

Shoreland Zoning

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Shoreland Zoning Regulations Do Not Adequately Protect Wildlife Habitat in Northern Wisconsin. Michael Meyer, et al. Wisconsin, Bureau of Integrated Science Services, 1997. (NatR/Land/s) (noncirculating) Reports on the results of surveys examining vegetation, green frog, migratory bird, bald eagle, and common loon populations demonstrating the negative impact of lakeshore development.

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"Wisconsin's Shoreland Management Program: An Assessment with Implications for Effective Natural Resources Management and Protection". Tracy K. Kuczenski, *Wisconsin Law Review*, 1999, no.2, p.273-346. (333.15/K96) Details numerous obstacles faced by DNR specialists and county zoning administrators trying to regulate shoreland development.

Related Web Sites

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/papers/p2 – Margin of error? Human Influence on Wisconsin Shores (slideshow).

www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/shoreland Minnesota Shoreland Management Program (includes resource guide and model ordinance).

www.wisconsinrivers.org – River Alliance of Wisconsin.

www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/pdffiles/speakerlistshorelandissues.pdf – Speakers List for Shoreland Issues from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Land Use Education Center.

www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes – UW-Extension Lakes Program.

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/waterway – Waterway and Wetland Permits (information and forms from the Wisconsin DNR).

<http://www.wisconsinlakes.org> – Wisconsin Association of Lakes.

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/news.htm Wisconsin Shoreland Management Program.

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/news.htm Wisconsin's Shoreland Management Advisory Committee (progress on reviewing Wisconsin's minimum shoreland development standards. It includes proposed revisions to NR 115, meeting minutes, forms to submit comments, etc.).

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/documents/CaseLawSummaryRevisedJan2001.pdf Zoning case law in Wisconsin (cases relevant to shoreland and floodplain zoning in Wisconsin).

Workshop

http://govtraining.org/full_event.cfm?EventID=466 – "Growing Communities – Greening Communities: Managing Wisconsin's Shorelands" (distance education workshop offered by UW-Extension for local officials).

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