

SHORELINE

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT is completely under the jurisdiction of the Municipalities. The following was written in collaboration with Matt Madison (Environmental Inspector)

NEW THE SHORELINE BUFFER ZONE AROUND THE LAKE ACTS AS A NATURAL FILTER FOR POLLUTANTS.

BUFFER ZONE / PROTECTED SHORELINE STRIP

MILLE-ISLES	NO VEGETATION CONTROL	15 meters (about 50 ft)
GORE	NO VEGETATION CONTROL & RESTORATION of VEGETATION	5 meters (about 16½ ft)

EXCEPTION: 15 m protected shoreline strip for residences built after June 2011

PATHWAY / LAKE ACCESS (WINDING PATH RECOMMENDED) **5 meters (about 16½ ft)**
 On steep slopes (30% or more) the lake access should be a narrow winding path or stairs.

CONSULT THE MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR AND THE MUNICIPALITY BY-LAWS FOR DETAILS.

SOME DETAILS ABOUT SHORELINE MANAGEMENT...

- NO CONTROL OF VEGETATION (mowing or cutting) is permitted in the protected shoreline strip except in the 5 meter access to the lake. If there are 2 accesses to the lake on the property, their combined width should not be more than 5 meters. This also applies to right-of-ways even if numerous houses share an access.
- Allow natural vegetation to grow in the buffer zone or restore with native trees, shrubs and plants.
- Restrict activities and material storage (picnic tables, chairs, boats, recreational equipment, etc.) in the protected zone outside the 5 meter access. This area could be blocked off to allow natural vegetation and new plantings to survive.
- Boat racks are highly recommended. If not available, attach watercraft along the side of the dock or on the dock or in the 5 meter access; otherwise store them back of the protected zone. Continually pulling boats up onto the shore causes erosion and should be avoided. The boat rack should be high enough off the ground to allow growth of vegetation underneath.
- Building or installing a deck or dock (wharf) **REQUIRES A PERMIT** from the municipality.
- Bonfires / fire-pits are not permitted anywhere within 15 meters of the lake (even on the access).
Ashes contain phosphorus which can leach into the lake.
- **SOME EXAMPLES OF OTHER WORK NOT PERMITTED ON THE SHORELINE:**
 - building or reinforcing a wall
 - adding sand or gravel to an access - this action has serious negative and long term effects on a lake leading to erosion and sediments entering the lake - it is practically impossible to repair the damage

Any permanent construction must be located at a minimum of 20 meters from the lake.
 There can be exceptions but they must be authorized by the Municipal Inspector.

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