

2017 Annual Shoreland Activities Survey

Directions: Please answer the following questions for your county's 2017 activities within the shoreland area (*1000 feet from lakes and 300 feet from rivers or the extent of the floodplain, whichever is greater*).

This survey is six pages in length. All questions are required unless otherwise noted. You will not be able to move onto the next page until all required questions are answered. There is an option to “save” your survey, but clicking this button does not submit your survey to the DNR. **You must click “submit”** on the last page of the survey in order for the DNR to receive your responses. You will have the option to print a copy for your records before you click submit. Once you print, remember to **return to the main page to click submit**. Once you submit, a report of your survey responses will also be sent to the email address you provide in the survey within two weeks of submittal.

To receive a shoreland grant in 2018, this form must be completed by **February 1, 2018**.

County Name:	Polk
2017 Shoreland Block Grant Amount (\$):	\$3,527

Variances

List the number of shoreland variance approvals in 2017 (if zero, please enter "0" in the box):

A) OHWL setback:	2
B) Bluff setback:	0
C) Septic system setback:	2
D) Impervious coverage:	1
E) Building height:	0
F) Water-oriented accessory structure (# or size):	2

G) Guest cottages (# or size): 0

H) Combination of contiguous nonconforming lots of record in common ownership for development or sale (Minn. Stat. § 394.36, Subd. 5(d)): 0

I) Subdivision of land not meeting lot area/width standards: 0

J) SIZ or BIZ prohibitions: 2

Approximately how many approved variances for items A through G above involved new construction on a conforming lot?

- All
- Most
- About half
- Hardly any
- None

Does your county typically place conditions on approved variances?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable

Has your county required any of the following conditions to minimize the deviation or resource impact? (click all that apply)

- Redesigning the project
- Reducing the footprint or project scope
- Moving structure to another location on the property
- Acquiring additional land
- Reducing impervious surface

For approximately how many variance inquiries in 2017 were alternative solutions found (thus reducing the actual number of variance applications)?

- All
- Most
- About half
- Hardly any
- None

If alternative solutions were found, what are some typical examples? Check all that apply.

- Alternative site found on property
- Size or footprint of structure or scope of project reduced
- Acquired additional land
- Redesigned project (size or scope of project reduced)
- Didn't build
- Reduced impervious coverage

Other, please describe the alternative solution:
You have left characters left in your response.

Does your county require septic system compliance inspections (system upgrades) whenever a permit or variance is granted?

- Yes
- No

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Lots & Land Subdivisions

What were the total number of lots created in 2017?

Shoreland PUD: 0
Standard lot and block subdivision: 0
Lot Splits (administrative subdivision): 20

Were any of these lots part of Resort Conversions?

- Yes
- No

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Permits

How many land use permits did your county issue in shoreland areas in 2017 for **new construction on previously undeveloped lots**:

Total # of permits for **conforming lots**: 23

Total # of permits for **nonconforming lots:** 5

How many land use permits did your county issue in shoreland areas in 2017 for **redevelopment** (e.g., expansion of structures, substantial improvements, new structures added to developed lots):

Total # of permits for **conforming lots:** 57

Total # of permits for **nonconforming lots:** 37

How many permits for grading, excavation, filling, or soil disturbance within the shore impact zone were issued in 2017?

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Does your county generally inspect the work?

- Yes
 No

If so, how and when? Check all that apply.

- On-site inspection prior to construction
 On-site inspection during construction
 On-site inspection after construction
 As-built drawings and measurements required after construction

Other, please describe:

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Planning & Enforcement

Did your county update or amend its shoreland ordinance in 2017?

- Yes
 No

If yes, describe the nature of the change:

You have left characters left in your response.

o Minor additions to Allowed Use Chart, adding backyard composting and Campgrounds • Minor amendments for sign regulations in 18.2611 and minor amendments in regards to buffers in 18.2621.

Does your county have plans to amend its shoreland ordinance in 2018?

Yes

No

Does your county notify the DNR at least 10 days prior to public hearings for variances, CUPs, and ordinance amendments, and within 10 days after final decisions?

Yes

No

If yes:

Who do you notify?
(name of DNR staff
person):

Stephanie Klamm

How do you notify them? Email
(mail, email, etc.):

Which townships in your county have taken on shoreland and floodplain zoning administration? Please list the townships and describe any cooperative agreements between your county and townships:

You have left characters left in your response.

Zero

How does your county administer and enforce the shoreland vegetation provisions that prohibit intensive vegetation clearing and limits selective cutting in the shore and bluff impact zones and on steep slopes on residential and commercial properties?

Complaint-based

Require permit

Specify quantifiable standards for cutting in ordinance

Other (describe below)

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Resources/Training/Other

All of the following questions are optional.

What shoreland-related trainings, guidance, or tools do your staff or Board of Adjustment need?

You have left characters left in your response.

General shoreland, floodplain, variance, and CUP training - held in area.

What type of standards does your ordinance contain that are more restrictive than the minimum state standards? (check all that apply)

- Structure setbacks from OHWL
- Structure setbacks from bluffs
- Septic setbacks from OHWL
- Septic setbacks from bluffs
- Larger lot area/width
- Required riparian buffer
- A vegetation cutting permit
- Other (describe below)

Have any new or unanticipated issues arisen in the past year that you would like the DNR to address or provide guidance on?

You have left characters left in your response.

No

Did your county pursue or consider pursuing any special initiatives or outreach efforts to protect shorelands in 2017? Please describe:

You have left characters left in your response.

No

If you have any additional comments or questions on any shoreland-related issues, please enter them here:

You have left characters left in your response.

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Contact Information

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Would you like to print a copy of your responses for your records right now? (Note: You will also be sent a PDF of your responses by e-mail. Please allow up to 2 weeks for delivery.)

- Yes, print a copy now
 No, I don't need a copy right now

Okay, please hit "Print" below to print a hard copy of your responses or to "print" to Adobe PDF for a digital copy. Then return to this page and hit "Submit" to submit your report.

Okay, you may hit "Submit" below to submit your report without printing.

Thank you for completing this form!

**Any questions, please contact:
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