

Section 104-010 Background

Candlewood Lake, the State's largest lake and one of its most important water resources, has experienced a gradual deterioration of water quality since about 1950. Studies of the lake shoreline development area have recommended planning to avoid the need to install a public sewer system.

New Milford is one of five Connecticut towns that border the lakeshore. The lake's watershed area is 26,461 acres and New Milford's portion is 2,629 acres or 10% of the total. Major segments of the watershed and lake shore area are intensively developed and a primary source of stormwater runoff that can carry nutrients and pollutants that contribute to the eutrophication of the lake and deterioration of lake and ground water quality.

These regulations are designed to minimize, and where possible, reduce the negative impact of stormwater runoff affecting Candlewood Lake and watershed area thereby reducing the rate of lake eutrophication and avoiding the need for a public sewer system.