

## SECTION 1.0 - TITLE, PURPOSE, AND AUTHORITY

- 1.1 These regulations shall be known as the "Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Killingly, Connecticut" and herein referred to as "these Regulations."
- 1.2 The Killingly Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission of the Town of Killingly was established in accordance with an ordinance adopted March 27, 1974 and shall implement the purposes and provisions of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act in the Town of Killingly.
- 1.3 These regulations have been prepared and adopted and may be amended, from time to time, in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 155 - An Act Concerning Inland Wetlands and Watercourses (Sections 22a-36 through 22a-45, Connecticut General Statutes, as amended) and these regulations.
- 1.4 The inland wetlands and watercourses of the State of Connecticut are an indispensable and irreplaceable but fragile natural resource with which the citizens of the Town of Killingly and the State of Connecticut have been endowed. The wetlands and watercourses are an interrelated web of nature essential to an adequate supply of surface and underground water; to hydrological stability and control of flooding and erosion; to the recharging and purification of groundwater; and the existence of many forms of animal, aquatic and plant life.

The preservation and protection of the wetlands and watercourses from random, unnecessary, undesirable and unregulated uses, disturbance or destruction is in the public interest and is essential to the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the Town of Killingly and the State of Connecticut.

It is, therefore, the purpose of these Regulations to protect the citizens of the Town of Killingly and the State of Connecticut by making provisions for the protection, preservation, maintenance and use of the inland wetlands and watercourses by minimizing their disturbance and pollution; maintaining and improving water quality in accordance with the highest standards set by federal, state or local authority; preventing damage from erosion, turbidity or siltation; preventing loss of fish and other beneficial aquatic organisms, wildlife and vegetation and the destruction of the natural habitats thereof; deterring and inhibiting the danger of flood and pollution; protecting the quality of wetlands and watercourses for their conservation, economic, aesthetic, recreational and other public and private uses and values; and protecting potable fresh water supplies from the dangers of drought, overdraft, pollution, misuse and mismanagement by providing an orderly process to balance the need for the economic growth of the Town of Killingly, and the use of its land with the need to protect its environment

and ecology in order to forever guarantee to the people of the Town of Killingly and the State of Connecticut, the safety of such natural resources for their benefit and enjoyment and for the benefit and enjoyment of generations yet unborn.

- 1.5 Pursuant to sections 22a-36 through 22a-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Killingly Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (herein referred to as the "Commission" or "Agency") shall enforce all provisions of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act and these regulations and shall issue, issue with modifications, limit requests or deny permits for all regulated activities on inland wetlands and watercourses in the Town of Killingly. The Agency may also comment and make recommendations on applications for regulated activities which have been referred in accordance with the inter-municipal notification requirement.