NR 115: Shoreland Protection Program Minimum Shoreland Development Standards

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Will this impact the growth of local economies?



Old code not equipped for current development trends









Higher Property Values



Diversity of Bugs, Fish, Wildlife

Diversity & Variety of Habitat

Water Quality

NR 115 Shoreland Zoning Standards

Goals of the new NR 115











What's next?

Counties must amend ordinance

 Buffalo County only one so far to amend ordinance

DNR has reviewed 5 draft ordinances

- Brown, Dodge, Dunn, Jackson & Sawyer
- Over half of the counties have started drafting ordinance



How can you get involved?

County stakeholder or working groups **Provide input through** Lake Assoc./District County Planning and **Zoning Committee** meetings County Board meetings







The shoreland zone: 1000 feet inland of lakes 300 feet inland of rivers

Areas where NR115 applies



What has not changed?

Lot Size

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Unsewered lots =

 20,000 ft²
 100 ft average width

 Sewered lots =

 10,000 ft²
 65 ft average width

Standards for Land Disturbing Activities Shoreland-Wetland

Standards

Setbacks

- 75-feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark
- Reduced setbacks (aka setback averaging)

Structures exempt from Setbacks

- Boathouses
- Open sided structures
- Antennas/satellite dishes
- Utilities
- Walkways, stairs or rail systems necessary for access



Vegetative Buffer Zone 0-35 ft. from OHWM

Removal allowed without a permit for:

- Routine maintenance
- Access/Viewing corridor
- Forestry activities

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Removal of exotics or invasives

Other types of removal allowed with a permit.

 Vegetation removed with a permit must be replaced.



Vegetative Buffer Zone: Key Terms

Routine Maintenance of Vegetation =

normally accepted horticultural practices that does not result in the loss of any layer of existing vegetation and does not require earth disturbance.

Viewing or Access Corridor = combined width may not exceed 30 % of shoreline frontage or 200 feet.

Impervious Surface Standards

What is an impervious surface?

- Hard or solid surfaces that do not allow water to soak into the ground.
- Examples of impervious surfaces:
 - Rooftops
 - Sidewalks
 - Driveways
 - Parking lots
 - Patios



Height Restrictions

35 ft for residential structures County sets standards for commercial or other uses







Non-conforming structures

- Maintenance
 - unlimited within existing building envelope
- Expansion -

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- 0-35 feet from OHWM– prohibited
 - 35-75 feet from OHWM- vertical expansion only
- 75 feet + from OHWM vertical or horizontal
- Replacement/Relocation
 - 0-35 feet from OHWM- prohibited
 - Only if no other compliant location available
 - All other non-conforming structures on lot removed

Mitigation

What might you have to do for a shoreland mitigation project?

- Each county identifies practices that are appropriate for local conditions
 - Rain garden or other stormwater device
 - Restore or maintain a vegetative buffer
 - Remove a non-conforming accessory structure
 - Paint home and other structures a neutral or earth tone color
 - Reduce shoreland lighting











Mitigation

- Required in NR 115 when:
 - A property is increasing impervious surfaces above 15%
 - A nonconforming structure is being vertically expanded, replaced or relocated
 - **Performance Goals**

- Offset impacts to water quality, habitat & natural scenic beauty from proposed development
- County determines how to meet performance goals



You can influence the shoreland zoning standards on your lake

- County can develop stricter standards than statewide minimums
 Lake classification
 Work with your county in development of:
 - Impervious surface standards
 - Height standards
 - Non-conforming structure standards
 - Mitigation





Questions





Existing Impervious Surfaces

- Impervious surfaces that existed prior to revision of the county shoreland zoning ordinance, may be:
- Maintained and repaired

- Replaced with a similar impervious surface within the existing building envelope
- Relocate or modify the impervious surface with a similar or different impervious surface if:
 - No overall increase in % of impervious on the property
 - Impervious surfaces meets the setbacks in NR 115.



Impervious Surface Standards

- **Applicable to:**
- Land within 300 ft. of OHWM
 Standards
 - No Permit needed if:
 - 0-15% of property is in impervious surfaces
 - Permit needed if:
 - 15%-30% of property is in impervious surfaces
 - Variance required for properties with over 30% impervious surfaces





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Drawing more or less to scale







