



Vermont Wetland Protections Post Sackett: Improving

New Net Gain Policy

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VT Wetland Classification

☞ Based on an evaluation of the extent to which the wetland provides functions and values:



- ***Class I Wetland:*** Exceptional or irreplaceable. Highest level of protection. 100+ ft buffers
- ***Class II Wetland: Significant. Protected. (many VSWI mapped) 50ft buffers***
- ***Class III Wetland:*** Neither Class I or Class II wetland. No State protection.



- 2016-2021: Wetland Rule Stakeholder Group Meetings
- 2019: Legislative Wetland Committee
- September 2022: General Wetland Determination
- January 2023: H.30 Wetland Bill Introduced
- Feb 2023: Wetland Rulechange Adopted
- **May 2023: Sackett Decision**
- July 2023: Flood (100 yr flood, 12 years after last 100 yr event)
- January 2024: S.213 Flood Safety Bill Introduced
- May 2024: Flood Safety Bill passes

Other Observations

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ACOE Partnership Strong

Grateful for separate regulations