

Common Shoreline Questions

Who do I contact?

- I want to build a shed/ structure.
- I see someone dumping in a wetland.
- Is my septic tank up to code?
- How much vegetation can I clear to see the lake?

Generally, the county has jurisdiction for activities above the ordinary high water level.

Contact your local **county zoning office**:

If you are building check if you need a permit!

- I think I found a new aquatic invasive species!
- I want to clear plants in the water, like cattails.
- I want to add riprap to my shoreline.
- I want a beach.

Contact your Area Hydrologist at the **Minnesota DNR**:
www.dnr.state.mn.us OR www.dnr.state.mn.us/permits/water

Generally, the DNR has jurisdiction for activities below the ordinary high water level.

- I have a problem with erosion.
- I want to learn how I can protect my lake's health.
- What plants can I add for pollinator habitat?
- I want to install a conservation project on my land.

SWCDs offer technical and financial assistance to improve conservation. They do not have regulating authority.

Contact your local **soil and water conservation district**:

- Is my lake treated for AIS?
- What is the history of my lake?
- I want to get more involved and make a difference on my lake!

Contact your Lake Association or Lake Improvement District.