

# Protecting Shoreland and Riparian Buffers

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## A Workshop for Municipal Board/Commission Members, Town Staff, Members of Watershed Organizations, and Citizens Interested in Protecting Surface Waters by Strengthening Buffer Ordinances

This workshop will increase understanding of the value of buffers, the extent to which different regulatory scenarios protect water resources, the strength of their towns' buffer ordinances, and steps they can undertake to improve local buffer protections.

### Workshop Agenda

- 6:30 Workshop introduction & presentation on the functions and values of buffers
- 7:15 Buffer mapping exercise – a hands-on mapping exercise that demonstrates how different buffer regulations protect water resources
- 7:45 Short break
- 8:00 Assessment of town buffer regulations\* – participants will review their town's buffer ordinance to better understand strengths and limitations
- 8:30 Steps to develop or improve local buffer regulations – planning commissions will provide a “road map” for participants to enhance regulatory protections for buffers in their towns
- 9:00 Adjourn

\* Participants are asked to bring a copy the buffer ordinance for their town; if none exist, they will review a neighboring town's ordinance.

The workshop is free, but space is limited. **Pre-registration is required** at least one week prior to the workshop date. The workshop will be conducted three times throughout the seacoast/southern region of the state.

<p><b>October 29, 2007</b> Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center, 89 Depot Road, Greenland, NH</p> <p>Hosted by the Rockingham Planning Commission, as part of its I-93 Conservation Commission Institute workshop series</p> <p>Register by contacting Theresa Walker at 778-0885 or <a href="mailto:email@rpc-nh.org">email@rpc-nh.org</a> Arrive at 6:00 PM for refreshments and sign-in (program starts at 6:30)</p>	<p><b>November 5, 2007</b> Governor's Inn, 78 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH</p> <p>Hosted by the New Hampshire Estuaries Project and the Strafford Regional Planning Commission</p> <p>Register by contacting Julie LaBranche at 742-2523 or <a href="mailto:jlabranche@strafford.org">jlabranche@strafford.org</a> Arrive at 6:00 PM for refreshments and sign-in (program starts at 6:30)</p>	<p><b>November 29, 2007</b> Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission Office, 438 Duquabue Street, Manchester, NH</p> <p>Hosted by the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, as part of its I-93 Conservation Commission Institute workshop series</p> <p>Register by contacting Roz Knouse at 669-4664 or <a href="mailto:rknouse@snhpc.org">rknouse@snhpc.org</a> Arrive at 6:15 PM for refreshments and sign-in (program starts at 6:30)</p>
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