

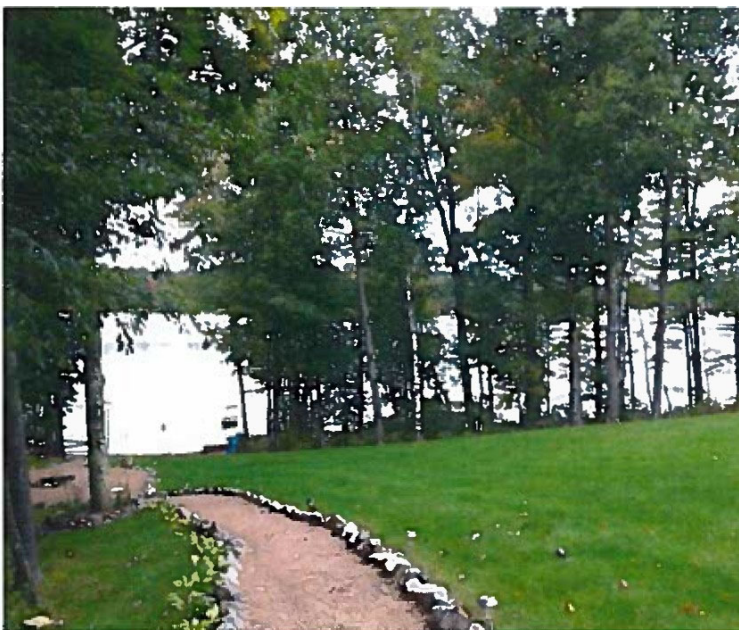
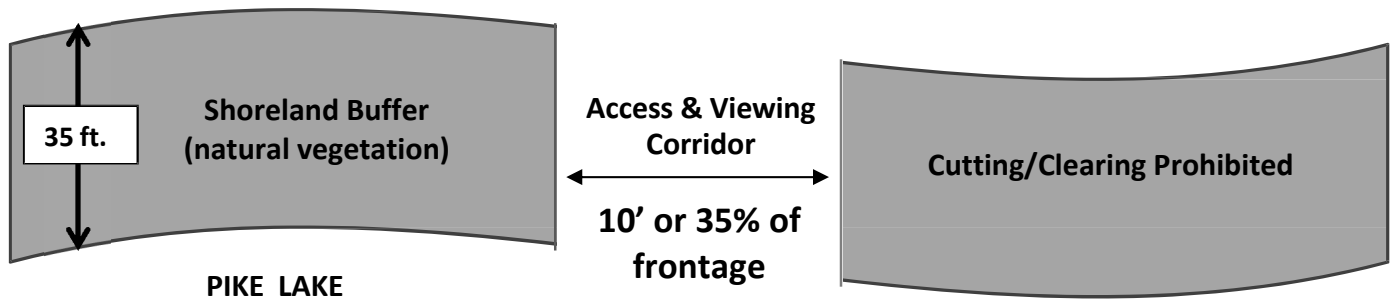


PRESERVATION & REMOVAL OF TREES AND SHRUBS IN THE SHORELAND VEGETATIVE BUFFER ZONE

A Shoreland Vegetative Buffer is the area of protected vegetation along the shoreline extending 35 feet inland. The removal of vegetation is restricted within 35 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) as stated in county and state shoreland regulations. For further information review the Manitowoc County Shoreland Ordinance Sec. 9.33.

Healthy shoreland buffers are important for the waterway and property values. Buffers are necessary to prevent erosion, protect water quality, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, and natural scenic beauty. Please contact the zoning office for more information if you are planning on clearing vegetation within the shoreland buffer.

Removal of vegetation beyond 35 feet from the waterway is allowed when accomplished using best management practices (BMP's) for forestry and soil conservation. Refer to the DNR publication "Wisconsin's forestry best management practices for water quality" for more information.



Access & Viewing Corridor

- An access and viewing corridor may be 10 feet or 35% of the shoreline frontage, whichever is greater, not to exceed 200'.
- The allowable access and viewing corridor may run contiguously for the entire maximum width of frontage owned.
- Soil disturbance such as grubbing stumps and stripping groundcover vegetation is prohibited within 35 feet of the OHWM. Some form of vegetation must be maintained on the ground within the view and access corridor to prevent bank erosion and sedimentation of the waterway. Sand, gravel or rock is not allowed as an alternative to groundcover vegetation in the view and access corridor unless otherwise approved by the zoning office.