

TCC ACRONYMS

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

ANRAD – **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation** – Application for review of Resource Areas on a property, results in ORAD.

AOoC – **Amended Order of Conditions**

ANR – Approval Not Required (Planning Board)

ATM – Annual Town Meeting

BoH – Board of Health

BoS – Board of Selectmen

CoC – **Certificate of Compliance** – certifies compliance with OoC and releases OoC from the Deed

CR – Conservation Restriction

DEP – Department of Environmental Protection – State government

DEP-NERO or NERO – DEP Northeast Regional Office – our State regional office

DoA – **Determination of Applicability** – The result of a RDA; is Positive (e.g. NoI filing is needed) or Negative (no further review necessary)

DoT – Department of Transportation

DNI – **Determination of Negligible Impact** – permit in the form of a letter for very minor work, the result of a RDNI, usually for work in both Buffer Zone and Riverfront Area or in Riverfront Area only.

EC – **Emergency Certification** – issued within 24 hours, only for work necessary to abate current or impending threat to human health/safety; follow-up application is required.

ECTA – Essex County Trails Association

EO – **Enforcement Order** – formal violation order issued for major or repeated violations of state and/or local environmental laws; copy is sent to DEP

EOEEA – Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs – State Office over DEP

ES – Executive Session

MAHW – Mean Annual High Water (perennial stream)

MS4 – Municipal Separate Sewer Systems

NHESP – Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program – under MA Fisheries and Wildlife

NoI – **Notice of Intent** – Application, more complicated, higher level of review, results in OoC or Denial Order

OoC – **Order of Conditions** – “Permit” for activities in Resource Area(s), result of NoI

ORAD – **Order of Resource Area Delineation** – Formal approval of Resource Area delineation, result of ANRAD filing.

RDA – **Request for Determination of Applicability** – Application for a simple project, results in DoA

RDNI – **Request for Determination of Negligible Impact** – Very minor work in jurisdictional area; no abutter notification, no legal ad; usually results in DNI

RFP – Request for Proposals

RTC – Rail Trail Committee

STM – Special Town Meeting

TCC – Topsfield Conservation Commission

TCCAP – **Topsfield Conservation Commission Administrator Permit** – permit issued by Administrator for very minor activities in a Buffer Zone only

VN -- **Violation Notice** -- a letter notification of violation(s), usually with requirements/conditions, most often the first violation(s)

YOP – Yearly Operational Plan

ZBA – Zoning Board of Appeals

Some Resource Areas:

- **BZ – Buffer Zone** – within 100 feet of a wetland – Bylaw Resource Area
- **BLSF – Bordering Land Subject to Flooding** – 100-year floodplain
- **BVW – Bordering Vegetated Wetland**
- **ILSF – Isolated Land Subject to Flooding**
- **Riverfront Area** – within 200 feet of the Mean Annual High Water elevation of a Perennial Stream (Topsfield has at least thirteen)
- **Vernal Pool** – typically isolated, ephemeral pool with important wildlife habitat values; some species live (or breed) only in vernal pools.