirements.



Group	General project type	Impact classification	DES max rev. time (bus.days)	RFMI issued?	Local River Advisory Comm. waiver of intervention req'd in LAC jurisdiction?
<b>Routine Roadway Registrations (RRR)</b>	Culvert maintenance Ditch maintenance Scaffolding RR1 – RR9	Minimum	A/ 5 days	No	Yes
<b>Statutory Permit by Notification (SPN)</b>	Minimum: Forestry, trails, utilities, Routine Roadway (culvert maintenance only), seasonal dock	Minimum	A/ 5 days	No	<b>Except</b> for RR on lands used for Agriculture ( <b>not</b> req'd for Forestry or Trails)
<b>Permit by Notification (PBN)</b>	21 Projects, including Agriculture	Minimum	A/ 5 days	No	Yes
<b>EXPedited (EXP)</b>	Minimum	Minimum	T/ 30 days	No	Yes
<b>Standard</b>	Any minor or major project	Minor, Major (Any project type or classif.)	T/ 50 or 75 days	Yes	Within 1/4 mile of designated river corridor

= LSA (Lower Scrutiny Approval)

DES Review: A= Administrative; T= Technical

# Impact Classification

(Env-Wt 407)

- Size of impact (SF, LF).
- Resource.
- Project type Exception (PTE).



# Impact Classification: Size

(Env-Wt 407)

- **Size** of impact (SF, LF).



Table 407-1: Classification Based on Size of Impact

Type of Jurisdictional Area	Minimum	Minor	Major
Other than watercourse	< 3,000 square feet (SF)	≥ 3,000 SF to < 10,000 SF	≥ 10,000 SF
Watercourse	< 50 linear feet (LF)	≥ 50 LF to < 200 LF	≥ 200 LF

# Impact Classification: Resource

## (Env-Wt 407)

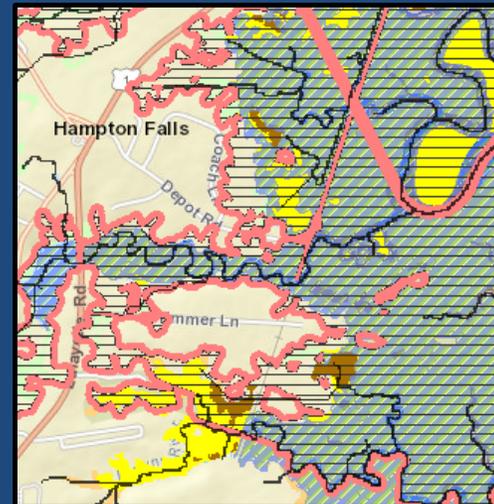
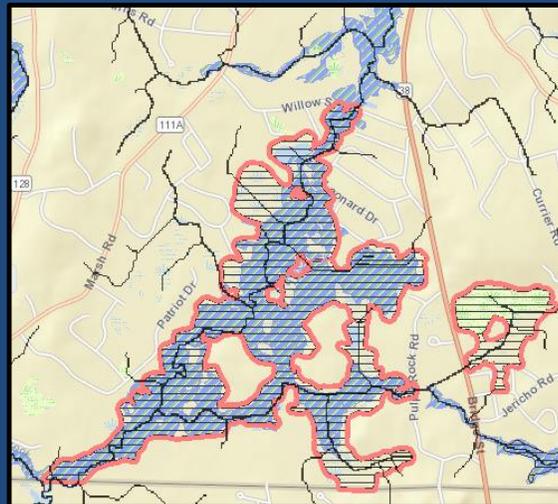
- Resource based:
  - **Priority resource area** (Env-Wt 306.05 (a)(2)).
  - Perennial stream.
  - Marsh.
  - Scrub-shrub wetland...
  - Protected species or habitat (NHB DataCheck)...
  - Coastal areas, incl tidal wetlands, undeveloped TBZ.
  - For stream xing projects - watershed size (Stream Tier).



