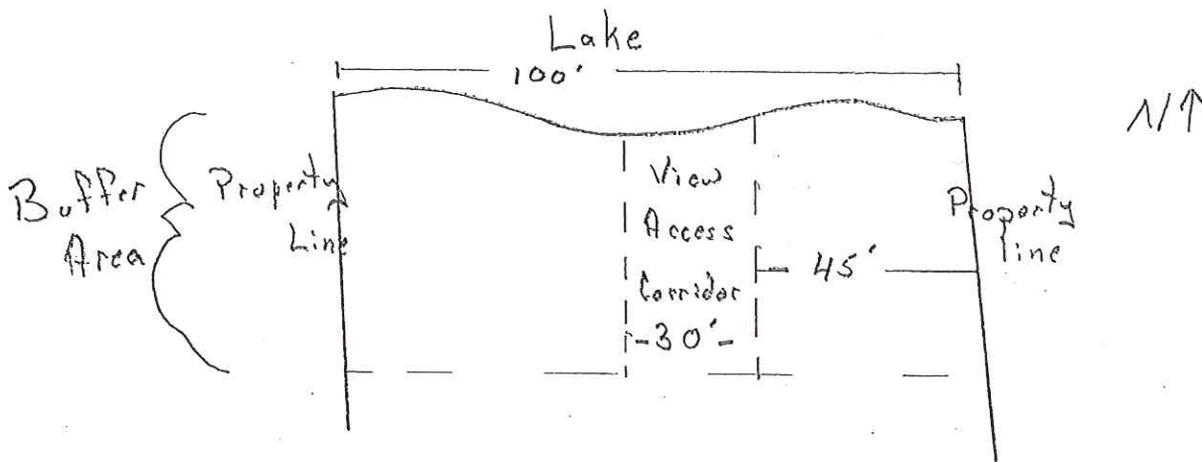


HOW TO FILL OUT THE BUFFER FORMS FOR COMPLIANCE

There are three documents needed to demonstrate compliance with the Adams County Shoreland, Wetland, and Habitat Protection Ordinance. Briefly, the following are instructions for properly filling out these forms.

- 1) A permit application is being used as a cover for filing the required documents. No permit will be issued and no fee will be charged if you are simply documenting vegetated buffer compliance. The required sections of this form to fill out are the landowner section, the legal description of the property, and the signature block. In the Construction Description section, please enter "Buffer Documentation". In the Building Description section, please enter "N/A".
- 2) To fill out the Operation and Maintenance form you will enter the length of your frontage in the first blank of bullet #1. The remaining blanks are available for you to designate your view/access corridor(s). The view/access corridor is an area in which the basic vegetation requirements of the buffer need not be met such as a beach area. This corridor may not exceed 30% of your frontage. You are not REQUIRED to designate a view/access corridor. Nor are you required to designate the full 30% if you do not want to. In bullet #3 please enter the species of plants (trees, shrubs, and understory) present in the first 35 feet (buffer area) of the property. The remaining bullets lay out the do's and don'ts of the buffer program.
- 3) The third document is a site plan, which each landowner will need to create on their own since each lot will be different from the neighboring lots. The site plan can be a simple line drawing depicting the shoreline (with length of shoreline noted), property lines, and the dimension of the view/access corridor (no greater than 30% of the shoreline length) and its distance from at least one of the property lines. (Example below)



As always, assistance is available by calling Adams County Planning and Zoning Office at 608 339-4222.



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Planning & Zoning Department
Permit Application

P. O. Box 187 Phone: 608 339-4222
Friendship, WI 53934 Fax: 608 339-4504

Date: FILE #:
Parcel #: County Zoning District:
State Sanitary #: Shoreland Zoning District:
State UDC Seal #: FIRM / Flood Study Zone:
Waterfront Yes No Airport Height Zoning:

* ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS: (1) Per Sec. 4-2.05 of the Adams County Shoreland, Wetland and Habitat Protection Ordinance, all nonconforming shoreline buffer areas shall be brought into compliance by July 1, 2015. (2) The undersigned hereby applies for a Permit to do work described and located as shown on this application and the attached plot plan. For your protection, determine if your project is subject to any regulations etc. other than Adams County.

