



**TOWN OF WESTPORT  
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

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**WATERWAY PROTECTION LINE ORDINANCE (WPLO)**

WESTPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE IV.  
SEC. 30-80. **DEFINITIONS**

WATERWAY MEANS ANY RIVER, STREAM, BROOK, WATERCOURSE OR TRIBUTARY, BOTH FLUVIAL AND TIDAL, INCLUDING ANY CONTIGUOUS BACKWATER, POND OR OTHER BODY OR WATER OR ANY FLOODPLAIN, SWAMP, MARSH, BOG, OR OTHER WETLANDS.

WATERWAY PROTECTION LINES MEANS THOSE LINES DEFINING THE LIMITS OF A WATERWAY BETWEEN WHICH NO PERSON SHALL CARRY ON, OR PERMIT TO BE CARRIED ON, AN ACTIVITY EXCEPT AS MAY BE PERMITTED BY THIS ARTICLE.

WESTPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE IV.  
SEC. 30-87. **ESTABLISHMENT AND DETERMINATION**

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:

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| (1) SAUGATUCK RIVER                | (7) SASCO BROOK         |
| (2) WEST BRANCH OF SAUGATUCK RIVER | (8) INDIAN RIVER        |
| (3) ASPETUCK RIVER                 | (9) POPLAR PLAINS BROOK |
| (4) STONY BROOK                    | (10) PUSSY WILLOW BROOK |
| (5) MUDDY BROOK                    | (11) SILVER BROOK       |
| (6) DEADMAN’S BROOK                | (12) WILLOW BROOK       |
|                                    | (13) NEW CREEK          |

**FLUVIAL (NON-TIDAL) PORTION OF WATERWAY**

THE WPLO BOUNDARY ON A NON-TIDAL, NAMED WATERWAY IS LOCATED 15’ FROM THE 25 YEAR FLOOD ELEVATION OR, 15’ FROM THE WETLAND BOUNDARY, WHICHEVER OF THE TWO IS GREATER. FOR UNNAMED WATERWAYS, THE WPLO BOUNDARY IS 15’ MEASURED HORIZONTALLY FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK, OR 15’ FROM THE SURROUNDING INLAND WETLAND BOUNDARY, IF PRESENT.

**TIDAL PORTION OF WATERWAY**

THE WPLO BOUNDARY ON A TIDAL, NAMED WATERWAY IS LOCATED 15’ FROM THE 25 YEAR FLOOD ELEVATION WHICH IS ELEVATION 9’ MEAN SEA LEVEL (NGVD 1988) OR, 15’ FROM THE TIDAL WETLAND BOUNDARY, WHICHEVER OF THE TWO IS GREATER. FOR UNNAMED WATERWAYS, THE WPLO IS LOCATED 15’ MEASURED HORIZONTALLY, FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK, OR 15’ FROM THE SURROUNDING TIDAL WETLAND BOUNDARY, IF PRESENT.

**PLEASE NOTE:** INLAND WETLANDS ARE DEFINED BY SOIL TYPE: POORLY DRAINED, VERY POORLY DRAINED OR FLOODPLAIN.  
TIDAL WETLANDS ARE DEFINED BY TIDAL WETLAND VEGETATION.  
THE WPLO HOLDS JURISDICTION OVER THE WATERWAYS OF WESTPORT ONLY;  
THE CT DEEP HOLDS JURISDICTION OVER LONG ISLAND SOUND.



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**INLAND WETLAND & WATERCOURSES REGULATIONS (IWW)**

**RESIDENTIAL USE**

**DISTANCE FROM WETLANDS/WATERCOURSE**

NEW OR EXPANSION OF EXISTING SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS	<b>50'</b>
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VERIFIED REPAIR OF EXISTING SEPTIC SYSTEM	<b>25'</b>
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SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON AN INDIVIDUAL LOT; SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE; OUTBUILDINGS WITH BATHROOMS; AND ANY ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING STRUCTURES; AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS AND POWER GENERATORS.	<b>50'</b>
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TENNIS COURTS, SWIMMING POOLS AND HOT TUBS	<b>35'</b>
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OUTBUILDINGS WITHOUT A BATHROOM; DETACHED GARAGE; DECKS; PATIOS; WALLS WITH OR WITHOUT FOOTINGS; DUMPSTERS AND TRASH COMPACTORS.	<b>30'</b>
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PARKING LOTS AND SHOULDER OF DRIVEWAY EDGE.	<b>30'</b>
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FENCES, POOL FILTRATION UNITS	<b>25'</b>
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LIMIT OF CUT, FILL, GRADING AND OTHER ALTERATION UNDERGROUND PROPANE TANK.	<b>20'</b>
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**NON-RESIDENTIAL/MULTI-FAMILY USE**

NON-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES; TWO OR MORE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES ON ONE LOT; TWO FAMILY RESIDENCES ON ONE OR MORE LOTS; MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES ON ONE OR MORE LOTS; AND ANY ADDITIONS TO THE FORGOING STRUCTURES; AIR CONDITIONING UNITS AND POWER GENERATORS.	<b>75'</b>
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COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES, INDUSTRIAL USES AND ANY ADDITIONS TO THE FOREGOING STRUCTURES.	<b>75'</b>
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**IF THE WETLANDS OR WATERCOURSES ARE LOCATED IN AN AQUIFER PROTECTION OVERLAY ZONE, OR HAVE THE PRESENCE OF STEEP SLOPES OF 25% OR GREATER, VERNAL POOLS, OR ENDANGERED SPECIES, A REVIEW AREA SETBACK OF UP TO 100' MAY BE REQUIRED.**