

- Permanently maintained areas will generally not exceed 20 feet in width. Occasional wider widths are allowable to accommodate vehicle turnaround. (language in the draft ordinance dated 2-14-2014)
- Permanently maintained areas will not exceed the width of the easement. Narrower widths are encouraged.(alternative language proposed by OWASA)

To be clear, this provision only applies to those situations where an OWASA easement runs parallel to a stream; it is intended to limit the cleared portion of the easement within Zone 1, the first 30 feet of the water quality buffer. The Board also identified a need to consider alternative wording for footnote 2 for aerial electric utility perpendicular crossings and the width of vegetation adjacent to the waterbody.

The Board directed staff to bring back a revised draft ordinance with alternative language in footnote 8 that would specify the conditions when cleared areas greater than 20 feet in width would be allowed, based on OWASA's input. The proposed language in the revised ordinance dated 2-26-2014 reads, "The width of the corridor that is maintained to exclude woody vegetation will generally not exceed 20 feet in width. Wider widths are allowable to accommodate needs such as vehicle turnaround, preparedness for emergency situations, and state and federal regulatory standards." The Board also instructed staff to develop similar language for footnote 2. The revised bullet under footnote 2 reads, "A zone at least 10 feet wide immediately adjacent to the water body shall be managed such that only vegetation that poses a hazard or has the potential to grow tall enough to interfere with the line is removed. A revised ordinance is provided (*Attachment B*).

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Public hearings involve staff and public hearing notice costs associated with advisory board and Board of Aldermen review.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the resolution finding consistency, and the draft ordinance provided in the attachments.