* SETBACKS: All lot lines shall be physically marked for all setbacks that are less than ten feet greater than the required setback (e.g. side lot setback = 10 ft., if actual setback will be less than 20 ft., must mark lot line). Permits are issued based upon information submitted including the plot plan. It is the property owner/contractor responsibility to complete construction according to the approved submittals and in accordance with County Zoning, Sanitary, Building Construction and/or Land Division Ordinances, and with all laws of the State of Wisconsin applicable to said premises and work.

CIRCLE ACTIVITY(S): BUFFER RESTORE EROSION CONTROL ZONING SANITARY BUILDING RAZING

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & FILL OUT COMPLETELY

Owned By: Phone:
{First} {Middle Initial} {Last}

Mailing Address:

Property Description:

Gov. Lot: or 1/4, 1/4, Sec. T N, R E CSM:

Lot: ; Block: ; Addition: ; Subdivision: Town:

Property Address (if any):

Lot / Parcel Size: Width: Length: Acres / Sq. Ft.:

Ground Coverage (Buildings Only):

Construction Description:

(New Building, Addition, Electric, Plumbing, HVAC, Moving, Alteration, Sanitary, etc.)

Use:
(Residence, Accessory Building, Commercial, Industrial, Public etc.)

Type of Construction (if Manufactured Home, list year):
(Frame, Masonry, Manufactured, Pole, etc.)

Building Description: Width: Length: Area: Sq. Ft.

Height: No. of Stories: No. of Bedrooms:

IMPORTANT NOTES: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON SIGNING TO CALL FOR REQUIRED INSPECTIONS. THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES: (1) THAT THEY HAVE READ *NOTES ABOVE. AND THE NOTICE ON THE BACK OF THIS PERMIT APPLICATION REGARDING WETLANDS. THE SIGNATURE BELOW ALSO GRANTS CONSENT FOR DEPARTMENT STAFF TO ENTER PREMISES.

Signature of Owner or Agent: Phone:

Printed Name: Address:

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Comments / Conditions:

Zoning: \$ Other: \$
Sanitary: \$ State: \$
Building: \$ Total: \$

Multiple horizontal lines for comments and conditions.

Paid (check # or cash):

Date: By:

Approved / Denied by: Date:



PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

P.O. BOX 187, COURTHOUSE, FRIENDSHIP, WI 53934 - PHONE: 608 339-4222

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR RIPARIAN BUFFER

Landowner: _____

Date: _____

1. Buffer area will be 35 feet deep (measured from water/land interface landward) by _____ feet wide (measured along shoreline) excluding (circle choice) 1 2 3 planned view/access corridor(s). One view/access corridor is planned to be _____ feet wide and begin _____ feet from the N S E W property line to encompass the following (examples: steps, pier, beach area, swim dock etc.) _____

The second view/access corridor is planned to be _____ feet wide and begin _____ feet from the (circle one) N S E W property line to encompass the following (examples: steps, pier, beach area, swim dock etc.) _____

2. You may remove diseased trees and shrubs, broken trees and shrubs, and other debris that may cause safety hazards.

3. Is the buffer area currently free of erosion? Y N Vegetative species present in buffer area include: Tree species:

Shrubs species: _____

Understory species (grasses, plants etc.): _____

4. A planned riparian buffer installation of native plant material will bring the property into compliance. The landowner will install a native plant mix as described in attachment A.

5. Removal of ground cover, trees, shrubs and mowing is prohibited in the riparian buffer area, except in the viewing corridor where vegetation may be mowed regularly.

6. State of Wisconsin listed noxious weeds (Canada thistle, Field bindweed, Leafy spurge, Purple loosestrife, and Multiflora rose) shall be controlled.

7. Herbicide use is prohibited in the riparian buffer area except to control noxious weeds. Use herbicides according to label instructions.

8. Fertilizers are prohibited within the riparian buffer area.

9. Insecticides may be used only to control pests causing damage to the riparian buffer plants. Use insecticides according to label instructions.

10. Any activity that causes damage to the plants within the riparian buffer area is prohibited (i.e. piles of leaves, ATV traffic, piles of lumber, buildings, burning).

11. Riparian buffer area may be irrigated as deemed necessary provided erosion does not occur.

12. Allow the Adams County Planning & Zoning Department and Department of Natural Resources access to periodically review the riparian area.

