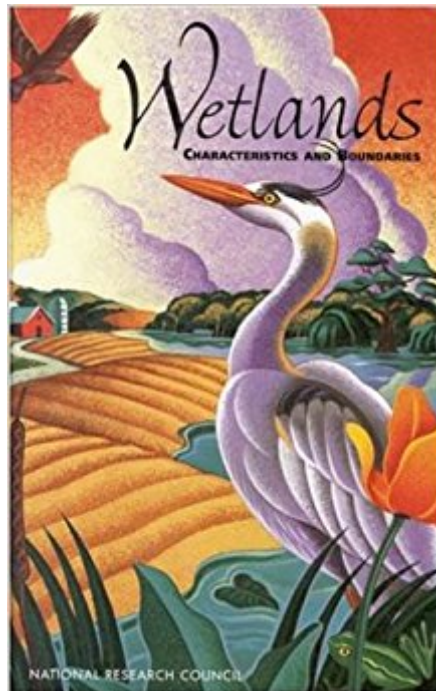




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Committee on Characterization of Wetlands, National Research Council --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

The information is basically a good start for those interested in the federal government's role in wetlands. The book is somewhat outdated since many changes in the federal regulations have

taken place since the book was first published. However, it is great review regarding the historical aspects of our nation's role in protecting wetland ecosystem....

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As one of the authors of this book I would highly recommend it to anyone involved in Land Use decisions or Environmental Protection. The committee that authored this work travelled all over the United States and met with many of the leaders in the field of wetlands. We also agonized over language in numerous committee meetings. This book truly represents some of the best overview data on wetlands and should remain an important scientific work for many years to come. Worth the price of purchase just to get the "real" definition of wetlands. I have the utmost respect for all of my peers that also served on this committee and were co-authors of this important work and I hope to see their reviews here too.

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