

ARTICLE #4
AMENDMENT #3

Hampton Zoning Ordinance Amendment

**Article II – Districts, Section 2.3.1 Purposes and
Section 2.3.2 B Definitions – Inland Wetlands**

~~Strikethrough~~ = Proposed Deletion

Underline = Proposed Addition

Highlighting = All Proposed Changes

2.3.1 PURPOSES. In the interest of protecting the public health, safety and welfare the Wetlands Conservation District has been established to protect, preserve and prevent the despoliation and unregulated alterations of 1) tidal and inland wetlands, 2) areas of very poorly drained soils and poorly drained soils, **3) vernal pools,** and ~~3-4~~ their buffers. It is in the public interest to protect the valuable functions these areas provide such as habitat for fish, wildlife and flora, ground water protection, storm water and flood control, nutrient and pollutant filtering, recreation and aesthetic enjoyment. (Amended March 2005, March 2012)

B. “Inland Wetlands” means an area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. **Examples include, but are not limited to, non-tidal portions of ponds, rivers and streams.**