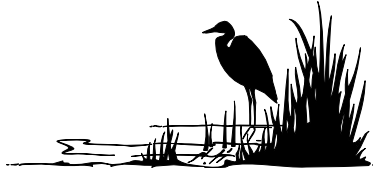


Advice from the Wetlands Office



- **For homeowners** wanting to build an in-ground pool, construct an outbuilding or house addition that enlarges the footprint of the house, relocate or repave a driveway, repair or replace a septic system or other construction/land disturbing work - start checking with the land use offices at least 2 months before your anticipated start date. This will give you the time to get through approvals/permits that you might need especially if you're within 100 feet of a wetland or watercourse.
- **For waterfront property owners** wishing to repair, reconstruct or build a retaining wall near the water's edge - any wall that can potentially fail into the water plan applying for an individual wetlands permit with a design developed by a Connecticut licensed professional engineer.
- **For developers/contractors** proposing to disturb more than an acre of land - contact the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on your need to obtain coverage under DEEP's General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters Associated with Construction Activities. For more information go to <http://www.ct.gov/deep/site/default.asp> and search for "construction stormwater GP" or call 860-424-3025.
- If you care about the environment of Thompson **consider volunteering to be an Inland Wetlands Commissioner** – Contact the Wetlands Agent for more information.
- Call 860-923-1852 ext. 1 or email wetlands@thompsonct.org .