

Town Article 2 – Zoning Amendment 1: Wetlands - 2.9.1

This article adds language to the Zoning Ordinance that further defines the benefits of wetlands as to “filter and enhance water quality” in protecting drinking water quality, and corrects a typographical error.

A **YES vote** adds additional information to describe the functions of wetlands in protecting drinking water. Also corrects a typographical error in the last sentence of the paragraph.

A **NO vote** leaves the language as is.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- To reinforce the reason why wetlands are important to drinking water.
- Supports the protection of drinking water as identified as a number two priority in 2009 Master Plan UNH survey results. (1)
- The changes are informational and typographic only and do not impact the regulation or administration of the regulation.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Prefer to not include any additional language regarding the function of wetlands.
- Do not believe the typographical error needs to be corrected.

References:

1. 2009 Master Plan UNH survey results for quality of life and future land use. Section IV page 51: tinyurl.com/y6cdn8v7
2. Wetland Mapping and Evaluation Final Report - August 2020 - Conservation Commission Website: tinyurl.com/y2jk5b92
3. Wetlands and Water Quality - Purdue University Cooperative Extension: tinyurl.com/y5hbh4ew