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Visit our website for more information about:
- Protected wetlands
- Wetland consultant list
- Permitting process

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Both solar energy & wetlands are needed to address climate change concerns, mitigation, and adaptation.

Wetlands are an important landscape resource, providing a variety of functions including flood resilience and natural carbon storage, helping to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
2. **LOOK AT FIELD CONDITIONS**

**Are water or wetland plants present?**
- Are there depressions, drainage patterns, a stream or standing water anywhere? If you dig a hole 12-18 inches deep, does it fill in with water or are the soils wet? Are there places you would not drive equipment because you might get stuck in the mud?
- Do you have a distinct change in vegetation or a change in growing conditions? Can you recognize wetland specific plants like cattails? Are there areas of bare ground due to standing water? Is corn growth stunted or is the area too wet to hay in the spring?

If you've answered yes to any of the above questions, a wetland scientist can help determine wetland boundaries and help identify if it is protected.

3. **GET A WETLAND DELINEATION**

Once you know where the wetland and buffer are, you can design your project to avoid them, including the placement of solar panels and access roads, and even selecting an alternative site if necessary. Call or meet State Wetlands Staff for site specific questions and review.

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**STATE PROTECTED WETLANDS**

The State protects all wetlands which are:
- Mapped wetlands
- Connected to mapped wetlands
- A half-acre or larger in size
- Adjacent to a stream, lake, pond or river
- Vernal pools
- Special & unique areas; like bogs or fens

To complete the regulatory process for solar project permitting, you must demonstrate that you comply with the Vermont Wetland Rules.

Do this by submitting wetland locations and delineation information, and indicate the date your District Wetland Ecologist reviewed the project.

**Wetland Permits can take up to 6 months to be issued due to the complexity of protecting the resource while under construction.**

Avoid the wetland and buffer and you can start sooner!

**CONTACT US** if you have a wetland on your site. (See back panel)