

Town of Bedford Conservation Board
White Papers
2005 Education Award

The Town of Bedford project is an on-going series of "white papers" pertaining to environmental issues of interest to our Town government and residents. Presently, two papers have been completed: *"Lyme Disease: A Primer for Town of Bedford Boards and Commissions"* and *"Wildlife Conservation Corridors: An Overview and a Model Ordinance."*

The first topic, Lyme Disease, initially caught the attention of the Conservation Board when they saw how little its dynamics with the environment were known by town boards. The Board was particularly interested in seeing if town planning could have an impact on the containment of the disease.

Later papers will be on topics developed during recent Town Master Plan revisions. The Master Plan had specifically requested that the Conservation Board develop certain town-wide topics of interest. Future papers will cover: (1) Ridgeline Protection; (2) Stonewall Maintenance and Protection; (3) Trail Development; and (4) The State of our Town's Small Lakes and Ponds.

Approximately thirty hours of volunteer time was spent on producing the two "white papers." The only cost was reproducing the reports, which amounted to \$100 for printing.

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