The maintenance agreement has been reviewed with me (property owner) and I agree to comply.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Property Owner



FACT SHEET

SHORELAND, WETLAND, AND HABITAT PROTECTION ORDINANCE MAJOR REVISIONS 2011

View the entire Ordinance at: <http://www.co.adams.wi.gov/Departments/PlanningandZoning/tabid/81/Default.aspx>

Highlights of the Ordinance revisions can be found below; details are found in the Ordinance

Buffer Zone

MAINTENANCE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A VEGETATIVE BUFFER ZONE

The waters of Adams County are one of our greatest resources. To protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and natural scenic beauty, and to promote preservation and restoration of native vegetation, this ordinance designates land that extends from the ordinary high water mark to a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet inland as a vegetative buffer zone and prohibits the removal of vegetation in the vegetative buffer zone except as follows:

1. A Vegetated Buffer Zone is an area (35 feet deep) along the shore of whatever body of water is found on the property. This body of water may be a lake, stream, or river. This area must have vegetation in the form of grasses, flowers, trees and/or shrubs. This vegetation can be native or non-native or a combination of both.
2. A landowner may create/maintain view/access corridor(s) to the water for personal use. Trees and shrubs may be removed in the vegetative buffer zone to create access and viewing corridors, but this view access corridor(s) is limited to a total of 30% of the shoreline frontage. For example, on a property with 100 ft of frontage, a landowner may have one view/access corridor of 30 feet or they may have multiple corridors, but the total may not exceed 30% of the shoreline frontage or 30 ft in this case. There is no requirement to utilize the full 30% allowable for view/access corridors. Within the view/access corridor, a sand recreational area may be maintained with hand tools. All access to water, including piers, docks, and/or stairs must be placed in the access and viewing corridor(s). All storage of any material or equipment must also be confined to the access and viewing corridor(s).
3. The portion of the buffer zone that is not considered view/access corridor (not less than seventy percent (70%) of the length of this buffer zone) shall have vegetation preserved. The landowner will create a maintenance agreement for the entire buffer zone which shall be approved by the County and on file at the County and shall describe existing vegetation and/or vegetation restored and what maintenance activities shall occur in the vegetative buffer zone. Assistance may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department to develop your buffer plan and maintenance agreement. The vegetated portion of the buffer zone must have a canopy cover of 50% or more native plants upon maturity. Native plants are those species which existed here prior to European settlement. Canopy is defined as the area covered by leafy branches or plants. As an example, a single oak tree (native) may be expected, when mature, to cover an area 30+ feet in diameter while a purple coneflower (also native) might cover an area of 3 feet in diameter when mature.
4. By July 1, 2015, all lands that extend from the ordinary high water mark to a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet inland that currently do not meet the above requirements, shall become vegetative buffer zones or be considered in violation of this ordinance. Exception to this requirement are lands that extend from the ordinary high water mark to a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet inland that had no existing vegetation prior to the Adams County Shoreland Protection Ordinance effective date of 1/1/1971.

See Section 4 of the Ordinance for further buffer vegetation maintenance & management detail.

Waterfront Vegetated Buffers

Required Installation Compliance Date: July 01, 2015

Purpose: Protection of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and scenic beauty.

Adams County Planning & Zoning Department Shoreland, Wetland and Habitat Protection Ordinance

Compliant Buffers:

Cost-Shared Types: Land and Water Conservation Department - 100% Native Plants.

Non Cost-Shared Types: Minimum 35 feet of vegetation, 50% Native Plant Canopy upon Maturity, 1 native plant per 100 sq ft of buffered area.



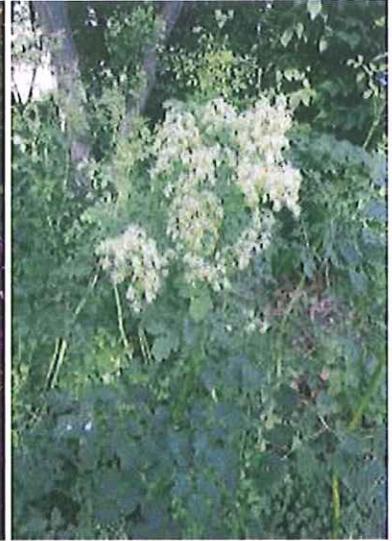
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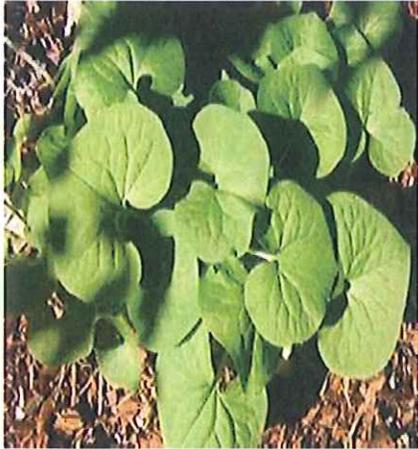
Blue Flag Iris



