

## INLAND AND WETLANDS

Adopted in February 7, 1974 Putnam's Inland Wetlands Regulations are in accordance with the provisions of an act concerning Inland, Wetlands, and Watercourses Section 22a -36 to 45, inclusive of the Connecticut State Statutes The Inland Wetlands Commission .

Inland and Wetlands regulations are intended for the preservation and protection of the wetlands and water courses from random, unnecessary undesirable and unregulated uses, disturbance or destruction in the public interest and is essential to the public health, welfare and safety. These regulations protect the citizens of Putnam by making provisions for the protection, preservation, maintenance and use of the inland wetlands and water courses by minimizing their disturbance and pollution; maintaining and improvising water quality in accordance with the highest standards set by federal, state or local authority; preventing damage from erosion, turbidity or siltation; preventing loss of fish and other beneficial aquatic organisms, wildlife and vegetation and the destruction of the natural habitats, thereof; deterring and inhibiting the danger of flood and pollution; protecting the quality of wetlands, and water courses for their conservation, economic, aesthetic, recreational and other public and private uses and values; and protecting potable fresh water supplies from the dangers of drought, overdraft, pollution, misuse and mismanagement by providing an orderly process to balance the need for the economic growth of the Town of Putnam and the use of its land with the need to protect its environment and ecology in order to forever guarantee to the people of the Town of Putnam, the safety of such natural resources for their benefit and enjoyment and for the benefit and enjoyment of generations yet unborn.