

North River Notes

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Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation

Questions & Answers about The Scenic and Recreational River Protective Order for the North River

How do you define the Natural Bank ?

a) In wetland areas, it means the landward edge of the salt or freshwater marsh, as defined in G. L. c.131, s. 40; b) In tidal rivers or streams, it means the landward edge of the mean annual high tide. Where emergent wetland vegetation is present, this boundary shall be identified as the landward edge of specific vegetation species which require periodic flushing and input of salt, brackish or fresh water to survive; c) Where there is a natural or man-made structure containing the river or stream, it means the aquatic side of the structure which contains the river or stream at the mean annual high tide. Where there are beaches, rocky shores or mud banks, the natural bank shall be the point at which the water's edge meets the land during the mean annual high tide; d) In freshwater rivers, it means the landward edge of the mean annual high water which usually occurs in the early spring. Where emergent wetland vegetation is present, this boundary shall be as defined in G. L. c. 131, s. 40.

What is the North River Corridor ?

This shall mean the river, marsh and land up to 300 horizontal feet from the natural bank of the river as delineated on the plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Management (now called Department of Conservation and Recreation), Scenic and Recreational River Corridor, North River"

What is considered a Structure ?

Any object of a significant nature constructed or erected with a fixed location on or in the ground, or attached to something having a fixed location on or in the ground, which may include but is not limited to buildings, walls, fences, towers, poles, docks, floats and impoundments.

Define accessory Structure

Include but not limited to, garages and shed, which are less than or equal to 15 feet in height and 20 feet in length parallel to the river, shall have a minimum setback of 100 feet from the natural bank. Accessory structures with dimensions greater than those above shall be regulated by the provisions for the placement of principal structures.

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Please call 781-659-7411, if you notice anything that could change the natural scenic beauty of the North River, please help us protect your river, so that future generations can enjoy it as you have !

Commission Decisions for 2008

January 24, 2008

Certificate of Compliance - 80 Kings Landing
Norwell - Tight Tank - Issued
Special Permit Hearing - 79 Collier Road
Scituate - Home Renovation - Approved

February 28, 2008

Certificate of Compliance - 75 Moorland Road
Scituate - Addition - Issued
Informal Discussion - 94 Brigantine Circle
Norwell - Fence - Continued
Request for Determination - Lot 4 Turners Way
Norwell - New Home - Allowed

March 27, 2008

Informal Discussion - Driftway
Scituate - Bike Trail - Preliminary Plan
Informal Discussion - 116 Old Meetinghouse Ln
Norwell - tear down, need Special Permit
Request for Determination - Lot 62 Stony Brook
Norwell - Driveway - Allowed
Request for Determination - 48 Collier Road,
Scituate - Addition - Allowed

April 24, 2008

No Meeting for April.

May 22, 2008

Certificate of Compliance - 118 Brigantine Cr.
Norwell - Renovation of Deck - Issued
Special Permit Hearing - Driftway - Greenbush
Scituate-MBTA Remediation Area
Approved
Informal Discussion - 79 Harbor Lane
Norwell - Prevailing view discussion
Informal Discussion - No Discharge Area Education
for Boaters along North River - CZM

June 26, 2008

Informal Discussion - 94 Brigantine Circle
Norwell - Fence
Informal Discussion - 6 Barry's Landing
Scituate - proposed Garage questions
Informal Discussion - 78 Stony Brook Lane
Norwell - House removal
Request for Determination - Lot 6 Canoe Club
Pembroke - New Home - Allowed

July 24, 2008

Informal Discussion - Water Street

New Boundary Markers to Identify the 100' Set Back from the natural bank.

The North River Commission will provide

Hanover - relocation of walking trail

August 28, 2008

Informal Discussion - 504 Spring Street
Marshfield - Vegetative Cutting
Request for Determination - 96 & 98 Meadowbrook
Norwell - Phragmite removal - Allowed
Request for Determination - 164 Riverside Drive
Marshfield - Dock - Continued
Request for Determination - 50 Macomers Way
Marshfield - House replacement - Allowed
Request for Determination - 15 Blackthorne Lane
Norwell - Dock - Allowed

September 25, 2008

Request for Determination - 164 Riverside Circle
Marshfield - Dock - continued

October 23, 2008

Request for Determination - 164 Riverside Drive
Marshfield - Dock - Allowed
Request for Determination - 79 Harbor Lane
Norwell - Addition - Allowed
Request for Determination - 111 Riverside Circle
Marshfield - Septic System update -
Approved
Special Permit Hearing - 64 Stony Brook Lane
Norwell - Home renovation - Approved

November 20, 2008

No Meeting for November.

December 18, 2008

No Meeting for December.

The North River Commission Office is located at
24 West St, Norwell, MA 02061, 2nd floor,
James Library. Open Tuesday & Thursday,
9 am - 1 pm, 781-659-7411

Email any questions to: northrivercom@verizon.net

property owners with a boundary marker
when they apply and receive a Special
Permit. The flat, round, 4 inch disk, green
lettering on a white will be to delineate the

100' natural bank set back.

There will be at least 2 per project, to be located no less than 50 feet apart, on pressure treated wood and installed by the owner in the ground at a minimum of 6 inches above grade. The placement will be marked on the plan.

Bridge/Union Street Bridge over The North River

The bridge between Norwell and Marshfield will be closed for repairs until early next year. As of April 1 drivers will be redirected to Route 3A via Route 123 or to Route 139. The entire top of the bridge is to be replaced, and a new 5-foot sidewalk will be installed on one side with new railings. The abutments at the sides of the bridge and the piers supporting the bridge will not be replaced.

Based on an inspection of the bridge in November, the original plan was to repair the bridge while keeping one lane of traffic open with temporary traffic signals. District highway director Skip McCourt said a recent inspection by Mass Highway determined it would be safer to close the bridge since its deterioration was too excessive to keep the bridge open while repairs are being made.

Our website hosted by the North & South Rivers Watershed Association can be found at either www.nsrwa.org or directly at:

<http://www.nsrwa.org/Page.96.html>

The North River Commission Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. Norwell Town Offices, 345 Main St, Norwell, MA 02061

NSRWA's 22nd Annual River Clean Up Day

Saturday May 9, 2009

9am - 12 noon

National River Clean Up Week

Join the North and South Rivers
Watershed Association to remove
trash and debris from your river.

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At noon a celebratory cookout
will be held at the Driftway Park in
Scituate for all volunteers.

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Or current owner

Excerpt from the Scenic and Recreational River Protective Order for the North River
Section 2. Trespass, Access and Overlapping Jurisdictions

The following are examples of some of the allowed uses in the Protective Order

This Order does not grant property rights; it does not authorize any person to trespass or injure the property of another; it does not grant any person access to the river over another's property; it does not excuse any person from complying with any applicable laws, regulations, by-laws or ordinances and it does not supersede any more restrictive statutes or regulations which are applicable to the property. (Page 3 of the Protective Order)

Section 7. PROHIBITED USES

The following are examples of some of the prohibited uses

(O) Signs including any outdoor sign, display, notice, placard, poster, billboard or any other device intended or used to advertise or inform, except Commission signs, official historical markers, official land use, traffic and boat traffic signs, trespass signs, or any signs less than 3 1/2' X 3 1/2' which are not visible from the river or any bridge crossing the river. (Page 10 of the Protective Order)

To view the complete Scenic and Recreations River Protective Order for the North River go to:

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go to the bottom of the page and find North River Commission