

ITASCA COUNTY SHORELAND ALTERATION PERMIT APPLICATION

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description & Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_

Lake/River Name & Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Permit (Check appropriate boxes):

- Movement of >10 cubic yards of material on: steep slopes shore/bluff impact zones
- Movement of >50 cubic yards of material outside of steep slopes and shore/bluff impact zones
- Lake access road (constructed to avoid a straight sight line and a maximum of 12' in width)
- Ice ridge removal (maximum width at the bottom of the opening shall be 12' and the maximum width at the top of the opening shall be 25').
- Beach sand blanket (maximum size of \_\_\_\_\_ feet along the shoreline by 15' back from the OHWL and shall be located within the view corridor. Sand must be clean with no organic materials. Natural slope must be less than five percent and sand blanket application must be constructed in a way that will prevent erosion)
- Landscaping retaining walls (maximum height of 2' but not to exceed 4'. To the extent possible, a landscaping retaining wall should be designed to display natural aesthetics. Retaining walls for the purpose of shore protection are allowed only if a permit is obtained from the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR))
- Riprap (allowed for erosion control. Additional permit(s) may also be required from the DNR. To the extent possible, riprap should be designed to display natural aesthetics).

Detailed Description of Proposed Alteration

Attached sketch of project

Attached recent photograph of project site prior to construction

\$80 permit fee (Checks payable to Itasca County Auditor Treasurer)

Applicant Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge and understand that by signing, I agree to comply with the following: The property may be inspected at any time to guaranty all conditions and terms of the permit are compliant. Failure to comply with conditions of this permit may result in the issuance of a Restoration Order.

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Approval of said permit shall include the following (Check appropriate boxes):

- Proper installation of erosion control devices:  silt fence  water trap  other:
- Mulches must be used where necessary for temporary bare soil coverage and a permanent vegetation cover must be established as soon as possible.
- Alterations shall be designed and conducted in a manner that ensures only the smallest bare ground is exposed for the shortest time possible.
- Fill or excavated material shall not be placed in a manner that creates an unstable slope or in a bluff impact zone.
- Said alteration shall not impact a wetland and shall not be below OHWL of public water.
- Construction activity shall not result in the disturbance of one or more acres.
- A shoreline buffer of \_\_\_\_\_ feet shall be developed and maintained.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Inspection \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Approved  Amended  Rejected\* Reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Appeal: An appeal of this permit may be filed with the Board of Adjustment on the appropriate form.

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of regulating and minimizing alterations of the Shoreland, vegetation and topography is to prevent erosion into public waters, to preserve Shoreland aesthetics, to fix nutrients, prevent bank slumping, to protect fish and wildlife habitat, including historical and archaeological sites. Also see attached information on “Best Management Practices.”

Removal or alteration of vegetation shall be subject to the following standards:

- 1. A shoreline buffer shall exist in the shore impact zone, consisting of trees, shrubs, and low ground cover of native plants and understory consistent with natural cover of shorelines in the area. Buffer depth from the OHWL shall be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Buffer Depth by Public Waters Classification, Feet. Rows include General Development (10), Recreational Development (15), Natural Environment, Phosphorus Sensitive (50), Agricultural, Urban and Tributary River Segments (50), and Forested, Transition and Remote River Segments (50).

- 2. Intensive vegetation clearing within the shore and bluff impact zones and on steep slopes is not allowed. Intensive vegetation clearing for forestland conversion to another use outside of the shore and bluff impact zones is allowable as Conditional Use if an erosion control and sedimentation plan is developed and approved by the Itasca County SWCD; and
3. Vegetation clearing and removal of native ground cover, plants, and leaf matter within the shore and bluff impact zones and on steep slopes shall not be allowed, except the following:
a. Limited clearing of trees and brush and cutting, pruning, and trimming of trees is allowed to provide a view to the water from the principal dwelling site and to accommodate the placement of stairways, landings, picnic areas, access paths, beach and watercraft access areas, and permitted water-oriented accessory structures or facilities shall be allowed. An access path shall not exceed a cleared width of 12 feet. Only one shoreline recreation use area shall be allowed on each residential parcel and it shall not exceed 15 feet in depth by the width as follows;

Table with 2 columns: Public Water Classification, Maximum Width in Feet Parallel to Shore. Rows include General Development/Recreational Development (30), Natural Environment/Phosphorus Sensitive (20), Agricultural, Urban, and Tributary (30), Forested and Transition (20), and Remote (10).

- b. Vegetation within the shore impact zone shall be maintained to screen structures with trees and shrubs so that the structures are at most 50 percent visible from public waters during summer, leaf-on conditions. The maximum view corridor shall be less than 50 feet or one-third of the parcel width, whichever is less;
c. Along rivers, existing shading of water surfaces is preserved; and
d. The above provisions are not applicable to the removal of trees, limbs, or branches that pose safety hazards.

Note: Complete information can be found in the Itasca County Zoning Ordinance, Article 5.

**Project Sketch:** (Include dimensions of tree/earth removal and/or proposed affected area)

**Site Photo:** (Include a photo of the proposed site prior to work)