

**Haw River Code of Ordinances
TITLE XV: Land Usage
Chapter 155. Zoning Code**

WATERSHED REGULATIONS

§ 155.235 BUFFER AREAS REQUIRED.

(A) **Buffer.** A minimum ~~100~~ **50** foot vegetative buffer is required for any new development activity which exceeds the basic density/built-upon limitations along all perennial waters indicated on the most recent versions of USGS 1:24,000 scale topographic maps **and the most recent published NRCS Soil Survey maps.** Nothing in this subsection shall prevent artificial streambank or shoreline stabilization. ~~No new development is allowed in the buffer, except that water dependent structures and public works projects such as road crossings, utilities and greenways may be allowed where no practicable alternatives exist. These activities shall minimize built-upon surface area, direct runoff away from surface water, and maximize the use of BMPs. The Town's Riparian Buffer Protection Ordinance shall have precedence over all stream or riparian buffer regulations within the Town of Haw River's jurisdiction.~~

(Ord. passed 10-3-94; Am. Ord. passed 1-7-08) Penalty, see § 155.999

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