

## Permanent Piers and Structures within Waterways:

Are you looking at pursuing the purchase and installment of a permanent pier or a new pier configuration on your shoreland property? Before diving into the purchase process, please take a moment to read the following documents to make sure whatever type of configuration you are planning to implement, is following DNR standards. ([WI DNR Pier Planner](#)) ([WI DNR Pier Exemption Checklist](#))

If you have further questions on the guidelines of these documents, please consider contacting the regional DNR Water Management Specialist to discuss the process. This can help avoid potential violations, fees, and penalties for not following the set state standards for piers and structures within waterways. For more information on structures within Wisconsin Waterways, Frequently Asked Questions and more please visit: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways/recreation/recreation.html>

In addition, Town of Oakland residents should follow all rules within the Town's pier ordinance. Please read over the ordinance at the Town of Oakland website. (To Navigate: Select Government Tab, Ordinances and Resolutions, Scroll to No. 42) [Ordinance 42](#)

If you are within a designated sensitive area of Lake Ripley, there may be more protocols to follow for the installation of a permanent pier or structure. You can view the sensitive areas on Lake Ripley within the [Lake Ripley Management Plan](#) on page 3. You can find the plan on the Lake Ripley District Webpage under "Community" Tab, then Plans Reports, more" select Current Lake Ripley Management District Plan, 10 Year 2021-2031.

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