

# Waterway Protection Lines

## 148-2 Definitions

**WATERWAY** – Any river, stream, brook, watercourse or tributary, both fluvial and tidal, including any contiguous backwater, pond or other body of water or any floodplain, swamp, marsh, bog, or other wetlands.

**WATERWAY PROTECTION LINES** – Those lines defining the limits of a waterway between which no person, firm or corporation shall carry on or permit to be carried on an activity except as may be permitted by this chapter.

## 148-3 Establishment and determination

- A. Waterway Protection Lines are hereby established on both sides of all waterways in the Town of Westport and are set at the twenty-five-year-storm flood elevation (mean sea level datum) along each edge of the waterway, except that the clear horizontal distance from the twenty-five-year-storm flood elevation of any such waterway shall be fifteen (15) additional feet on each side of the following waterways:

- (1) Saugatuck River
- (2) West branch of the Saugatuck River
- (3) Aspetuck River
- (4) Stony Brook
- (5) Muddy Brook
- (6) Deadman's Brook
- (7) Sasco Brook
- (8) Indian River
- (9) Poplar Plains Brook
- (10) Pussy Willow Brook
- (11) Silver Brook
- (12) Willow Brook
- (13) New Creek

### **WPLO Jurisdiction: Fluvial portion of waterway**

North of tidal demarcation. An unnamed stream/pond – if 25-year storm elevation is available, we will go by that or the edge of wetland boundary, whichever is greater. If no 25-year elevation is available – use the wetland boundary or 15' from the top of the bank. For waterways named in Ordinance, add 15 additional linear feet.

### **WPLO Jurisdiction: Tidal portion of waterway**

South of tidal demarcation: use the elevations. For unnamed streams, we will go by the 10-foot contour elevation on Town's topographic maps or boundary of wetlands, whichever is greater. For waterways named in Ordinance add 15 additional linear feet.

We have jurisdiction over waterways to their mouth only, not Long Island Sound.