

Article 10 Watershed Land Acquisition Amherst Additional Information

1. What is Zone A in the watershed? Zone A is the area within 400 feet of a reservoir or 200 feet of a tributary. DEP recommends a water supplier have control over the Zone A through either ownership or restrictions.

2. What can a property owner do in Zone A? Zone A restrictions are included in a variety of state and local regulations. Here is a summary of them:

- No underground storage tanks (for example, septic tanks)
- Secondary containment required for aboveground storage tanks (for new ones- existing ones are grandparented)
- No new septic systems and/or tight tanks, and replacement systems cannot be bigger than existing ones
- No stabling, standing, or feeding livestock/domestic animals within 100 feet of reservoir or tributary
- No burials or cemeteries
- No sand and gravel operations
- No uncovered/uncontained storage of fertilizers, manure, or de-icing materials
- No junk, salvage, or motor vehicle repair operations
- No solid waste combustion facilities

It is entirely possible to build a house within the Zone A as long as the septic system can be located outside of the Zone A. The regulations generally make it so that watersheds can be used for residential purposes but not industrial.

3. What is Zone B in the watershed? Zone B is the area within ½ mile of a reservoir and within the watershed. (If the ½ mile extends beyond the watershed boundary, then the Zone B ends at the boundary.)



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