



# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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The effort to develop Alternate Shoreland Standards began as part of Governor Pawlenty's Clean Water Initiative pilot project in the north-central lakes area (Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, and Itasca counties). This was one of seven Pilot Lake projects submitted as a work plan to the Clean Water Cabinet in March 2004.

The first phase in 2004 identified key issues through 12 public input meetings. Phase 2 in 2005 has been devoted to developing an alternate set of shoreland management standards through the work of a 34 member advisory committee. This phase was completed on December 12, 2005. The advisory committee reached general agreement on the issues originally identified and developed a set of alternate standards that address them.

The shoreland standards developed by Shoreland Advisory Committee are not new shoreland rules; they are alternative standards, which local governments may consider including in their existing shoreland ordinances. For example, if a county chooses to adopt all or parts of these alternative standards, it is still required to conduct a public review and comment period for any proposed ordinance changes. These standards focus on new development and construction along lake front property.

During the advisory committee process in Phase 2, additional residential dock rules were discussed and attracted a lot of public interest. After much discussion the dock issue was not included in the alternative shoreland standards.

The alternative standards provide additional tools for local governments to address increasing growth and development that can negatively impact water quality and habitat. The Shoreland Advisory Committee believes development is possible without jeopardizing the natural resources, including lakes.

In summary, the Alternative Standards include, but are not limited to:

- ⇒ Multiple shoreland lake classifications on a single lake, for example, a natural environment bay of a general development lake.
- ⇒ Sensitive area districts for lakeshore segments, where development standards follow natural environment lake class standards.
- ⇒ New special protection lake classification for lakes where there is considerable wetland fringe, shallow depth, and/or unique fish and wildlife habitat or endangered species.

==> Improved planned unit development (PUD) standards, including: residential densities for all PUDs, increased setbacks, no density multipliers, clustered or grouped docking; no new resorts on special protection or natural environment lakes.

==> Special resort standards that allow for expansion and improvements while addressing water quality concerns with provisions for shoreland revegetation and compliance with stormwater and wastewater treatment standards. If converted to a residential development the resort must then meet residential standards.

==> Better water quality standards achieved by improved rainwater runoff management, increased drainfield setbacks, and higher shoreline buffer standards.

==> Prohibited controlled access lots for non-riparian lots.

==> Advanced subdivision controls, including promotion of conservation subdivisions over conventional (lot & block) subdivisions.

==> Larger lot sizes for new lots on general development lakes, and no lot size bonuses for sewer areas in any classification.

Phase 3 in 2006 will be devoted to providing information and assistance to interested counties on the alternative shoreland standards. For more information on Phase 3 please go to the DNR website: [www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters) and click on the link under **Shoreland Standards Update Process**



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