

Development & Zoning

Problems

Consequences

Barriers

Potential Approaches

Solution Strategies

Action Plans

Developing Contrary to Natural Water Systems

Intense use-right on water; abutter's land impacted; wetlands permits don't require fast enough fix; property damage

Buildings Constructed on Floodplains

Property Damage

Frequent Disturbances of Soil, Erosion

Deltas forming; culverts filling; banks & roads washing out; water hard to access (Chalk Pond, Messer Pond, Kitter Brook)

Lack of Drainage

Clear-cutting increasing run-off; natural absorption of water interrupted

Destruction of overall water health

Impact on habitat & species; invasive biological pollutants; excess nutrients; milfoil; gloeotrichia

Laws - Zoning variances are too easy to get; state & federal laws can be limiting

Testify at hearings of legislatures; write, call, email

Select Boards & Planning Boards do not have appropriate information

Set priorities for educating Boards; require members to have knowledge; encourage term as alternate; have local nonprofit give info to Boards, be persistent; share info between towns; better intra-governmental communication

Standards not updated as development continues; inadequate enforcement, penalties & remedies

Increase penalties; create "Code Enforcer" position (could be shared between towns); rewards for good development

Inadequate past zoning (Including grandfathered zoning practices)

Have local towns have similar standards

Lack of education; individual vs. the common good (Live Free or Die mentality)

Communicate; network for smart growth; educate; use non-profits as leaders; hold demonstrations; redistribute info already available; offer guidelines

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