

Open House – Waukesha County Shoreland Zoning Update

The Waukesha County Department of Parks & Land Use invites you to an open house regarding proposed amendments to the Waukesha County Shoreland & Floodland Protection Ordinance.

When: Thursday, June 23, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Delafield Town Hall
W302 N1254 Maple Ave.
Delafield, WI 53018

Who Should Attend: Land owners, town officials, lake district members, building contractors and others that would like to learn more or offer input regarding proposed revisions to County shoreland zoning rules.

Why is the shoreland ordinance being updated?

- Implement revised State shoreland zoning rules (Chapter NR115 WI Admin. Code).
- Comply with revised State shoreland zoning law (Section 59.692 WI Statutes).
- Modernize County zoning provisions with attention devoted to strategies to eliminate unnecessary variances.

How have proposed ordinance changes been developed?

- An advisory committee consisting of key stakeholders including lake district representatives, builders, engineers, developers, natural resource professionals, and town and County planners and officials met four times in early 2016 to guide the ordinance update process and select recommended alternatives.

What is proposed to stay the same?

- County shoreland zoning applies to unincorporated lands within 1000' of a lake, 300' of a navigable stream or to the full extent of an associated floodplain.
- Typical shore setback remains 75'.
- Mapping of zoning districts and most zoning use provisions.
- Town input (joint hearings, town recommendations regarding major zoning actions).

What is proposed to change?

- Impervious surface limitations and mitigation standards introduced to comply with State requirements.
 - Replace floor area ratio & open space rules with “building footprint” and “tiered” building height scheme.
 - More flexibility for improvements to non-conforming structures.
 - Miscellaneous zoning text changes including modified boathouse rules and shore cutting provisions.
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If you are unable to attend and would like more information, please see project information at www.waukeshacounty.gov/planningandzoning (see “News and Events”) or contact one of the following:

- Amy Barrows or Jason Fruth, Waukesha County Planning & Zoning Division, (262) 548-7790.

**** A quorum of the Waukesha County Park and Planning Commission and/or County Board or its Committees may be present.***