

## Local Wetland Protection – Are you protecting wetlands in your community?

*Use this checklist to evaluate your plan and zoning ordinance for wetland protection at the local level.*

	No	Somewhat, but could be improved (page #s)	Yes (page #s)
<b>Master/Land Use Plan Elements Addressing Wetland Protection</b>			
Map of existing wetlands			
Map of lost wetlands			
Quantity (acreage) of wetlands (existing and lost)			
Narrative description of large wetland complexes			
Discussion of values/benefits of wetlands			
Discussion of wetland functional assessment (qualitative information)			
Wetland protection goal(s)			
Recommended wetland protection policies			
Wetland restoration goal(s)			
Recommended wetland restoration policies			
Future Land Use Map showing existing wetlands			
Future Land Use Map (FLU) showing lost wetlands			
If FLU map has a water quality or surface water protection overlay district, it includes wetlands along with streams, rivers and lakes			
<b>Zoning Ordinance Wetland Protection Options</b>			
Site Development Plan Review requires all wetlands to be shown on site plan			
Site Development Plan Review Standards require wetland protection and minimum impact to wetlands			
Coordination - Final local zoning or building permit is not issued until state/federal permits are secured			
Open Space Developments* and PUDs are a by-right option (not requiring special approvals)			
Open Space Development* explicitly require wetlands to be part of open space area			
PUDs require open space and explicitly require wetlands to be part of open space area			
Incentives for Open Space Developments* offered			
Incentives for PUD offered			
Building setbacks for wetlands (at least 100 feet) with a vegetated buffer (at least 50 feet)			
Surface Water Protection Overlay District includes protections for all existing wetlands along with streams, rivers and lakes			
Wetland Protection Ordinance			
Building restriction for hydric soil areas			
Other:			
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\*Also referred to as Conservation Subdivisions, Cluster Developments or Conservation Developments