



## TOWN OF NORWELL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### **New Wetland Mitigation and Replication Guidelines**

The Norwell Conservation Commission voted during their July 20, 2021, and August 3, 2021, meetings to issue new guidelines in regards to wetland mitigation and replication. Each project that comes before the Commission will be handled by a case-by-case basis; these are the minimum standards that the Commission will be looking for.

1. The height, Diameter Breast Height (DBH) and species of the tree(s) being removed.
2. For each tree or shrub removed, there will be at least a 2:1 in kind replacement.
3. For each tree removed, 4:1 minimum replacement if shrubs or smaller trees are proposed.
4. For new work proposed in the 50 foot no disturb buffer, or damage to the 50 foot no disturb buffer or a wetland resource area, 2:1 minimum square foot replication will be required.
5. For each tree or shrub removed, new square footage of native grassland, meadow, or wetland may be considered.

Trees deemed to be hazardous to structures or property, the Conservation Commission will require the following:

1. A letter from an Arborist or Wetland Scientist stating the reason the tree(s) are hazardous.
2. At least 8 feet to the height where the hazard to structures or property would be removed, will be required to be left for habitat where applicable.
3. The Commission will then decide the best process forward (Administrative Permit, Request for Determination (RDA) or Notice of Intent (NoI)).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Conservation Office at (781)-659-8022, or by email at [wsaunders@townofnorwell.net](mailto:wsaunders@townofnorwell.net).

Sincerely,

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