

## **STREAM CHANNEL ENCROACHMENT LINE REPEAL Public Act 2013-205**

The Stream Channel Encroachment Line program was initially adopted following the floods of 1955 to regulate activities within Connecticut's streams for the purpose of protecting a river's flood carrying and water storage capacity. Since that time the program has become a duplicate layer of governmental regulation of floodplains and lost its relevance. Public Act 2013-205 effectively repeals the Stream Channel Encroachment Line program as of October 1, 2013 therefore activities that occur within Stream Channel Encroachment Lines after October 1, 2013 will no longer require authorization from the Department.

Floodplains will continue to be protected through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's oversight of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). All municipalities in Connecticut participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and are responsible for making sure that proposed development does not cause any adverse flooding impacts and that the development is in compliance with NFIP standards and regulations.

Developers and / or property owners proposing to place an encroachment in a floodplain are advised to contact their municipality to determine requirements for building in a floodplain. As a reminder, state activities or projects that are publically funded that occur within a floodplain require a Flood Management Certification from the Department.

Please feel free to contact the Inland Water Resources Division at telephone (860) 424-3019 should you have any questions regarding the matter.