

The Wildlife Resources Commission, in order to minimize secondary and cumulative impacts to fish and wildlife, has proposed the following draft recommendations to be included in the Local Watershed Plan:

1. Municipalities implement ordinances to require 100ft buffers around perennial streams and 50ft buffers around intermittent streams and wetlands.
2. Sewer lines, water lines, and other utility infrastructure be kept out of riparian buffer areas.
3. All utility crossings should be kept to a minimum, which includes careful routing design and the combination of utility crossings into the same right-of-way (provided there is not a safety issue).
4. Prohibit commercial or residential development within the 100-year floodplain.
5. Use bridges for all permanent roadway crossings of streams and associated wetlands to eliminate the need to fill and culvert, where practicable.
6. Require the use of Best Management Practices and Low Impact Development.

These recommendations and reference to them can be found in the WRC's guidance memorandum, which can be viewed at: [http://www.ncwildlife.org/pg07\\_WildlifeSpeciesCon/pg7c3\\_impacts.pdf](http://www.ncwildlife.org/pg07_WildlifeSpeciesCon/pg7c3_impacts.pdf)