# Priority Resource Area (Env-Wt 103.65)

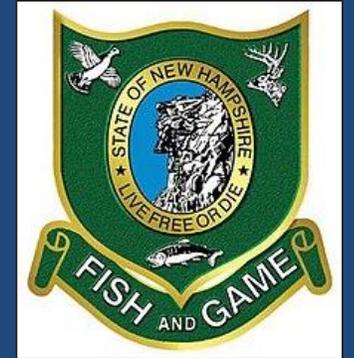
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- Documented occurrences of protected species or habitat for such species, using the **DataCheck Tool**.
- Bog.
- Floodplain wetland contiguous to a tier 3 or higher watercourse.
- Designated prime wetland or a duly-established 100-foot buffer.
- Sand dune, tidal wetland, tidal water, or undeveloped tidal buffer zone.



# NHB Data Check Results - Classification Changes

- SPN
  - Where major only if protected species or habitat.
    - Obtain NHB/NHFG recommendations to use SPN process.
- PBN, EXP
  - Where major only if protected species or habitat.
    - Provide written commitment to implement recommendations from NHB/ NHFG to use PBN or EXP.



# Project-Type Exceptions (PTE)

(Env-Wt 407.04)

## **Four Project-Type Exceptions**

1. **SPN: Impact size** does not apply.
  - Subject to limits of SPN.

**Resource type** does not affect classification of

2. Restoration/ Enhancement...
3. Maintenance, repair, replacement in-kind of existing legal shoreline structures.
4. SPN, where...



# Project-Specific Requirements (Env-Wt 500)

(alphabetized by title)

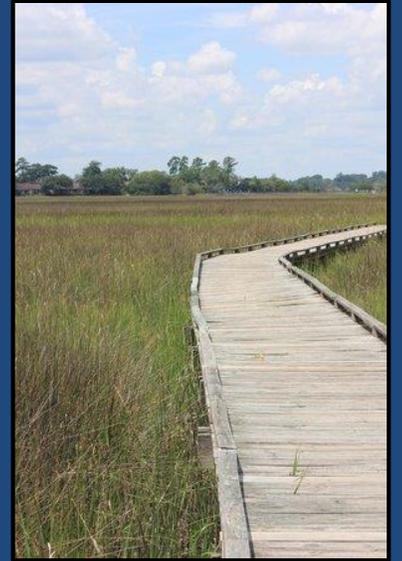
- Agricultural activities, Env-Wt 522.
- Aquatic vegetation control, Env-Wt 510.
- Bank/shoreline stabilization, Env-Wt 514.
- Breakwaters, Env-Wt 512.
- Dams, Env-Wt 526.
- Docking structures and accessory docking structures, Env-Wt 513.
- Dredging, non-tidal, Env-Wt 523.
- Dug-in basins and boathouses, Env-Wt 515.
- Forestry, Env-Wt 520.
- Intake and outflow structures, Env-Wt 516.
- Other water-related non-docking structures, Env-Wt 518.
- Ponds, Env-Wt 519.
- *Public highways, Env-Wt 527.*
- Residential, commercial and industrial development, Env-Wt 524.
- *Restoration/enhancement activities, Env-Wt 525.*
- Stream crossings, Env-Wt 900.
- Tidal projects including tidal docks, tidal dredging, tidal bank stabilization, sand dunes, coastal lands, and beach maintenance projects, Env-Wt 600.
- *Trails, pathways and boardwalks, Env-Wt 517.*
- Utility projects, Env-Wt 521.
- Water access structures, Env-Wt 511.

Sections in *yellow italics* also apply to projects in coastal areas.

