

WALWORTH COUNTY SHOREYARD MITIGATION AGREEMENT

ZONING PERMIT NUMBER: _____ TAX PARCEL NUMBER: _____

PROJECT ADDRESS: _____

OWNERS NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NO.: _____

CONTRACTOR: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NO.: _____

METHOD(S) USED FOR THE BUFFER: _____

(i.e., No-mow area, preservation of an existing buffer area, or accelerated recovery by way of plantings)

A site plan/survey indicating the area as well as pictures of the area are required to be attached to this permit

I, _____ as a property owner of shoreland property in Walworth County, hereby agree to comply with the mitigation plan as submitted in accordance with the Walworth County Code of Ordinances (Shoreland). I agree to allow Walworth County Zoning staff to enter my property to verify that my shoreland mitigation practices are in conformance with this application and with the Walworth County Code of Ordinances (Shoreland) and State Statute 59.692(1v).

Being the owner of this property and realizing that surface water quality of Walworth County is affected by activities conducted on land adjacent to the water bodies, I agree to maintain the practices as set forth by this application and accompanying plan in perpetuity. Should I transfer my property in the future, I agree to notify the new owner of this agreement.

I further understand that a change in the mitigation plan in area or method used may require additional review and approval by the Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department (Zoning Office).

Owner Name: _____

Owner Name: _____

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

*****STAFF USE ONLY*****

WATER BODY NAME: _____

BUFFER YARD REQUIREMENT: _____

(dimensions of buffer area proposed)

Date:

Approved: _____

Denied: _____

Conditions of Approval/Reason for Denial: _____

WALWORTH COUNTY SHOREYARD MITIGATION INFORMATION

As required by State Statute 59.692(1v) and Walworth County Zoning effective 10-27-99, waterfront property owners wishing to construct (or alter) a structure within the shoreyard setback requirement are required to comply with the following:

- The part of a structure that is nearest to the water is located at least 35 feet landward from the ordinary high-water mark.
 - The total floor area of all the structures in the shoreyard setback shall not exceed 200 square feet in area (excluding boathouses).
 - The structure has no sides or has open or screened sides.
 - The County must approve a plan that will be implemented by the owner of the property to preserve or establish a vegetative buffer zone that covers at least 70% of the half of the shoreyard setback area that is nearest to the water.
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What is a vegetative buffer zone?

The buffer zone can be established, either by natural recovery (letting the area grow back naturally) or by accelerated recovery (assisting in restoration by planting). Vegetation removal and filling or land disturbing activities are prohibited. The duff layer, made up of fallen leaves and pine needles, if present, must be left intact. This layer covers soil, conserving moisture and preventing erosion.

What are the area requirements of a buffer zone?

The buffer zone is required to equal 70% of the shoreline and half of the required shoreyard setback. For instance, a property with 75' of lake frontage and a required 75' shoreland setback for structures will require roughly a 53' x 38' buffer area total, leaving a 22' view corridor. Likewise, if a property has 50' of lake frontage and has a required average shoreland setback of 50', the required buffer would be required to be 35' x 25' in area total, leaving a 15' view corridor.

Be aware that these dimensions are in total area. The buffer area can be divided up to allow a view corridor as well as for the placement of a stairway if required to access the shore.

In order to process your application in the shortest time possible, the following will be required with your request:

1. Walworth County Shoreyard Mitigation Agreement completed in full and signed by the owner(s) of the property. Agents may not sign this document for the owners.
2. A site plan or survey which depicts the area proposed to be set aside as a buffer zone.
3. A description of how you intend to carry out the project, including methods, materials and equipment, if any. If you will be implementing a "no mow" area, indicate this as the method used for the required buffer area.
4. Proposed schedule and sequence of work activities.
5. Photographs that clearly show the existing project area.
6. Fees are made payable to Walworth County. This fee is not refundable.