

## Section 43: Wetland Preservation

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**43.01 Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to regulate use of wetlands in order to preserve this natural feature and to protect the environment.

**43.02 General Provisions.** To the extent possible, all wetlands including marshlands and swamps shall be retained in their natural state to serve as a storm water runoff basin and also as a wildlife habitat.

#### **43.03 Discharges Into Wetlands.**

**Subd. 1.** No part of any sewage disposal system requiring on-land or in-ground disposal of waste shall be located closer than 150 feet from the normal high water mark unless it is proven by the applicant that no effluent will immediately or gradually reach the wetland because of existing physical characteristics of the site or the system.

**Subd. 2.** Organic waste which would normally be disposed of at a solid waste disposal site or which would normally be discharged into a sewage disposal system or sewer shall not be directly or indirectly discharged to the wetland.

**Subd. 3.** Storm water runoff from construction sites may be directed to the wetland only when substantially free of silt, debris, and chemical pollutants and only at rates which will not disturb vegetation or increase turbidity.

#### **43.04 Building Constraints.**

**Subd. 1.** The lowest floor elevation of buildings if used for living quarters or work areas shall be at least 3 feet above the seasonal high water level of the wetland, unless otherwise approved by the City.

**Subd. 2.** Development which will result in unusual road maintenance costs or utility line breakages due to soil limitations, including high frost action, shall not be permitted.

**Subd. 3.** The minimum setback for all buildings shall be 75 ft. from the wetland.