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## 2019 Annual Shoreland Activities Survey

**Directions:** Please answer the following questions for your county's 2019 activities within the shoreland area (1000 feet from lakes and 300 feet from rivers or the extent of the floodplain, whichever is greater).

This survey is six pages in length. All questions are required unless otherwise noted. You will not be able to move onto the next page until all required questions are answered.

There is an option to "save" your survey, but clicking this button does not submit your survey to the DNR

**You must click "submit" on the last page of the survey in order for the DNR to receive your responses.**

If you would like a copy of your complete responses for your records, please print your survey before you submit. A PDF copy of your survey responses will be sent to you when the survey is closed.

To receive a shoreland grant in 2020, this form must be completed by **February 1, 2020**.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
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County Name:

Koochiching

2019 Shoreland Block Grant Amount (\$)



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## Variances

List the number of shoreland variance approvals in 2019 (if zero, please enter "0" in the box):

A) OHWL setback	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Of these, how many were in the SIZ?	<input type="text" value="1"/>
B) Bluff setback	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Of these, how many were in the BIZ?	<input type="text" value="0"/>
C) Septic system setback	<input type="text" value="0"/>
D) Impervious coverage	<input type="text" value="0"/>
E) Building height	<input type="text" value="0"/>

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

- All  
 Most  
 About half  
 Hardly any  
 None

How many variances were approved in 2019 to allow guest cottages or guest quarters on lots not meeting the minimum lot size for duplexes?

How many variances were approved in 2019 to allow small contiguous lots in common ownership to be individually developed or sold and not combined as required by Minn. Stat. 394.36 Subd. 5(d)?

Did your county approve any subdivisions (with or without variances) in 2019 where the lots did not meet the lot area and width standards?

- Yes  
 No

Did you typically require conditions of approval on variances approved in 2019?

- Yes  
 No  
 Did not approve any variances in 2019

For approximately how many variance inquiries in 2019 were alternative solutions found (thus reducing the actual number of variance applications)?

- All  
 Most  
 About half  
 Hardly any  
 None

Does your county require septic system compliance (system upgrades) whenever a variance or permit of any kind is granted?

- Yes
- No

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### Lots & Land Subdivisions

What were the total number of lots created in 2019?

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="6"/>



Were there any resort conversions in your county?

Yes  
 No

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### Permits

How many land use permits did your county issue in shoreland areas in 2019 for **new construction on previously undeveloped lots**:

How many land use permits did your county issue in shoreland areas in 2019 for **redevelopment** (e.g., expansion of structures, substantial improvements, new structures added to developed lots):

How many permits for grading and filling within the SIZ, BIZ, and steep slopes were issued in 2019?

To what extent do you think grading and filling within the SIZ, BIZ, and steep slopes were permitted vs. done without a permit?

My personal belief is that it goes on often without our knowledge?

Does your county generally inspect the work?

- Yes
- No

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

How does your county administer and enforce the shoreland vegetation provisions that prohibit intensive vegetation clearing and limit selective cutting in the SIZ, BIZ, and on steep slopes on residential and commercial properties? Check all that apply.

- Complaint-based
- Specify quantifiable standards for cutting in ordinance
- Require permit
- Inspection
- Other

Other, please describe.

Koochiching County SWCD adminsters the buffer vegetation rules. ESD provides fact sheets to applic

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### Planning & Administration

Did your county update or amend its shoreland ordinance in 2019?

- Yes
- No

Does your county have plans to amend its shoreland ordinance in 2020?

- Yes
- No

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
- No

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

Rian Reed (DNR-Grand Rapids). Rian also attends some site inspections.

How do you notify them? (select all that apply)

- Email
- Mail
- Phone
- Other

Have any townships in your county taken on shoreland and floodplain zoning administration in 2019? If yes, please list the township(s) and describe any cooperative agreements between your county and township(s):

*You have 243 characters left in your response.*

Koochiching County does not have any organized townships.

Are you aware of any townships in your county which intend to take on shoreland and floodplain zoning administration in 2020? If yes, please list the township(s):

*You have 143 characters left in your response.*

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### Resources/Training/Other

*All of the following questions are optional.*

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

*You have 297 characters left in your response.*

Recent correspondence with DNR is they are looking at providing us with a webinar or power point presentation that we can show to our BOA due to the long travel distance we have any alternative training

Have any new or unanticipated issues arisen in the past year that you would like the DNR to address or provide guidance on? If yes, please describe:

*You have 462 characters left in your response.*

None that I can think of at this time

Did your county pursue or consider pursuing any partnerships, special initiatives, education and outreach efforts or unique higher standards to protect shorelands in 2019? If yes, please describe:

*You have 394 characters left in your response.*

Koochiching County SWCD is exploring options for "INVASIVE CATTAIL REMOVAL" in certain bays on Rainy Lake

If you have any additional comments or questions on any shoreland-related issues, please enter them here:

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None that I can think of at this time

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