

Conservation Commission Permitting Guidelines for Lake Wyola

The Wetlands Protection Act and Shutesbury General Wetland Protection Bylaw prohibit removal of vegetation, dredging, filling, or altering of Lake Wyola and the 100-ft Buffer Zone around the Lake without a permit. These protections also apply to other wetlands near to or connected to the Lake. Some lake properties are also located in the 200' Riverfront Area for streams and brooks near the lake.

The Public Waterfront Act prohibits structures, dredging, and fill work in, on, over or under the water of a Great Pond without a permit. Lake Wyola is a state listed Great Pond. www.mass.gov/guides/chapter-91-the-massachusetts-public-waterfront-act

Note: The following permit guidelines relate only to Lake Wyola and its Buffer Zone. If there are other wetland resource areas on your property, other permits may be required. If your project type is not listed below, please contact the Shutesbury Conservation Commission (concom@shutesbury.org) to determine whether you need to obtain a permit. See www.shutesbury.org/concom for more information.

Project Type	Required Permitting [†]
Docks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Intent (WPA Form 3) with ConCom and MA Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) • Chapter 91 license with the MassDEP (see https://www.mass.gov/lists/chapter-91-forms)
Retaining walls within Lake or Lake Bank [†]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Intent (WPA Form 3) with ConCom and MassDEP • Chapter 91 license with the MassDEP
Soil or vegetation removal within Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Intent (WPA Form 3) with ConCom and MassDEP • Chapter 91 license with the MassDEP
Soil or vegetation removal on Lake Bank ^{††}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Intent (WPA Form 3) with ConCom and MassDEP
Tree cutting in the Buffer Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Determination (WPA Form 1) with ConCom and MassDEP; contact ConCom for removal of hazard trees
Home demolition/reconstruction in the Buffer Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Intent (WPA Form 3) with ConCom and MassDEP • Some septic systems require a Notice of Intent (WPA Form 3)
Other Buffer Zone projects (including most septic systems)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Determination (WPA Form 1) with ConCom and MassDEP
Projects outside the 100-foot Buffer Zone of Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permits are required if project is in 200' Riverfront Area • Elsewhere, no permit required as long as there is no negative impact to Buffer Zone, Riverfront Area, and Lake. • Shutesbury Conservation Commission reviews and signs off on all building permits that require ground disturbance. • Install erosion control barriers between Lake and project areas. Do not leave any project debris within the Buffer Zone.

[†] See the Shutesbury Conservation Commission Home Page for permit forms and instructions.

www.shutesbury.org/concom

^{††} Bank is defined in the Wetland Protection Act Regulations 310 CMR 10.54(2)

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/310-cmr-1000-the-wetlands-protection-act/download>