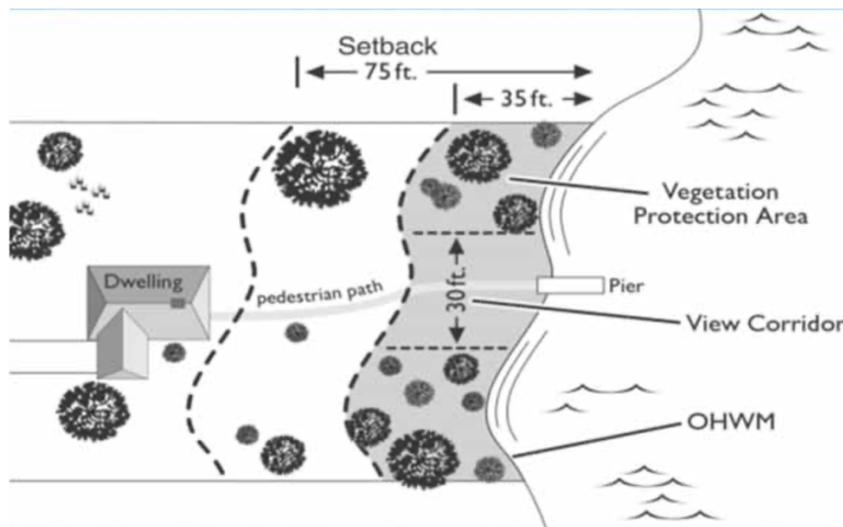


SHORELAND VEGETATION

The Town's Land Use Ordinance 17-88 provides the requirements for shoreline vegetation. The intent is to protect natural scenic beauty, control erosion, protect fish and wildlife habitat and reduce effluent and nutrient flow into the water from the shoreland.

To satisfy that intent, a **35 foot buffer zone along the lakeshore shall be established and maintained as a vegetative buffer zone**, a statewide regulation. This area should remain untouched with the exception of an *Access and View (Use) Corridor* (see Ord 17-88 for additional details). Piers/Docks, boat lifts, boathouses, shelters or any accessory structure shall be located in the Use Corridor. **The Access/View/Use Corridor should not exceed 30 feet wide**, as measured perpendicular to the side lot lines at the shoreline. Use corridors shall not be created where the absence of vegetation provides a similar naturally occurring opening. Corridors are created by the selective removal of shrubs and saplings (a young tree not over four inches in diameter at chest height) and the selective delimiting of larger trees to provide a filtered view or through a plan approved by the Zoning Administrator. See the diagram below.



Vegetation in the 35' buffer zone should not be removed, except in the circumstances of invasive/exotic species, or damaged/diseased vegetation which may cause an imminent safety hazard. Prior to any vegetation removal, the property owner should contact the Zoning Administrator (zoning@townofspiderlakewi.gov) to determine if a permit is required.

Should a permit be required, the property owner may be granted a permit for additional vegetation management activities. The application must contain a detailed plan showing erosion control measures, the intended plantings, monitoring/maintenance activities and preservation plans for the restored area.

Additional resources for waterfront property owners can be found on the DNR website:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ShorelandZoning/Care/explore.html>

Please review these guidelines with your caretakers and lawn service providers, and thank you for being good stewards of the natural environment.