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2016 Annual Shoreland Activities Report

2016 Shoreland
Block Grant Amount
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Directions: Please answer the following questions for your county's 2016 activities within the shoreland area (1000 feet from lakes and 300 feet from rivers or the extent of the floodplain, whichever is greater).

To receive a shoreland grant in 2017, this form must be completed by February 28, 2017.

Variances

Q1 List the number of shoreland variance approvals in 2016 (if zero, please enter "0" in the box):

A) OHWL setback:

B) Bluff setback:

C) Impervious surface:

D) Building height:

E) Combination of contiguous nonconforming lots of record in common ownership for sale or development (Minn. Stat. § 394.36, Subd. 5(d)):

F) Subdivision of land not meeting lot area/width standards:

G) Other (please specify): *You have left characters left in your response.*

Q2 Approximately how many approved variances for items A through D above involved new construction on a conforming lot?

Most

- About half
- Hardly any
- None

Q3 Does your county typically place conditions on approved variances?

- Yes
- No

Q4 Optional: Please describe any innovative conditions your county has required on approved variances in the last year.

**We plan to share this information with other counties, so we are looking for innovative ideas and unique, unusual, or special circumstances and solutions that other counties can learn from.*

You have left characters left in your response.

The Koochiching County Board of Adjustment's policy is to prohibit any encroachment into the shore impact zone.

Q5 For approximately how many variance inquiries in 2016 were alternative solutions found (thus reducing the actual number of variance applications)?

- Most
- About half
- Hardly any
- None

Q6 If alternative solutions were found, what are some typical examples? Check all that apply.

- Alternative site found on property
- Size or footprint of structure or scope of project reduced
- Acquired additional land
- Redesigned project (size or scope of project reduced)
- Didn't build
- Reduced impervious coverage

Other, please describe the alternative solution:

You have left characters left in your response.

Q7 Does your county require septic system compliance inspections (system upgrades) whenever a permit or variance is granted?

- Yes
- No

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Lots & Land Subdivisions

Q8 What were the total number of lots created in 2016?

| | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Shoreland PUD | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| Standard lot and block subdivision | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| Lot Splits (administrative subdivision) | <input type="text" value="17"/> |

Q9 Were any of these lots part of Resort Conversions?

- Yes
- No

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Permits

Q10 How many land use permits did your county issue in shoreland areas in 2016 for new construction on previously undeveloped lots:

| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Total # of permits for conforming lots | <input type="text" value="8"/> |
| Total # of permits for nonconforming lots | <input type="text" value="0"/> |

Q11 How many land use permits did your county issue in shoreland areas in 2016 for redevelopment (e.g., expansion of structures, substantial improvements, new structures added to developed lots):

| | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Total # of permits for conforming lots | <input type="text" value="21"/> |
| Total # of permits for nonconforming lots | <input type="text" value="0"/> |

Q12 How many permits for grading, excavation, filling, or soil disturbance within the shore impact zone were issued in 2016?

Q13 Does your county generally inspect the work?

- Yes
- No

Q14 If so, how and when? Check all that apply.

- On-site inspection prior to construction
- On-site inspection during construction
- On-site inspection after construction
- As-built drawings and measurements required after construction
- Other

Q15 Other, please describe:
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as-built drawings and measurements required with application.

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Planning & Enforcement

Q16 Did your county update or amend its shoreland ordinance in 2016?

- Yes
- No

Q17 If yes, describe the nature of the change:
You have left characters left in your response.

Q18 Does your county have plans to amend its shoreland ordinance in 2017?

- Yes
- No

Q19 Does your county notify the DNR at least 10 days prior to public hearings for variances, CUPs, and ordinance amendments within 10 days after final decisions?

- Yes
- No

Q20 If yes:

Who do you notify?
(name of DNR staff person)

How do you notify them? (mail, email, etc.)

What information do you provide? (notice, application, site plans, etc.)

Q21 Are there any challenges to notifying the DNR earlier, e.g., 20 days, 30 days, or more?
**We are asking this question because 10 days does not provide the DNR with sufficient time for review, particularly for ordinances, and we would like to know what most counties would consider a workable time frame.*
You have left characters left in your response.

Most notices go out 10-15 days prior to the public hearing. Have to always keep in mind the 60-day rule?

- Q22** Which townships in your county have taken on shoreland and floodplain zoning administration? Please list the townships and describe any cooperative agreements between your county and townships:
You have left characters left in your response.

Koochiching County no longer has any organized townships.

- Q23** How does your county administer shoreland provisions that restrict cutting on non-ag lands? (Please describe.)
You have left characters left in your response.

The Koochiching County Lands & Forestry Department works with the logging community and they follow strict BMP's.

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Resources/Training/Other

All of the following questions are optional.

- Q24** What shoreland-related trainings, guidance, or tools do your staff or Board of Adjustment need?
You have left characters left in your response.

The Koochiching County Board of Adjustment consists of five members and they very much appreciate onsite guidance given by our DNR Hydrologist and Fisheries Staff.

- Q25** Briefly describe provisions in your shoreland ordinance that are more effective than the minimum state standards in protecting shorelands (e.g., greater setbacks, special protection districts, stormwater management provisions, vegetation standards, etc.). If there are none, please leave this blank.
You have left characters left in your response.

Approximately early 1990's Koochiching County adopted several river specific shoreland management ordinances. In each of these 3 ordinances the DNR allowed a slight deviation from the rules pertaining to structure setbacks in exchange for increasing the on-site septic system setback.

- Q26** We plan to share this with other counties. Would you be willing to tell us more if we contact you?
- Yes
 No

- Q27** Have any new or unanticipated issues arisen in the past year that you would like the DNR to

address or provide guidance on?
You have left characters left in your response.

no

Q28 Did your county pursue or consider pursuing any special initiatives or outreach efforts to protect shorelands in 2016? Please describe:
You have left characters left in your response.

no

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Thank you for completing this form!

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