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SHORELAND ALTERATION REQUIREMENTS

TOPOGRAPHIC ALTERATIONS/GRADING AND FILLING

1. **PERMITS ARE REQUIRED** to move more than 10 cubic yards of material on steep slopes or within shore impact zones.
2. **PERMITS ARE REQUIRED** to move more than 50 cubic yards of material outside shore and bluff impact zones.
3. Any alterations below the ordinary high water mark of any lake are subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources. This includes placement of rock riprap and beach sand blankets, removal of debris, and seasonal docks. More information on this is available at the Planning and Zoning Office or by calling the DNR at 1-800-766-6000.

VEGETATION ALTERATIONS

1. Vegetation alterations for the construction of structures and septic systems are exempt from any alteration requirements.
 2. Intensive clearing within the shore and bluff impact zones and on steep slopes is not allowed.
 3. Limited clearing of trees and shrubs 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 and landings, paths, beach and watercraft areas, provided that the screening of structures from the water is not substantially reduced.
- ✓ All projects must minimize erosion and sedimentation loss through the following practices: 1) minimization of bare ground exposure; 2) use of a temporary soil coverage such as mulch or straw; 3) a permanent vegetation cover must be established as soon as possible; 4) fill or excavated material must not be placed in a manner that creates an unstable slope; 5) fill or excavated material must not be placed on steep slopes or in bluff impact zones.
 - ✓ A **SEPTIC COMPLIANCE INSPECTION** is required before ANY permit is issued.
 - ✓ All projects needing a permit are subject to an administration fee and neighbor approval.
 - ✓ Contact the Soil and Water Conservation District at 218-563-2475 to inquire about additional regulations.