New England Aster



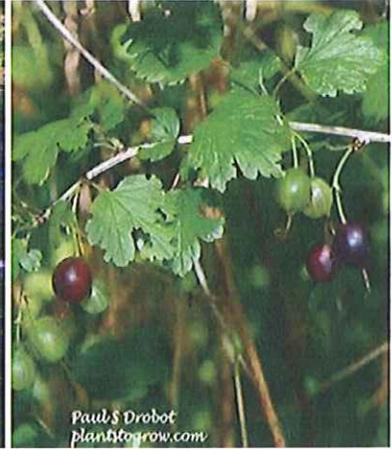
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Wild Ginger



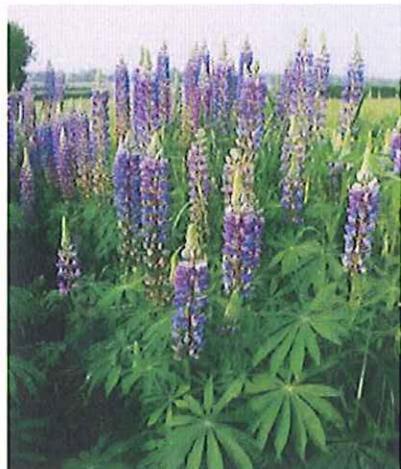
Great Blue Lobelia



Gooseberry



Wild (Swamp) Rose



Lupine

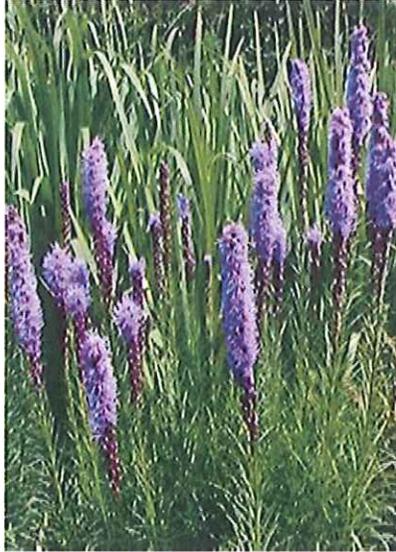


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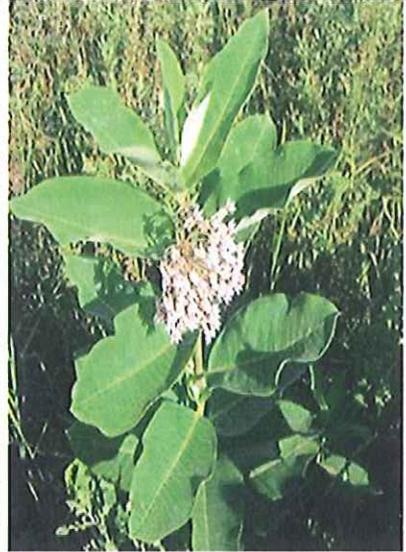
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Columbine



Blazingstar



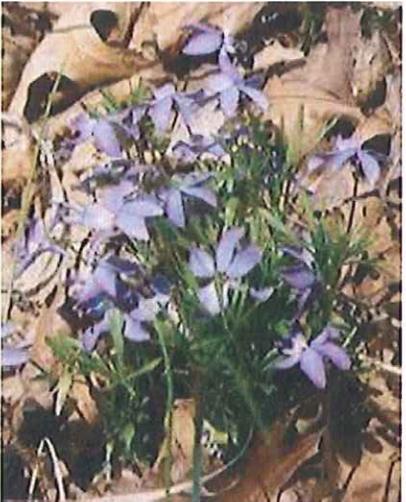
Common Milkweed



Poison Ivy



Bottlebrush Grass



Birdsfoot Violet



Smooth Sumac



Culver's Root



Spiderwort

NATIVE PLANTS THAT MAY BE FOUND IN WATERFRONT BUFFERS IN ADAMS COUNTY, WI



Dotted Mint



Canada Wild Rye



Big Bluestem



Red Milkweed



Yellow Coneflower



Beebalm/Monarda



Cardinal Flower



Broadleaf Plantain



Joe Pye Weed