

Waiver Review Criteria

Requests for waivers from the special grant condition will be reviewed based upon the following criteria:

- 1) extent of Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) that will be affected by the project;
- 2) ecological quality of ESAs affected;
- 3) sufficiency of any mitigation, such as creation or enhancement of wetlands, proposed;
- 4) the potential to cause economic hardship to grantees or municipalities if sewer hookup is denied for parcel(s) in question;
- 5) status of development commitments (e.g., planning board approvals and building permits);
- 6) existing infrastructure (e.g., roads, water and gas mains, electrical service, and storm sewers) available to serve the undeveloped parcel(s);
- 7) for requests that encroach on the 100-year floodplain, whether or not the community in which the project is located participates in the regular phase of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) program.

In order to address these issues, the items listed on the **“Waiver Request Checklist”** must be included in the submitted package. Normally, processing waiver requests will take from 6 to 8 weeks.