

## V. **Environmental & Resource Protection District**

### A. **Purpose:**

The Town has established the Environmental & Resource Protection District to preserve and enhance unique and sensitive natural resources within the Town. This district applies to lands within 100-year floodplains, wetlands, and significant woodlands. Non-farm development within the Environmental & Resource Protection District, as shown on the Planned Land Use Map (Map 8-3), is generally prohibited.



### B. **Objectives:**

- a) Protect important local resources such as: floodplains, wetlands, significant woodlands, steep slopes and historic and archaeological sites.
- b) Prohibit filling or development in any floodplain or wetland area, as shown on the plan map. Agricultural activities within delineated wetlands will be limited to existing operations and may be expanded only if filling or draining is not required.
- c) Woodlands are an important resource to the town. Significant and high quality woodlands in the Environmental and Resource Protection District will receive priority consideration for preservation from development.
- d) Protect health, safety, welfare and the natural environment.
- e) Encourage sustainable management, enhancement and restoration of environmental corridors and their ecological function.

### C. **Appropriate Zoning Districts:**

- CO-1 (Conservancy)
- A-1[ex] (Exclusive Agriculture)
- A-4 (Small-Acreage Agriculture)
- RE-1 (Recreational)

### D. **Policies & Programs – Environmental & Resource Protection District**

1. Maintain in agricultural, conservation or open space use.
2. Require erosion control and soil and water conservation practices for all land-disturbing activities.
3. Prohibit new structures, buildings or urban development and limit impervious surfaces.

4. Support county shoreland & wetland zoning, floodplain, erosion control and stormwater ordinances.
5. Support programs to restore natural vegetation, remove invasive species and improve habitat.