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ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Goals and Actions Identified for 2021

2021 Goals Outlined in the 2020 Annual Report

- A. Continue to strengthen and update regulations for permitting efficiency and process clarity with the specific goal to update the local Wetlands Regulations in early 2021.
 - B. Improve the stewardship of conservation lands through better coordinated land management.
 - C. Improve communication and educational outreach to residents in resource areas.
 - D. Continue to look for opportunities to work collaboratively with neighboring towns and allied organizations towards protection of wetland resources.
1. Strengthen and update regulations for performance standards, permitting efficiency, and process clarity
 - Revise the Arlington Regulations for Wetlands Protection
 - Add administrative project/general project process to regulations
 - Have Commission review/approve special conditions and OOCs for permits prior to permit issuance
 2. Host additional collaborative community clean-up and educational events
 - Devote 1-2 hours of a meeting to a wetland topic training and invite an expert to give the training
 - Open space clean-ups depending on COVID-19 protocols
 3. Improve the stewardship of conservation lands and other town open spaces
 - Identify maintenance needs/gaps for ACC-managed properties and secure town resources for implementation
 - Vegetative buffers (C. Garnett's project)
 - Floating wetlands pilot project
 - Coordinate regional management of Upper/Lower Mystic Lakes
 4. Improve communication and educational outreach to residents in resource areas
 - Create a floodplain guidance document / resource area document
 5. Other
 - Maintain a master permit tracking list