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Planning and Development Committee

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Gentlemen:

In early 2021, concerns were raised about the type and amount of vegetation removed at a Two Sisters' lakeshore property. It came to the Conservation & UWEX Committee's attention that there was no definition of the word vegetation within the Oneida County Shoreland Protection Ordinance (SPO). As such, staff reviewed 19 Northern WI SPO's and received feedback from an additional 12 counties. After the review, four (4) recommendations were brought before the Conservation & UWEX Education (CUW) Committee in April.

The following three recommendations were approved:

- The access and view corridor must be maintained with vegetation. Sand, gravel, rock, or similar materials shall be prohibited.
- Definition of vegetation: Native or non-invasive (not listed in Wisconsin Administrative Code NR40) live plant material which will mitigate erosion or stormwater runoff.
- Definition of compliant vegetative buffer: Shall contain three distinct layers including a tree canopy, shrub layer, and groundcover layer, except for closed canopy forest types such as pine and hemlock.

By adding these revisions to the current SPO, the CUW Committee feels Oneida County will be able to better mitigate erosion or stormwater runoff issues before they occur, and reduce and/or prevent future lakeshore violations such as the Two Sisters' site.

The CUW Committee formally petitions the Planning & Development Committee to accept the above recommendations and amend the current Oneida County Zoning SPO.

Sincerely,

Bob Mott, Chair  
Conservation and UW-Extension Education (CUW) Committee

cc: Karl Jennrich, Director, Planning & Development  
Michele Sadauskas, County Conservationist, Oneida County LWCD

The summary is below.

Here are the main points discussed at the 8/25/21 meeting regarding the 8/6 letter:

- The committee agreed with the definitions/recommendations provided by land conservation (listed below), but wanted them redone to be easily understood by the average homeowner.
- Something for homeowners that makes it easily understood what is allowed and what isn't. **Allowed in 35' view corridor:** cut trees, remove brush, ground stumps, plant for vegetative cover. Boathouse and walkway if properly permitted. **Not allowed in 35' view corridor:** removing stumps or roots.
- Add view corridor to permit with a fee to inspect before anything is cut or have owner provide pictures with permit.
- Discussion of all shoreline clearing possibly requiring a permit.

Recommendations/definitions provided by Land Conservation, (committee comments are underlined):

- The access and view corridor must be maintained with vegetation. Sand, gravel, rock, or similar materials shall be prohibited. Committee had issues with the sand gravel and rock portion since some areas naturally include these materials, but agreed that the area must be vegetated
- Definition of vegetation: Native or non-invasive (not listed in Wisconsin Administrative Code NR40) live plant material which will mitigate erosion or stormwater runoff. Committee was confused with reference to NR40. Michele clarified NR40 is the invasive species list, figure out how to rewrite so there is no confusion
- Definition of compliant vegetative buffer: Shall contain three distinct layers including a tree canopy, shrub layer, and groundcover layer, except for closed canopy forest types such as pine and hemlock. Committee was confused by the "except" closed canopy portion. Michele clarified that there should be three distinct layers unless it is closed canopy which would not allow anything to grow under it. Don't want a requirement that isn't possible such as trying to grow anything under heavily shaded areas. Rewrite so there is no confusion and easily understood

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**From:** Karl Jennrich  
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**Cc:** Michele Sadauskas; Jim Winkler; Robert Thome; Collette Sorgel; Linnaea Newman; Tommy Ryden; Scott Holewinski  
**Subject:** RE: Correction - Conservation Committee Recommendations to Shoreland Ordinance

Dan:

I state this respectfully. The Oneida County Planning and Development Committee is the Committee designated by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors to administer Planning and Zoning authority pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 59.69. This includes formation of a general zoning ordinance, creation of zoning districts, acting upon conditional use permits and overseeing zoning of shorelands on navigable waters. The Planning and Zoning Committee is also the committee that oversees the Planning and Zoning Department and technically my committee of jurisdiction.

On July 28, 2022, I did circulate information you provided along with a summary of the 8/25/2021 by Planning and Zoning staff, the minutes from the meeting, the letter dated August 6, 2021 from Conservation and UWEX Education Committee and one other document related to revegetation for boathouses. I asked the committee, at the request of Chairperson Holewinski the following: "Please review and if there are comments/proposals from Land and Water that you want adopted, it can be discussed at an upcoming meeting." There was no response from Supervisors Timmons, Almekinder, Ryden, Holewinski, Roach. Based on the non-response, in my mind, the proposal submitted by Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee has been considered and respectfully not adopted by the Planning and Development Committee. The Committee did review the definition of Viewing Corridor and removed it from the ordinance along with references to viewing corridor.

Chairperson Scott Holowinski was copied on your email to me along with all the committee members on the Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee. I will also send your email and this email response to the Planning and Development Committee. I am not going to get into discussions I have had with Chairperson Holewinski but he would instruct me to place this on an agenda if he or other committee members wanted the proposal from Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee adopted as part of OA-13-2022. Thank you. Karl

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