

## Tree Removal Permit Application Shoreland Zoning

This permit application reflects code requirements of the Town of Madison's Chapter 487 Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, Section P Clearing or removal of vegetation for activities other than timber harvesting.

Map# \_\_\_\_\_ Lot# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

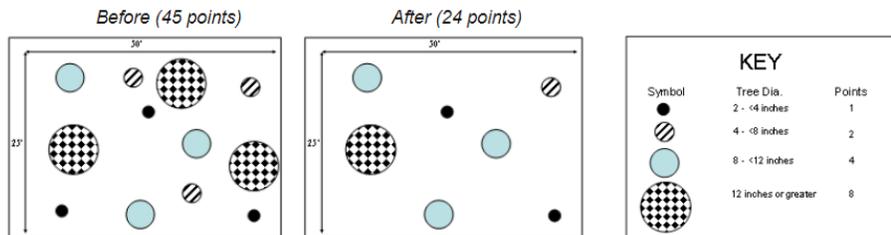
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

(contact information requested to provide a copy of approved document)

The clearing of vegetation guidelines limit the amount of trees that can be cut in the shoreland zone. In order to maintain water quality, protect wildlife, and to preserve the natural beauty of shoreland areas, it is important to maintain naturally vegetated shoreland areas.

Generally, in the first 100 feet from the normal high-water mark adjacent to great ponds and rivers flowing to great ponds, commonly referred to as the buffer zone, 40% percent of the volume of trees four inches or more in diameter, measured at 4 1/2 feet above ground level can be removed in any ten year period, although no clear-cut openings greater than 250 square feet are permitted. A well-distributed stand of trees and other vegetation must remain after the cutting is complete, see example below. Beyond the buffer strip, openings are permitted provided that such clearings do not exceed 25% of the lot area, or ten thousand square feet, whichever is greater. In total, however, no more than 40% of the volume of trees can be removed in any 10-year period from the shoreland zone.



(Example of well distributed stand of trees)

**Tree Removal Plan** (Locate requested trees to be removed with surveyor's tape or other method to clearly identify them.)

#Hardwood \_\_\_\_\_ #Pts \_\_\_\_\_ #Softwood \_\_\_\_\_ #Pts \_\_\_\_\_

**Replanting Schedule** (Note: If three or more trees are removed, three species of trees are required to be replanted. New trees shall be a minimum of 2" diameter at 4 1/2' from the ground and shall be replanted in close proximity to removed trees, in the same growing season. Removal of stumps is not allowed, trimming as close to grade as possible or grinding of stumps is permitted.)

#Hardwood \_\_\_\_\_ #Pts \_\_\_\_\_ #Softwood \_\_\_\_\_ #Pts \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

CEO Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(signature indicates an understanding and cooperation with replanting requirements)

Please include: Property lines, structures, including decks, porches and patios, all outbuildings, well location, wastewater disposal system location, driveway and parking areas and streets. The plan should represent the existing trees and/or vegetated surfaces on your property.

**PLOT PLAN**

↑ North

