

Welcome to The Gulf River



Facts and Information for Property
Owners and Abutters

The Gulf River and The Gulf Association

- The Gulf River is a precious historical and ecological resource for Cohasset and Scituate residents.
- The Gulf Association (1961) is a non-profit organization made up of individuals who seek to maintain the pristine nature of the River.
- The Association endeavors to assist both Scituate and Cohasset in educating abutters and residents on activities and restrictions in regard to living on and enjoyment of the River.
- The Association is an advocacy group that monitors development along the River for adherence to local and state laws.

SOME FACTS:

- Scituate and Cohasset Conservation Commissions require approval for any work within 100' of the River (aka Buffer Zone), including brush or tree cutting or trimming, construction and/or renovation of any type, and altering of the landscape.
- The entire River is a no wake zone area.
- Use of **fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides** is **PROHIBITED** in the 100' buffer zone. Excess nutrients from fertilizers are a major source of pollution. See our website (type gulf association ma into your web browser) for tips on how to keep your lawn chemical free and help preserve the River. Please ensure your landscapers adhere to IPM (Integrated Pest Management) principles.

By-Law Requirements

- Any homeowner with land within 100 feet of the River has obligations to maintain the landscape in its natural form. Any work within 100 feet of the River must adhere to the Town By-Laws. Under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the Cohasset and Scituate Wetlands Bylaw and Regulations no one may “remove, fill, dredge, or alter” any wetland, floodplain, bank, land under a water body, riverfront area, coastal wetland, or land within applicable buffer zones, without a permit from the Conservation Commission. The term “alter” is defined to include any destruction of vegetation, and change in the drainage, characteristics or flow patterns, or any change in the water table or water quality. The regulations prohibit most destruction of wetlands and require replacement of flood storage lost when floodplains are filled.
- **No tree or brush cutting is allowed** in the 100’ buffer zone without approval from the Conservation Commission.
- Regulations **PROHIBIT the use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides** in the 100’ buffer zone. Cohasset Regulations require approval for use of fertilizers and then only allow low-nitrogen varieties (Coh. Reg. Sec. 39)
- Some FAQ’s from the Conservation Website:
- **Do I have to file an application for all proposed activities within the 100 foot buffer zone?** Yes, except for normal maintenance.
- **Do I have to file an application with the State Department of Environmental Protection when I file with the Town?** Yes
- **How do I know if I have to file an application with the Conservation Commission?** We recommend that you consult with the Conservation Commission office and project engineer before beginning any project that may fall within a buffer zone, or wetland.

Other ways to keep the River clean and safe:

- Do not throw brush, leaves, garbage etc in the River.
- Use of organics are strongly encouraged. (type ***gulf association ma*** into your web browser and on our website click on **What’s New** for tips on healthy lawn care)

ENJOY IT, PRESERVE IT



For additional information, please contact:

- The Gulf Association, PO Box 140, Scituate, MA 02060 - 781-383-1341
- Cohasset Conservation Commission - 781-383-4100
- Scituate Conservation Commission - 781-545-8721