



UPDATES

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Shoreland Zoning Team Coverage

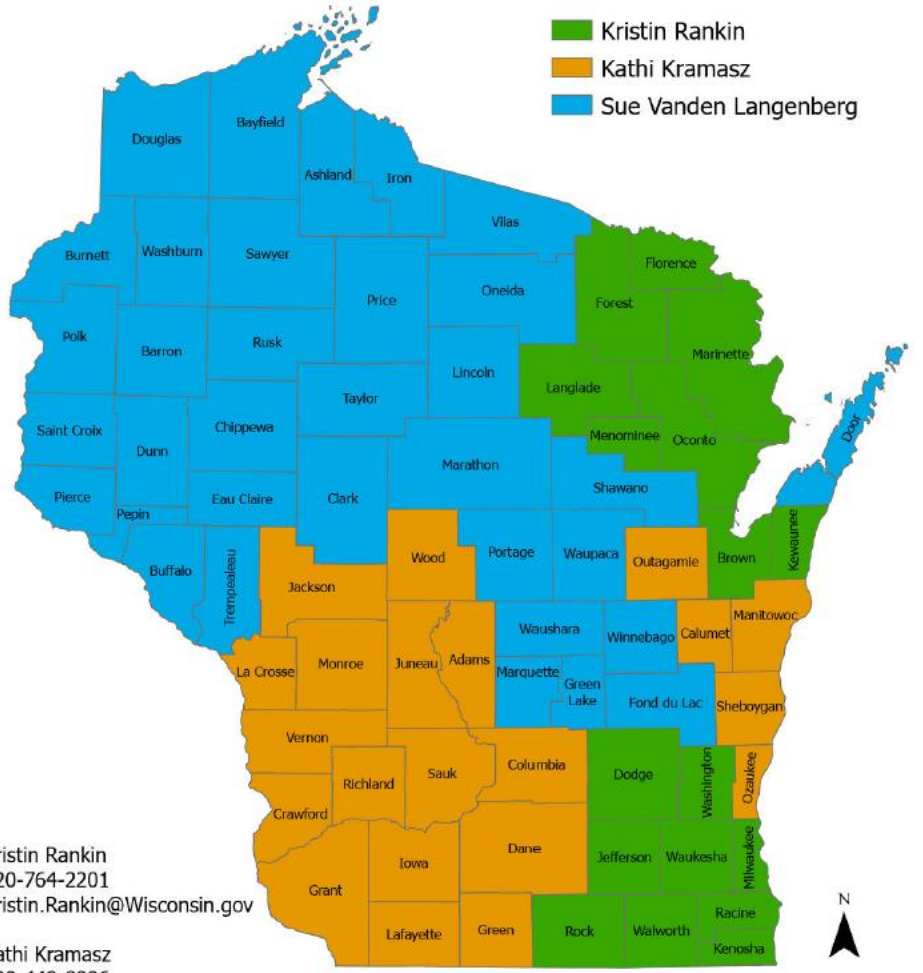
SHORELAND TEAM

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- NR 118 Lower St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

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Status: Dale's replacement

- Job description sent to HR
- State-wide HR: responsible for the process
- Process takes a few months
- The job posting will be sent to WCCA



SHORELAND AMENDMENTS

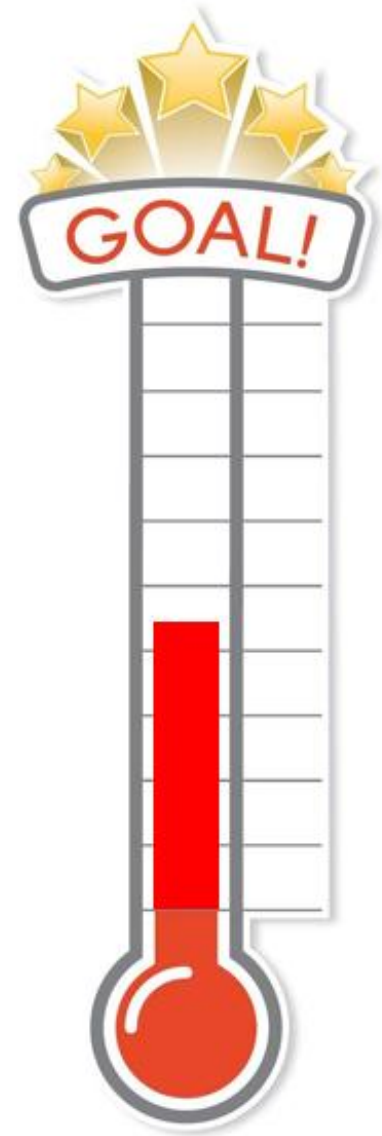
State-wide look: Where are we at?

