



# Top 5 Facts about the Stormwater Bylaw



## 5. We've already been doing things this way for years!

While the Bylaw itself is new, the Town has been implementing the requirements in it for a long time. Approving this Bylaw just puts our process in writing, which is required by the USEPA in the 2003 MS4 (Stormwater Permit). Stormwater management includes both water quality protection and flood prevention.

## 4. The Bylaw has been through the Public Process

The Bylaw was discussed at many Selectmen's meetings between June and October 2015. The Bylaw is supported by the Finance Committee, the Selectmen, the Department of Public Works, and the Planning Board, among others.



## 3. The Bylaw is protective of both the environment and property

The Bylaw requires that projects of a certain size still have to implement erosion control and minimize runoff (as they already do), but many simple projects will continue to be exempt. The Town has a positive record of managing these pollution prevention goals in a balanced way.

## 2. Managing Uxbridge's Stormwater is a **team effort**.

Many people and departments in the Town of Uxbridge *already* work together to effectively manage stormwater, and this won't change. The Bylaw states that the Uxbridge Planning Board, the Department of Public Works (both Highway and Sewer Divisions), the Conservation Administrator and/or Conservation Commission, and the Board of Health all have roles- each of these is already working together to protect water quality!

## 1. Water quality provides value to our community

Clean water is priceless, from the perspective of health, the economy, recreation, wildlife habitat, scenery, and more. However, pollutants from stormwater- including soil, petroleum, sewage, fertilizer, metals, and more- can harm our water bodies and our community. Flooding caused by stormwater can damage infrastructure, recreational areas, and property. **Investing in sound stormwater management, like this Bylaw, is investing in our community.**

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