

TOPSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF INTENT (DEP Form 3), ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT (DEP Form 4)
ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION (DEP Form 4A)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Obtain and fill out DEP Form 3-Notice of Intent, 4-Abbreviated Notice of Intent, or 4A-Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, along with five Topsfield forms:
 - Form 1 - Fee Calculation
 - Form 2 - Site Visit Authorization
 - Form 3 - Certificate of Disclosure
 - Form 4 - List of Abutters
 - Form 5 - Abutter Notification Form

Include a sketch or engineered site plan (depending on complexity of project), a copy of a section of the USGS quadrangle map showing the locus of the proposed work (maps available at Conservation office), a copy the relevant area of the most recent NHESP Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Certified Vernal Pools map, as well as all necessary supporting documentation (See State instructions and Topsfield Wetlands General Bylaw Regulations for requirements) in your filing. Forms are available at the Topsfield Conservation Commission (TCC) office at Topsfield Town Hall, 8 West Common Street, upstairs. **Office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – noon and by appointment.**

2. Fill out the DEP Wetlands Filing Fee Calculation Worksheet (Appendix B) and include with the filing. Add the applicable local Topsfield Wetlands General Bylaw filing fee (see Form 1).

Send the check for the State portion of the Wetlands Protection Act filing fee, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to DEP, Box 4062, Boston, MA 02211. This is separate from the application materials to be sent to the Regional Office in Wilmington.

The Topsfield portion of the State Wetlands Protection Act fee and the Town of Topsfield local Wetlands Bylaw filing fee, payable to the Town of Topsfield, should be included with the application to the TCC office.
3. **The Application must be complete and comply with Appendix 1, Project Application Requirements and Forms, of the Topsfield Wetlands General Bylaw Regulations** (Contact Topsfield Conservation Commission office, 978-887-1510, if you have questions).
4. Obtain a list of abutters within 100 feet of the property from the Assessor's office at Town Hall. Send notice of hearing (copy of completed Abutter Notification Form) to each abutter by certified mail with return receipt **OR** by certificate of mailing (proof of mailing only) **OR** deliver notification by hand and obtain signatures of all abutters AND complete an affidavit (form available from TCC office). Proof of Abutter notification – white receipts and/or green cards (certified mail), white receipts (certificate of mailing), or the completed affidavit form (hand delivery with signatures) must be submitted to the TCC prior to the opening of the hearing, which may be prior to or on the hearing date.
5. Submit the **original complete application, two [2] copies of the plans, one copy of any supporting documentation, and check** to the TCC office at Town Hall accompanied by electronic submission of all of the foregoing documents and plans in "PDF" (Adobe "Portable Document Format") form. Electronic submission may be on compact disc (CD) or by email submission to conservation@topsfeld-ma.gov, provided that email submissions shall not be deemed complete until the applicant receives confirmation of receipt from the TCC office. Electronic plan submissions shall be in the form of a single paginated PDF file with descriptive bookmarks to each page.

Alternatively, applicants who are not represented by professional engineering or wetlands consultants, and who do not have access to equipment allowing the production of the application materials in PDF form, may bring the **original plus one copy (total of two [2]) of the complete application, two [2] copies of the plan, any supporting documentation, and check** to the TCC office at Town Hall. In either case, you will be billed for the required legal advertisement.

6. **Mail one (1) copy of the entire permit application and plan and a PHOTOCOPY OF THE CHECK FOR THE STATE PORTION of the State fee via certified mail with return receipt to the Department of Environmental Protection, Wetlands, BRP-NERO, 205B Lowell St, Wilmington, MA 01887.**