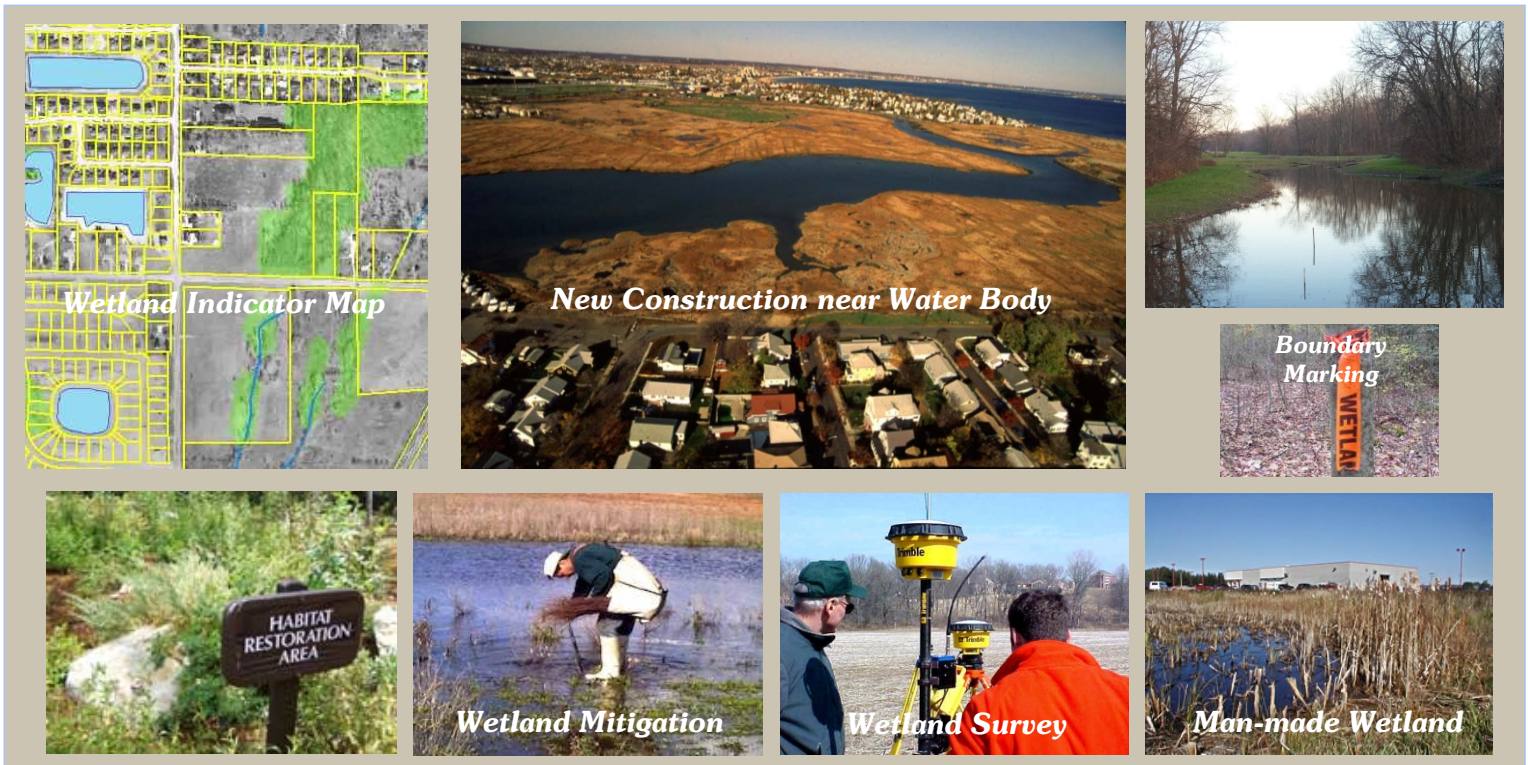


APPLICATION



- An essential component of preserving wetlands and watercourses is controlling the type of activities that are permitted within them. Therefore, the ordinance requires a wetland use permit be obtained before any activities can take place within the wetland that may have a negative impact on the wetland's natural function.
- A wetlands map is a requirement of a local wetlands ordinance. This map does not need to be absolutely precise but is rather a guide to the location of wetlands. The map in conjunction with aerial photographs and field inventories, done on a case-by-case basis, are used to administer the wetland ordinance.
- If the community's wetlands map indicates a wetland may exist on a development property then a survey must be performed to delineate the precise boundaries of the wetland on the project site. The delineation of the boundaries is the responsibility of the applicant and must be verified by the community.
- Application for approval, appeal, and issuance of wetland use permits should be concurrent with the application of other necessary community approvals. The applicant must submit a completed form supplied by the MDEQ, a wetland delineation survey, soil drainage and stormwater management plans, and a mitigation plan if the proposed activity will result in the loss of wetland resources.
- Michigan's wetland protection laws require that local governments define wetlands in the same way as they are defined under state statute.

