

ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

Ecological preservation is a fundamental element of the land development process and is essential to achieve sustainable and responsible goals for the environment while ensuring regulatory compliance. Whitestone's ecological services involve assessing properties to identify natural resources that may require preservation and enhancement during site development. Whitestone's ecologists and biologists observe and record site conditions, collect samples, and conduct surveys to identify ecological resources and their potential impacts on development.

Whitestone's Ecological Services include:

- **Environmental Assessments:** Identifying environmental permits and actions that are necessary prior to land clearing or grading activities and determining local, state, and federal regulatory requirements for site development;
- **Wildlife and Rare Plant Surveys & Relocation Services:** Identifying certain wildlife and plant species that are protected under federal and/or state laws identifying potential avoidance measures, consulting and/or permitting with regulatory agencies as required for relocation or "take";
- **Wetland and Surface Waters Delineations:** Identifying and mapping the boundaries of wetlands and surface waters according to federal, state, and municipal regulations to delineate areas of the property that can be developed without wetland or other surface waters permitting; assisting in permit application preparation; identifying potential on-site and off-site mitigation options; and conducting permit-required environmental compliance activities;
- **Tree Surveys:** Locating and marking protected trees and preparing tree mitigation and protection plans; and
- **Regulatory Permitting:** Assisting with Environmental Resource Permits, Uniform Mitigation Assessment Methods, Environmental Impact Reports, and Preserve Area Management Plans.



Whitestone also provides no-cost seminars pre-approved for CLE, AIA & PE CECs.