# Wisconsin's Shoreland Zoning Program Miscellaneous Updates & Topics

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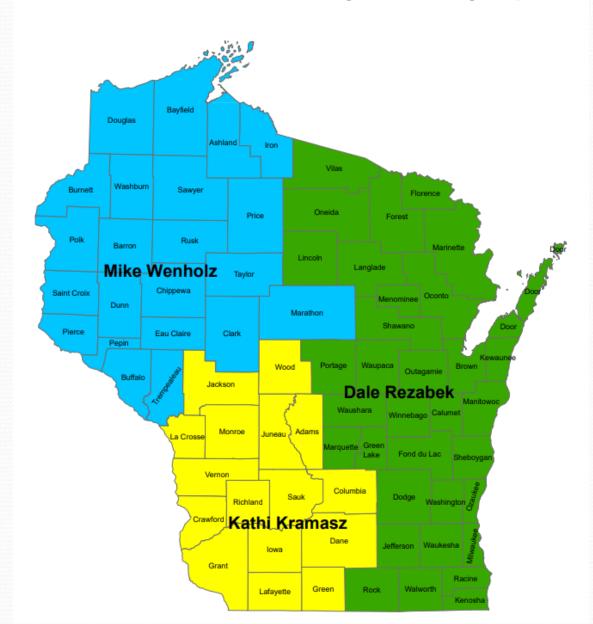
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#### Wisconsin DNR Shoreland Zoning Team Coverage Map



# Shoreland Zoning Program – 3 Distinct Types

# Shoreland Zoning

- s. 59.692, 62.233, & 61.353, Stats
- ch. NR 115, Wis. Admin. Code

# • Shoreland - Wetland Zoning

- s. 62.231 & 61.351, Stats
- ch. NR 117, Wis. Admin. Code

### Lower St Croix National Scenic Riverway Zoning

- s. 30.27, Stats
- ch. NR 118, Wis. Admin. Code

### Statutory & Admin Code Roles of SLZ Program

- 1. Be a contact for & maintain chapters NR 115, 117, and 118.
- 2. Prepare & provide model ordinances of NR 115, NR 117, and related statute (e.g. 59.692).
- 3. Provide assistance to counties & municipalities in developing & implementing their local statemandated shoreland, shoreland-wetland, and Lower St Croix National Scenic Riverway zoning ordinances.

Misc Updates & Topics

# **Updates & Trending Topics**

- Model ordinance for NR 115 & s. 59.692 is revised/updated
- Navigability & OHWM determinations for SLZ cases
- NR 300 details and assistance
- Continued reminder for an update from the BOA on whether or not they request an opinion from DNR on granting or denying

# **Updates & Trending Topics**

- New Surface Water Online Tools
  - Wisconsin Water Explorer explore watershed characteristics (land use, geology, soils)
  - Shoreland Habitat Disturbance explore condition of habitat along lake shores
  - Lake Level Monitoring explore lake level over time
  - Training at spring conference?
- Definitions are important as able include them
- Variance application, hearing notice, & decision document details/information

# **Updates & Trending Topics**

- Lower St Croix National Scenic Riverway
  - Slope preservation zone definition reminder:
    - "riverward"
    - SPZ only in areas with slopes 12% or greater)
- Property owners do not get any permits or approvals for SLZ from the DNR
- We are to adopt & implement what the legislature has provided to us as rules
- We do not get to adopt & implement what we want or think the regulations should say



#### **Questions – Opportunity for Feedback**

- Any SLZ topics you are having trouble with?
- Are you seeing any regular issues the SLZ Team can/should be aware of to provide additional assistance?
- Any specific shoreland, shoreland-wetland, and/or Lower St Croix National Scenic Riverway related educational or training opportunities you request?

# **Comments, Questions??**

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