

## How Do You Like Your Water?



In its current condition?

or

What it could be?



## Additional Resources

- Go to the Dunn County Planning and Zoning office to be provided with the following documents:
  - Approved Native Plant List
  - Plant Outlets/Nurseries List
    - Soil Resources
    - Rain Garden Resources
  - List of Local Consultants to Assist You
  - Shoreline Restoration Publications
- Information on invasive species on WCWIPMA website: [www.wcwisconsininvasiveplantmanagement.org](http://www.wcwisconsininvasiveplantmanagement.org)
- Information on shoreline success stories and resources: [www.bluethumb.org](http://www.bluethumb.org)
  - Dunn County Shoreland Protection Ordinance: [www.co.dunn.wi.us.com](http://www.co.dunn.wi.us.com)  
*Click on Ordinances/Code of Ordinances/Chapter 14*



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### Shoreline Protection Ordinance



Before Restoration



After Restoration

**People Helping People to  
Build a Sustainable  
Community**

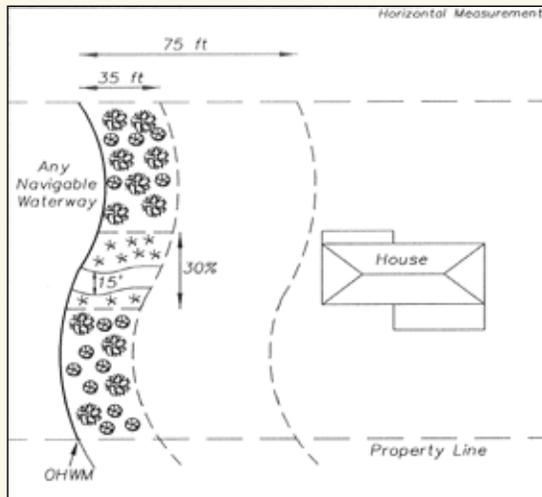
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# Shoreline Buffers: An Overview

To Protect Water Quality, Provide Habitat  
and Enhance Natural Beauty

## On All Shoreland Property

- The Dunn County Shoreland Protection Ordinance applies to all unincorporated areas which are within 1,000 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of navigable lakes, ponds or flowages. It also includes areas within 300 feet of the OHWM of navigable rivers or streams, or to the landward side of the floodplain, whichever distance is greater.
- Landowners must retain or have in place a 35 foot natural vegetative buffer by July 1, 2015 on all unincorporated lands adjacent to any navigable waters. This natural vegetative buffer must extend 35 feet inland from the OHWM.
- The combined width of all access and viewing corridors may not exceed 30 % of the shoreline frontage or 200 feet, whichever is less.
- An access corridor may be mowed to a maximum of 15 feet wide up to the OHWM within the viewing corridor.
- The 35 foot buffer can be met with a no-mow approach.
- A setback of 75 feet from the OHWM of navigable waters to the nearest part of any structures shall be required.
- The removal of vegetation within the vegetative buffer zone to manage exotic or invasive species, damaged vegetation, vegetation that must be removed to control disease, or vegetation creating an imminent safety hazard, provided that any vegetation removed be replaced by replanting in the same area as soon as practicable.



Buffer Zone Aerial View

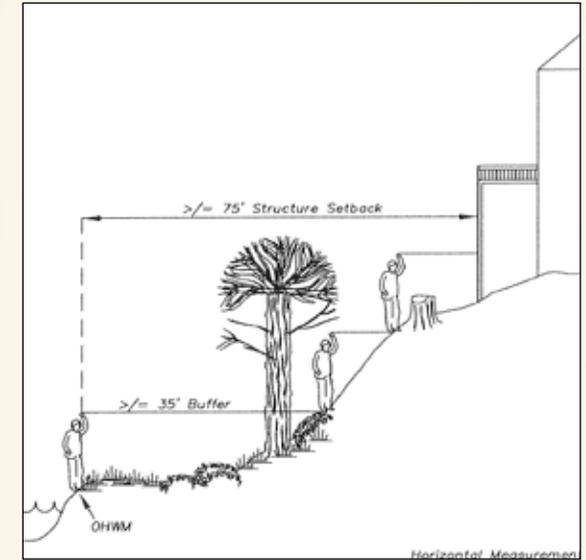


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A natural vegetative buffer is an area adjacent to a lake or stream that includes a mix of native trees, shrubs, and groundcovers.



OHWM Measurement

Most properties will meet the minimum 75 foot OHWM setback. However, if an existing structure was built prior to the adoption of the Dunn County Shoreland Protection Ordinance, and closer than 75 feet to the OHWM, landowners are required to have a vegetative buffer equal to or greater than 1/3 the distance from the nearest part of any structure to the OHWM.

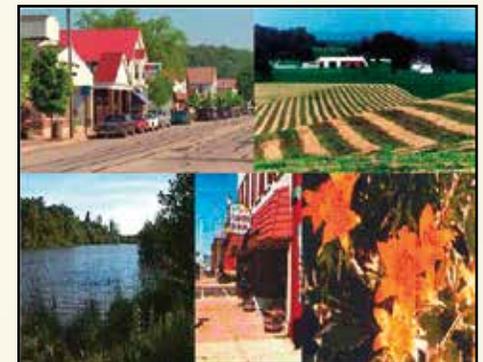


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