Not yet at 50%

29 counties submitted for review

How many are almost ready to submit?

Reminder: if you completed the county process -
submit final documents for DNR Certification



Things to consider...“other matters”

...further the purpose of shoreland zoning

Ideas:

- Define allowed principal uses
- Other setbacks (ex: wetland, side yard)
- Density: # of residences / lot
- Minimum floor area
- Any other ideas?



What are your thoughts?

How many regulate uses in their Shoreland Ordinance?

Uses can have a major impacts to the shoreland area.

Can anyone think of a large-scale use in the NEWS?

land purchases of 500 - 1,000+ acres

Has anyone had AI Data Center proposed in a shoreland area yet?

Massive land disturbance.

Is the shoreland area a good location?

Amendment questions?

Let's talk...

What's your preference?

1. Larger group virtual meeting?
2. County specific virtual meeting?

Draft ordinance amendments:



- Send to your shoreland rep. (Sue, Kathi & Kristin)
- Submit completed **Crosswalk** with amendments
(Not needed if adopting the model)
- Provide tentative timeline
- Review takes time & done in order the order submitted
- Take it to public hearing once reviewed & certifiable
- [Quick guide to ordinance adoption.](#)

REMINDERS & PRIORITIES

Administrative Appeals: let us know ASAP

- Problems?
- Need support?

Ordinance Amendments

Public Hearings

- Shoreland Standards
- Send final decision documents

Technical Assistance - Not sure the answer?

- Send project details with your preliminary response & let's work through it!



Owners have DNR Questions?

General questions:

Send them to the FAQ webpage:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways/permitFAQ>

Answer not found?

Submit questions here.

<https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/ccis/>

WATERWAY PERMIT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Find answers to questions about permitting for activities that may impact navigable waterways below.

The DNR Waterways Program regulates several activities, including:

- Boathouse repair and maintenance.
- Construction of ponds within 500 ft. of a navigable waterway
- Dredging, meaning removal of material from the bed of a lake or stream.
- Grading on the bank of a navigable waterway.
- Placing structures, such as piers, boat shelters, riprap, seawalls, fish habitat structures, pilings, intake/outfall pipes, etc.
- Placing crossings, including bridges, culverts, and fords.

Activities proposed above the ordinary high water mark of a lake, river, or stream, are regulated by your local or [county zoning authority](#) [exit DNR] under floodplain or shoreland zoning authority.

- ▼ Beach Construction and Maintenance
- ▼ Beavers
- ▼ Bluffs
- ▼ Boat ramps
- ▼ Boat shelters



Contact DNR Waterways:

Submit a general question about permitting for in-water projects that may impact streams, rivers, lakes and projects that may impact wetlands.

[Submit a question](#)

Submit a complaint for a potential waterway or wetland violation.

[Submit a complaint](#)

