

Lake Shore Project Permit Information

(Pertinent to typical landowner projects)

- **Wetland Conservation Act (WCA):**

Any fill to be placed in a wetland, and especially near lakes, rivers, etc, is regulated. Contact the Itasca County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) if you are considering filling any area/s that you think may be designated wetlands; 218-328-3099.

- **"Shoreland Alterations Permit":**

- * Shoreland projects that involve more than 10 cubic yards of fill (approximately one standard sized dump truck load) being added above the "Ordinary High Water" mark - OHW (essentially against and/or above the bank).

- and/or -

- * The movement of more than 10 cubic yards within the shore impact zone (half the building setback).

- and/or -

- * The movement of more than 50 cubic yards within 1000 feet of the lake.

- One page application can be obtained from the "Environmental Services" office (Zoning), in the Itasca Co courthouse, at 123 4th St NE-Grand Rapids (on hwy 169 and 2, centrally in town) - 218-327-2857.

- Applications can be filed any time during the growing season-spring, summer or fall, and a site visit will be done shortly thereafter to review the application (applications aren't reviewed during the winter).

- \$80 fee.

- **MN DNR "General Waters Permit":**

Shoreline projects below the "Ordinary High Water" mark-OHW (essentially against and/or below the bank), which involve any of the following: bank shaping, excavation in lake bottom, any off site dirt fill being added, or rock fill added more than six feet out from the bank, into the water.

- Fee typically starts at \$150.00.

- Apply at www.mndnr.gov/mpare; contact for questions: Rian Reed, NE MN DNR Area Hydrologist - 1201 E Hwy 2 in Grand Rapids - 218-328-8815.

- Applications can be filed year around, but should be filed at least one month prior to construction.

*Note: if any aquatic vegetation will be removed, a MN DNR Fisheries permit may also be required.

- **Army Corps of Engineers "General Permit":**

Shoreline projects below the "Ordinary High Water" mark-OHW (against and/or below the bank), where "more than 50 feet of existing bank is disturbed by grading or reshaping".

- Free permit.

- Apply with:

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218-444-6381

- Permit can be filed year around, but file the permit at least two months before construction is scheduled.

- **Aquatic Vegetation Removal:**

- Limited amounts are allowed to be removed, without a permit.

- Contact Erika Herr (MN DNR) for more information (contact information previously listed).