

A stylized landscape illustration featuring rolling green hills in the foreground and background. On the left, there is a green tree, a purple flower, and some orange foliage. A small red bird is flying in the sky above the tree. The sky is composed of horizontal bands of blue and white. The text 'Ayer Wetlands Bylaw' is written in a brown, cursive font in the upper right area, and 'Public Meeting June 20, 2019' is written in a smaller, brown, cursive font below it.

Ayer Wetlands Bylaw

Public Meeting
June 20, 2019

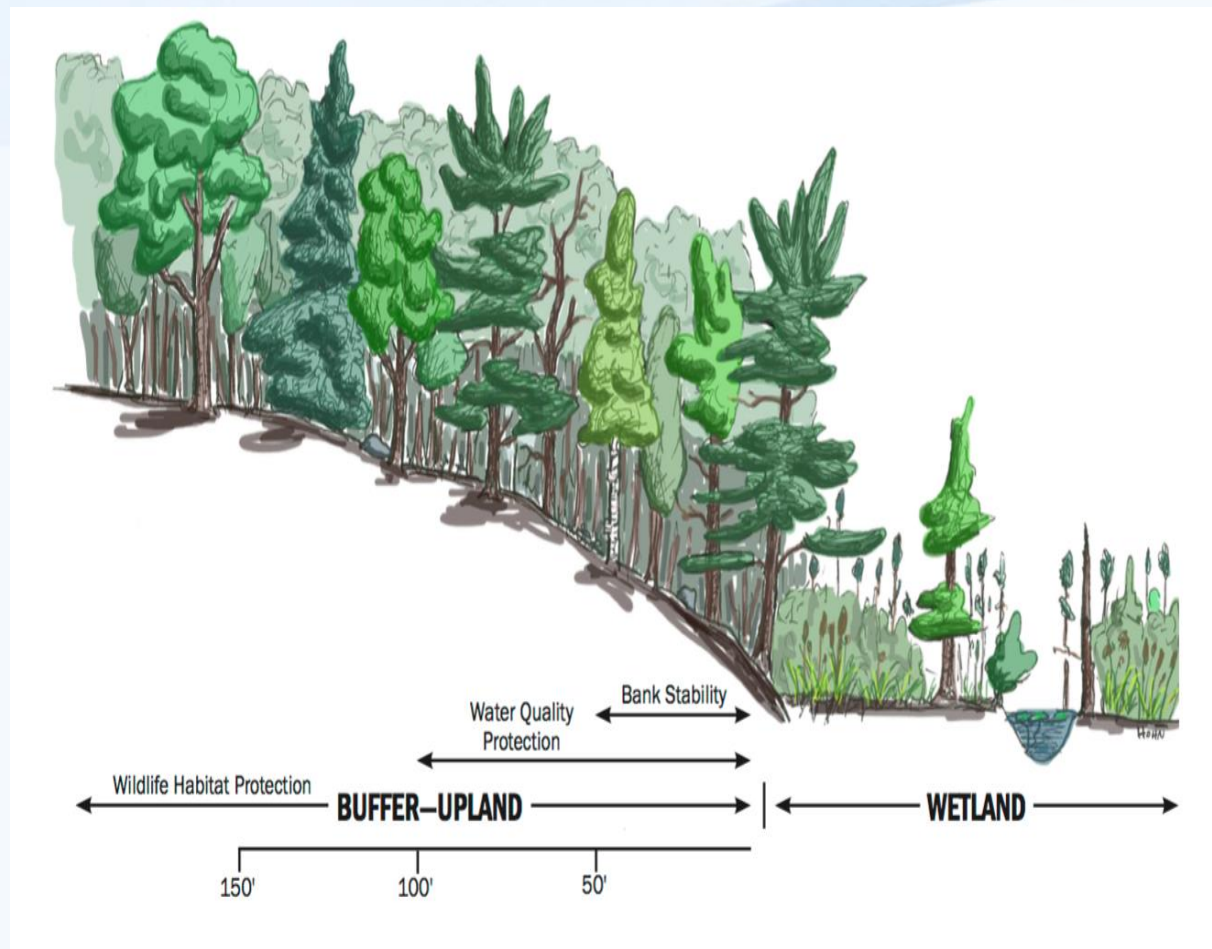
AGENDA

- *Why do we need a new bylaw?*
- *Resource Area functions*
- *What's new in our new bylaw?*
- *What are your questions and concerns?*

Why Do We Need a New Bylaw?

- To Protect Ayer's Wetland Resource Areas: water quality, habitat, recreation, flood control, as well as residents' property and property values
- The Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Ch. 131, Sec. 40) and its regulations provide only a minimum of statewide standards of protection
- Our current bylaw, Article XXVI, does not set any higher standards.





Resource Area Functions

Water Filtration & Supply

Flood & erosion control

Wildlife habitat

Recreation and scenic values

What's new in our new Bylaw?

- Providing clarity about the resource areas that the Bylaw protects
- Adding a new category of Minor Activities for small (i.e. homeowner) projects that don't need review
- Expanding a buffer notification zone from 100' to 300'
- Granting the Commission the ability to write local regulations to define minor activities, set performance standards, and more



Questions?

Concerns?

Suggestions?