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Alterations within the Bluff Impact Zone or on Steep Slopes in the Shoreland District

Use this packet for preparation of an application for actions involving land, vegetative, or impervious surface alterations within a bluff impact zone or on steep slopes within the Shoreland District.

Complete, sign, and send the permit application to the District office for review and approval. Applications must be signed by the property owner or governmental unit (if applicable). Complete applications will include: (1) signed application; (2) necessary maps, diagrams and any necessary product specifications or calculations in duplicate; and (3) permit application/field inspection fees. Additional information may be required by the District after initial review.

Applications are usually reviewed within 14 days, however the District reserves the right to allow 60 days for approval from receipt of completed application. Once all plans and other permit requirements are met, the Board of Managers or their Designee will approve your permit. You can pick up the signed permit at the District office or we can mail it to you by request. PRWD Staff will inform you within ten (10) days written notice of any deficiencies in your application and ask you to make necessary changes.

In reviewing and approving applications, the following will be taken into consideration:

General Conditions:

The action will not result in increases in stormwater discharge rates to adjoining properties or to waters of the state for the 5-year, 25-year, and 100-year- 24-hour rainfall events and must utilize standards procedures for controlling runoff rates, nutrients, and sediments.

For development adjacent to a bluff or steep slope, drainage from hard surfaces should direct runoff away from the bluff or steep slope.

Proposed actions involving bluff impact zones or on steep slopes within the Shoreland District must include with the signed permit application the following:

- A. Grading and Sediment Erosion Control Plan
- B. Site evaluation and construction plans designed and signed by an appropriate professional.
- C. A soils engineering or geological report if requested by the District.

Shoreland District or Zone: land located within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high water mark of a lake, pond, or 300 feet from a river or stream, as defined in the Becker County Zoning Ordinance.

Shore Impact Zone (setback from ordinary high water level):
General development lake— 37.5 feet; Recreational development lake— 50 feet; Environmental Development Lake—75 feet;
unsewered rivers—50 feet; sewerred rivers— 37.5 feet

Steep slope: steep slopes, that are not bluffs, are lands having average slopes more than 12 percent, as measured over distances of 50 feet measured on the ground.

Bluff Impact Zone: Hill, cliff or embankment located within the shoreland area and draining to a water body, having a slope rising at least 25 feet above the ordinary high water level of the waterbody and where the grade of the slope from the toe of the bluff to any point 25 feet or more above the OHW averages 30% or greater and the land located within 20ft from the top of the bluff.

All actions and plans must utilize standards and procedures for controlling runoff rates, nutrients, and sediments as described in the Minnesota Stormwater Manual (MPCA , 2021) as revised.