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Shoreland Program



The Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act was originally named the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) and was enacted into law in the 1991 session of the Legislature. The act establishes minimum standards for the subdivision, use and development of shorelands adjacent to the state's public water bodies. [more ...](#)

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- [Summary of the Minimum Standards](#)
- [Native Shoreland and Riparian Buffer plantings for NH](#)
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Water Bodies Protected under the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act

- [Consolidated list of Waterbodies subject to the SWQPA](#)
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- [Create a NH Natural Heritage Bureau \(NHB\) Report](#)
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- [NEW! Determine if a Shoreland Permit is Required](#)
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- [Request Waiver of the Minimum Standards](#)

Permits [\(Complete List\)](#)

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- [Shoreland Permit by Notification \(PBN\)](#)
- [Wetland Permit Information and Applications](#)
- [NEW! Shoreland Permit Application Status Check](#)
Shoreland Impact Permits issued on and after October 10, 2011 are available on-line through One-Stop by clicking the link above.
- [Wetlands Council](#)

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 **Commissions/Task Forces**

- [Final Report of the Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act](#); November 30, 2006 (SB 83, Chapter 209, Laws of 2005)

 **Resources/Links** ([Complete List](#))

- [Soak Up the Rain NH](#)
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