

ONEIDA COUNTY

- B. Activities Allowed within the Vegetative Buffer Zone. (NR 15.05(1)(c)2) To protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and natural scenic beauty, and to promote preservation and restoration of native vegetation, the county ordinance shall designate land that extends from the ordinary high water mark to a minimum of 35 feet inland as a vegetative buffer zone and prohibit removal of vegetation in the vegetative buffer zone except as follows:
1. The county may allow routine maintenance of vegetation.
 2. The county may allow removal of trees and shrubs in the vegetative buffer zone to create access and viewing corridors. Per s. 59.692(1f)(b), Wis. Stats. The viewing corridor may be at least 35 feet wide for every 100 feet of shoreline frontage. The viewing corridor may run contiguously for the entire maximum width or shoreline frontage owned.
 3. The county may allow removal of trees and shrubs in the vegetative buffer zone on a parcel with 10 or more acres of forested land consistent with "generally accepted forestry management practices" as defined in s. NR 1.25 (2)(b), and described in department publication "Wisconsin Forest Management Guidelines" (publication FR- 226), provided that vegetation removal be consistent with these practices.
 4. The county may allow 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.

VILAS COUNTY SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCE

D. Select Cut Zone.

Select cutting of trees between 35 and 300 feet from the OHWM of a lake or between 35 and 150 feet of the OHWM of a stream is permitted under the following conditions:

1. A basal area of 60 square feet per acre, DBH, evenly distributed shall be maintained.
2. Natural shrubbery, trees, and undergrowth shall be preserved as far as practicable within the select cutting area.
3. The maximum slash height permitted shall be 24 inches.

E. Creation of a Shoreline Recreational Area, (Viewing Corridor).

A shoreline recreational area, (viewing corridor), may be at least 35 feet wide for every 100 feet of shoreline frontage. The viewing corridor may run contiguously for the entire maximum width of shoreline frontage owned. Extending from the OHWM. Select cutting of trees and shrubbery in this area is permitted to create a shoreline recreational area, (viewing corridor), if one does not exist naturally.

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