

Instructions for use
Wetlands Bylaws/Ordinances and Regulations Database 2017
Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions

1. Open the Excel workbook and click on the “Introduction” tab at the bottom of the page. Read the text box titled “Database Methods.” The text box will be your guide for understanding the data and columns.
2. After reading the “Introduction” tab, click on the “Master 2017” tab at the bottom of the page. This is the master datasheet is where you can see which municipalities have non-zoning bylaws, ordinances, and regulations, as well as some categories of the extra protections they provide.
3. In the “Master 2017” tab, municipalities are listed in column A. If they are not listed in alphabetical order when you open the workbook, you can alphabetize them by highlighting the column and clicking on sort and filter box in the ribbon at the top of the page. If a municipality is not listed, it has no non-zoning wetland bylaw/ordinance (or we could not find a wetland bylaw/ordinance for it online). To search for a municipality, scroll down the page or search the municipal name in the search bar (“Search Sheet”) at the top right corner of the page.
4. Scroll from left to right to view the extra wetlands protections of a specific town or city. The search bar may also be used to search keywords, such as “vernal pool” or “intermittent.”
5. Columns T and U are links to the bylaws and regulations. Copy and paste them into your internet browser to download those documents.
6. To view graphs of the data, select the “Analysis and Graphs” tab at the bottom of the page.

The data is derived from information we found online at the time we created the data base (winter/spring 2017) and online searches done in 2015. MACC cannot be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided in the data base. It is our best effort yet may include some inaccuracies for many reasons. Municipalities may amend their bylaws/ordinances and regulations, the versions posted online may not always be the most current version, some may not be posted online, and a municipality may interpret its bylaw/ordinance/regulations in a manner we did not anticipate. We welcome receiving suggested corrections from conservation commissions for their bylaws/ordinances/regulations. Please email those to staff@maccweb.org.

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