# Project-Specific Requirements: Some apply to coastal areas.

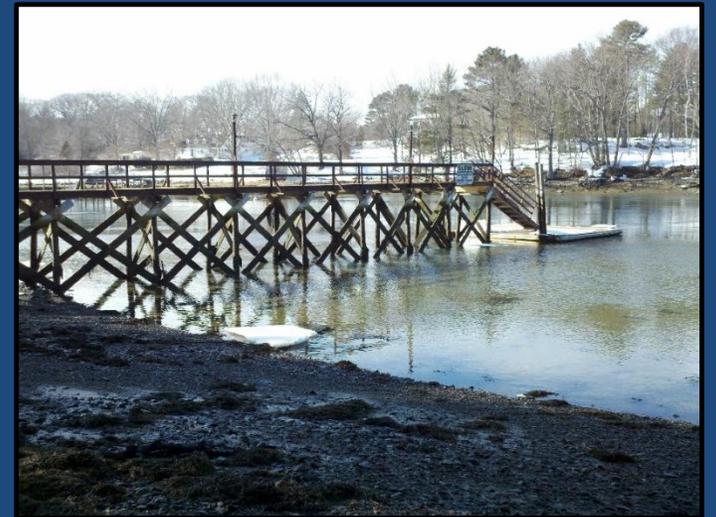
## Env-Wt 500

- In general they do not apply to coastal areas:
  - **Except** as provided for **boardwalks, restoration/enhancement, and public roadways.**
- Projects not specifically listed are subject to all qualifying criteria established in:
  - (1) RSA 482-A and RSA 483-B; and
  - (2) Env-Wt 300, Env-Wt 400, and Env-Wt 600 through Env-Wt 900.



# Coastal Project-Specific Criteria

- Env-Wt 606 Overwater structures in coastal areas.
- Env-Wt 607 Dredging activities.
- Env-Wt 608 Tidal beach maintenance and stabilization.
- Env-Wt 609 Tidal shoreline stabilization.
- Env-Wt 612 Aquaculture.

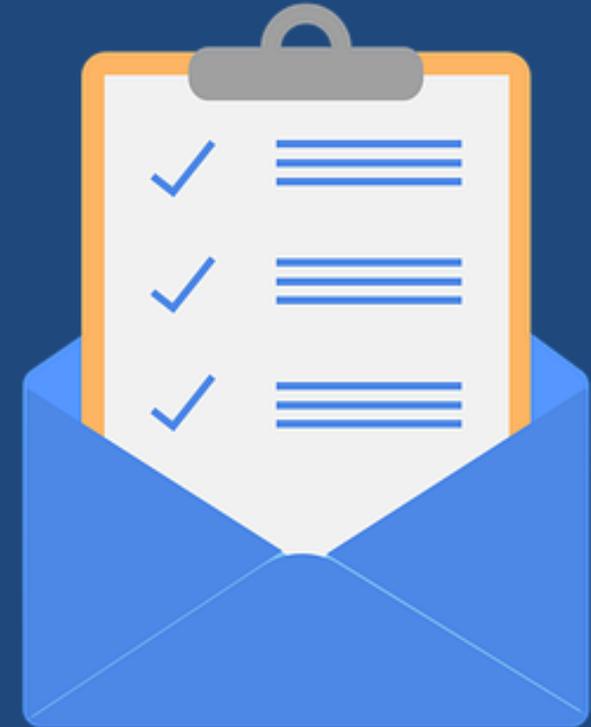


# Project-Specific Requirements (Env-Wt 500)

Consistent sub-headings for each project type

- Applicability.
- Approval Criteria.
- Application Requirements.
- Design and Construction Requirements.
- Project Classification.

Project-Specific Worksheet



# Example: Restoration/ Enhancement Activities



## **Env-Wt 525.01 Applicability; Definitions.**

For projects solely to restore and/or enhance altered or degraded jurisdictional areas.

“Wood addition” - adding wood to a watercourse in such a way as to create habitat for aquatic organisms and improve water quality. *Practical Guide to Adding Wood to Streams in NH*, NRCS, 2018.

## **Env-Wt 525.02 Approval Criteria.**

- (a) Meets the design and construction requirements specified in Env-Wt 525.04; and
- (b) Does not include unnatural stream channelization or conversion of wetlands to uplands.

## **Env-Wt 525.03 Application Requirements.**

Wetlands restoration/enhancement, stream restoration/enhancement, restoration/enhancement with dam removal.

## **Env-Wt 525.04 Design & Construction Requirements.**

In addition to the design and construction requirements specified in Env-Wt 300, a restoration/enhancement project shall be designed and constructed to...

## **Env-Wt 525.05 Project Classification.**

Meet PTE requirements...

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## Wetlands Bureau Rulemaking and Process Improvement Effort



The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has been engaged in a significant, multi-year initiative to improve the technical review standards as well as the operation and decision-making processes used by the NHDES Wetlands Bureau (referred to as the "Wetlands Program Rule Making and Process Improvement Effort").

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- [Wetland Permit Planning Tool](#)
- [NHDES Data Layers and Metadata](#)
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# Questions?



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