

Section 12: Water Resource Protection Overlay District (WRPOD)

1) Better Organization

- Where unique definitions for the WRPOD are currently located separately in Section 10, these definitions have been moved to the proposed Section 14.

2) Clerical Amendments

- Any procedural Special Permit requirements that exist in the current bylaw are proposed to be removed. All Special Permit processes in the proposed bylaw refer to a standardized set of requirements located at the beginning of the document (Section 2).
- Where specific performance criteria were left to the Building Inspector in many cases, these have been moved to a Special Permit process to allow for a more thorough review.

3) Amendments to better address Current Planning Issues

- A definition of “household quantities” as it related to toxic or hazardous materials has been added to help administer the bylaw and remove the arbitrary nature of this phrase.
- Reference to NRCS standards for manure storage has been removed, as these standards can prove far too onerous for smaller operations. The performance standard has been changed to be consistent with state guidance, which requires manure to be stored in a manner that precludes the creation of contaminated runoff or leachate.
- Where applicable, the Massachusetts Stormwater Policy has been referenced for standards such a recharge volume and water quality. These standards are also used by the Conservation Commission and will allow for a greater level of consistency between municipal agencies.
- Criteria for Special Permit approval and potential Special Permit conditions have been added to clarify what is expected of an applicant.