Waterways

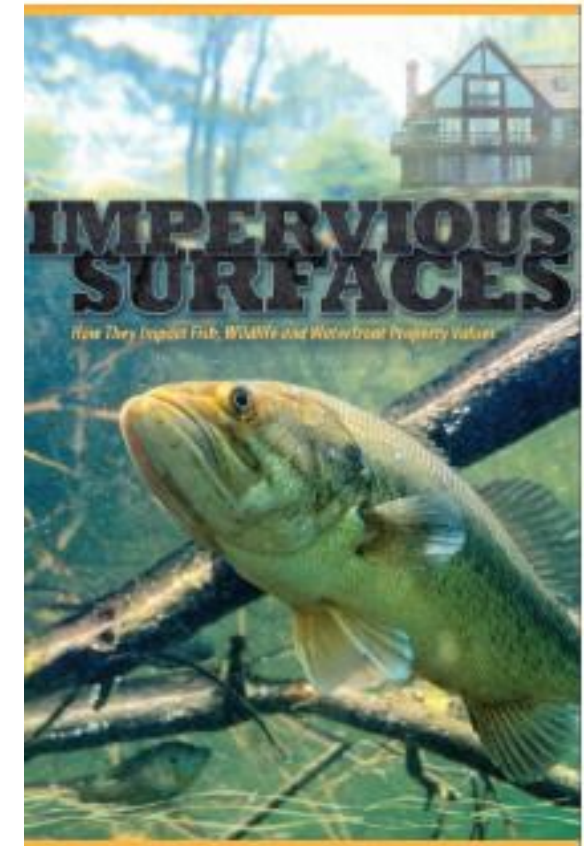
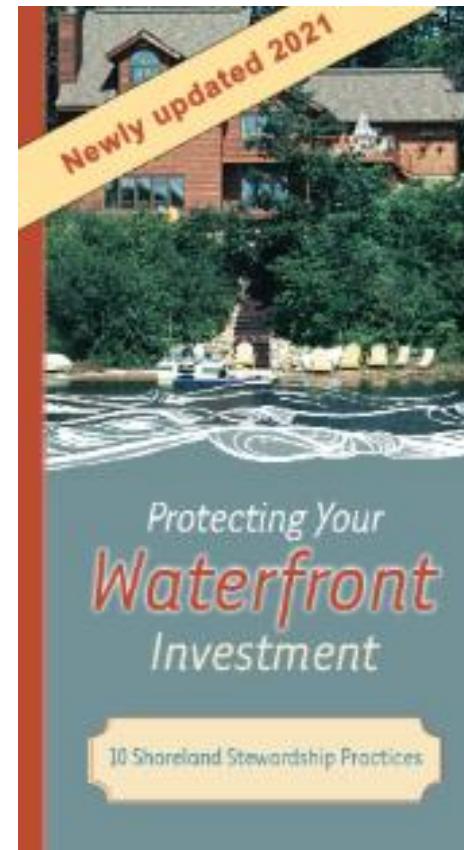
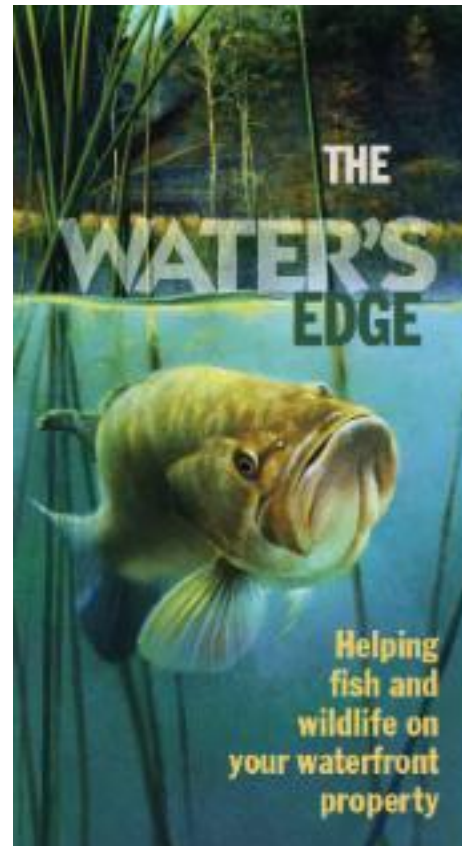
Related Links

[Water Permit Applications](#)

[Crossings Projects](#)

[Waterway and Wetland Recreation Projects](#)

Brochures: please take some



Wetland Training Opportunities

[Wetland Training Workshops - Professional Development | UW-La Crosse](#)

DNR – Field Wetland training - Stay Tuned...

Allison Willman, DNR Wetland Expert
Wetland 101

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