

8 Interests of the Wetlands Protection Act

The Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) recognizes eight important public values or services provided by wetlands, water bodies and other areas “subject to protection” listed in 310 CMR 10.02 (1). These are referred to in the Regulations as “Interests” (310 CMR 10.01). Work in such areas is regulated to protect these values.

The eight interests of the Act are:

1. Protection of public and private water supply
2. Protection of groundwater supply
3. Flood control
4. Storm damage prevention
5. Prevention of pollution
6. Protection of land containing shellfish
7. Protection of fisheries
8. Protection of wildlife habitat

The Riverfront Area is presumed significant to all interests of the WPA.