



COVID-19 NHDES Wetlands Permitting Public Information Notice – March 31, 2020

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), the citizens of New Hampshire, state agencies, and cities and towns are taking additional safety measures to protect our employees and customers. Because of the extra precautions to meet the CDC guidelines and the Governor's order, Towns and cities have closed their offices to the general public.

Many of our wetland application processes start with a Town clerk signature (RSA 482-A:3, I(1)). In particular, the streamlined Wetland Permit-by-Notice and Expedited permit application processes require conservation commission waiver of signatures to meet RSA 482-A: 11, III(a).

Accordingly, NHDES will accept emails from Town and City clerks, conservation commissions, Local River Management Advisory Committee (LAC), and Rivers Council to serve as records of receipt and/or waiver of intervention for Wetland applications in lieu of wet signatures during this declared Corona emergency. To ensure these Town/city electronic authorizations connect to the right NHDES application, please include the Applicant name, Land owner name, Location address and Project Description, and send to DES.WetlandsTownConn@des.nh.gov with Subject Line "Town Connect."

Please continue to send your application and plans directly to NHDES at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03302.