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**Presentation Title:** New Brunswick Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Regulatory Update  
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**Abstract:**

The Government of New Brunswick recognizes that wetlands are a valuable part of our environment. Healthy wetlands can reduce localized flooding, help filter drinking water sources, and provide habitat for many wildlife species. As of January 1, 2020 the Department of Environment and Local Government regulates all watercourses and wetlands and their respective 30 metres buffer as they appear on the ground (whether they are identified on the [WAWA Reference Map](#) or not) which meet the definition in the *Clean Water Act*.

The following items will be discussed in the WAWA Presentation:

- WAWA Reference Map
- Watercourse and Wetland Identification
- Provincially Significant Wetlands
- When a WAWA Permit is required
- WAWA Permitting application requirements

For more information on watercourses or wetlands please refer to our [Water](#) or [Wetlands](#) website.

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