

**2013 ANNUAL SHORELAND ORDINANCE  
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES REPORT**



2013 Shoreland Block Grant Amount: \$3,264.00

**Directions:** Please answer the following questions for your county's 2013 activities within the shoreland district. To receive a shoreland block grant in 2014, this form must be completed by February 1, 2014.

**Planning & Zoning**

1. Did your county update or amend its comprehensive plan in 2013? No \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)
2. Do you plan to update your comprehensive plan in 2014? No \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)
3. Did your county update or amend its shoreland ordinance in 2013? No \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)  
If yes, describe the nature of the change:
4. Do you plan to update your shoreland ordinance in 2014? No \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)
5. Does your county notify the DNR at least 10 days prior to public hearings for variances, CUPs, and ordinance amendments, and within 10 days after final decisions? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)
6. If yes:
  - a. Who do you notify? Randy Brandt, Rochester \_\_\_\_\_ (name of DNR staff person)
  - b. How do you notify them? Email, US mail & phone (mail, e-mail, other)
  - c. What information do you provide? Notice, application, submittals (notice, application, plans, other)
7. List the number of shoreland variances you issued in 2013:

Variance Type	# Approved with Conditions	# Approved without Conditions	# Denied
OHWL setback	0	0	0
Bluff setback	0	0	0
Expansion of nonconforming structure	0	0	0
Impervious surface	0	0	0
Development of nonconforming contiguous lots in same ownership	0	0	0
Subdivision of land not meeting lot area/width standards	0	0	0
Building height	0	0	0
Mooring spaces	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0

8. If variances are approved with conditions, what are some examples of typical conditions?  
Mower County doesn't get a lot of Variance requests for anything. Usually unless it is because of something regarding the land that has caused the practical difficulty; the Mower County Board of Adjustment doesn't grant variances. Mower County is one of three counties in this state which does not have any natural lakes. Most of the County's PWI are streams; streams which are subject to flooding; so rarely anyone is asking to decrease a setback to be closer to it. I have been here for 5-years and do not recall any variances for shoreland issues. Mower County usually only has 4-5 variances per year and half each year are for landowners wanting to use holding tanks for sheds – so that they don't have to run to the house. We are in-process of updating that ordinance and then only expect 2-3 variances per year maximum. Most of Mower County's zoning issues have more to do with floodplain issues than shoreland.

9. If variances are approved without conditions, why not? variances when granted usually include conditions – however no variances in the past 5 years have been shoreland related.
10. For approximately what percent of variance inquiries in 2013 were alternative solutions found that eliminated the need for an actual variance application? We had NO inquiries in 2013.
11. If alternative solutions were found, what are some typical examples? N/A

**Land Subdivision**

12. List the number of lots created in 2013:

Type of subdivision	Total # of Lots Created	How many of <u>these lots</u> (shaded box) were in Conservation Subdivisions?	How many of <u>these lots</u> (shaded box) were in Resort Conversions?
PUD Plats	0	0	0
Non-PUD or standard Plats	0	0	0
Lot Splits or admin subdivisions	0	0	0

**Permits**

13. How many land use permits were issued in shoreland areas in 2013?
  - a. New construction on previously undeveloped lots: 1 new dwelling/garage (total # of permits)
  - b. Redevelopment (e.g., expansion of structures, substantial improvements, new structures added to developed lots): 4 (3 sheds, 1 replacement dwelling)(total # of permits)
14. How many permits for grading, excavation, filling, or soil disturbance within the shore impact zone were issued in 2013? none (total # of permits)
15. Do you generally inspect the work? When applicable –yes –work with SWCD who is also Cedar River Watershed Administrator. (yes or no)

**Enforcement**

16. Do you enforce the 50-foot agriculture buffer requirement? Yes, when an issue is found. yes or no) If yes, describe 2013 activities in the space below: None in 2013.
17. Do you enforce vegetation management standards for non-agriculture properties? Yes (yes or no) If yes, describe 2013 activities in the space below: None in 2013 – examples would be stormwater management, erosion management.

**Other**

18. What shoreland-related training, guidance, or tools do your staff or Board of Adjustment need?

**None**

19. What special measures or initiatives has your county pursued to protect shorelands (e.g., vegetation restoration, advanced stormwater management practices, etc.) in 2013? Please describe below: Watershed districts, erosion control ordinance, floodplain ordinance, shoreland ordinance,

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