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Your response has been recorded.

2025 Annual Shoreland Activities Survey

The DNR Shoreland Management Program thanks you for your ongoing work in administering your county's shoreland regulations. These regulations help to protect water quality, habitat and character. We would also like to thank you for taking the time at the end of each year to fill out the annual Shoreland Activities Survey.

Directions:

Please answer the following questions for your county's 2025 shoreland activities. Following are tips for navigating the Qualtrics survey:

- You must answer all required questions before you can move to the next page.
- You can leave a partially completed survey and return to it later by copying the URL and re-posting it in a browser.
- No information is saved unless you click the **Right Arrow** button at the bottom. Even if you complete a page the information will not be saved until you advance to the next page.
- **Once you complete the last page, the survey is saved and the DNR will receive your responses. You will also have the option to download a pdf of your completed survey.**
- The DNR will send you a PDF copy of your survey when the survey is closed.

- To receive a shoreland grant in 2025, please return your completed survey by **February 2, 2026**.
- If you have any questions, please contact:

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Select Your County

Steele



2025 Shoreland Block Grant Amount (\$)

3914

List the number of shoreland variance approvals in 2025 (if zero, please enter '0' in the box):

OHWL setback:

Of these, how many were in the SIZ?

Bluff setback:

Of these, how many were in the BIZ?

Septic System Setback:

Impervious coverage:

Building Height:

Did your county approve any subdivisions (with or without variances) in shoreland areas in 2025 where the lots did not meet the lot area and width standards?

☐ Yes

☒ **No**

Did you typically require conditions of approval on variances approved in 2025?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ **No**
- ☐ Did not approve any variances in 2024

For approximately how many variance inquiries in 2025 were alternative solutions found (thus reducing the actual number of variance applications)?

- ☒ **All**
- ☐ Most
- ☐ About half
- ☐ Hardly any
- ☐ None

What approaches were most effective in helping owners pursue alternative solutions?

denial of past similar variance requests.

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

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

What were the total number of lots created in shoreland areas in each of the following categories in 2025?

Shoreland PUD:

Standard lot and block subdivision:

Lot splits (administrative subdivision):

In 2025, how many land use permits did your county issue for new construction on previously undeveloped lots in shoreland areas?

In 2025, how many land use permits did your county issue in shoreland areas for redevelopment (e.g., expansion of structures, substantial improvements, new structures added to developed lots)?

0

How many permits for grading and filling within the SIZ, BIZ, and steep slopes were issued in 2025?

0

To the extent that grading and filling activities took place within the SIZ, BIZ, and steep slopes without a permit, what factors do you think contribute to this?

- ☒ **Landowner not knowing that a permit is required**
- ☒ **Landowner not being clear on what 'grading and filling' activities are**
- ☒ **General disregard for local requirements**
- ☐ Other
- ☐ NA- we have no problems with lack of compliance

Is there anything that the DNR can do to help improve compliance?

education

Does your county generally inspect work being done in shoreland?

☒ **Yes**

☐ No

If so, how does your county inspect the work? 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

Have any townships in your county taken on shoreland and/or floodplain zoning administration in 2025?

☐ Yes

☒ **No**

Are you aware of any townships in your county which intend to take on shoreland and/or floodplain zoning administration in 2026?

☐ Yes

☒ **No**

Riprap

The following questions will help us understand how you administer riprap permits.

Does your ordinance require a land alteration permit if there is grading or filling in the shore impact zone (SIZ), including riprap, that involves moving more than ten cubic yards of material?

☒ **yes**

☐ no

What do you consider "material" when determining if the ten cubic yard threshold is met for permitting a riprap project?
(select all that apply)

- ☒ **Rock riprap**
- ☒ **Crushed rock filter**
- ☒ **Earth moving prior to laying a rock filter and rock riprap**

Do you require applicants to demonstrate why they need riprap?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ **No**

Do you require the applicant to adhere to any performance standards in order to approve a riprap permit application?

- ☒ **Yes**
- ☐ No

Which of the following performance standards do you require?
(select all that apply):

The following dimensional standards of the shoreland model ordinance: 1) the finished slope does not exceed three feet

☒ **horizontal to one-foot vertical, 2) the landward extent of riprap is within ten feet of the OHWL, and 3), the height of the riprap above the OHWL does not exceed three feet.**

☒ **Limits on the amount of shoreline vegetation that can be removed.**

☐ A natural buffer will be installed within or above/behind the riprap.

☐ Limits on the length of the riprap.

☐ Other.

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

importance of setback and impervious surface in shoreland

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

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