

Shoreland Zone Determinations		
Lakes, Ponds and Flowages	Navigability	Extent of Shoreland
Natural lake or pond with a defined bed and bank that is navigable-in-fact (including bodies of water called "sloughs" that are actually separate lakes or ponds)	Navigable and public	1000 feet from OHWM
Glacial pothole lake that is navigable-in-fact	Navigable and public	1000 feet from OHWM
Man-made agricultural pond that is navigable-in-fact and not connected to navigable waters*	Non-navigable and private	None
Man-made non-agricultural pond that is navigable-in-fact and connected to waterway that is navigable-in-fact	Navigable and public	1000 feet from OHWM
Man-made non-agricultural pond that is navigable-in-fact and constructed prior to 1963 revision of s. 30.19, Wis. Stats., with (a) no connection or (b) a non-navigable connection to waterway that is navigable-in-fact	Non-navigable and private*	None
Man-made non-agricultural pond that is navigable-in-fact (a) within 500 feet of the OHWM of waterway is navigable-in-fact, or (b) connected to waterway that is navigable-in-fact	Navigable and public	1000 feet from OHWM
Man-made non-agricultural pond that is navigable-in-fact, more than 500 feet from OHWM of waterway that is navigable-in-fact and is not connected to waterway	Non-navigable and private*	None
Flowage that is navigable-in-fact & created by a dam on a navigable waterway	Navigable and public	1000 feet from OHWM or floodplain
Flowage that is navigable-in-fact, created by a dam on a non-navigable waterway and authorized by s. 30.19, Wis. Stats.	Navigable and public	1000 feet from OHWM or floodplain
Flowage that is navigable-in-fact and created by a dam on a non-navigable waterway, but not authorized by s. 30.19, Wis. Stats.	Non-navigable and private*	None
Inner harbors, turning basins, waterways, slips and canals created by a municipality under s. 30.10, Wis. Stats., on a navigable lake, pond, or flowage	Navigable and public	1000 feet from OHWM or floodplain
Lake, pond or flowage that is navigable-in-fact and enclosed pursuant to s. 30.196, Wis. Stats.	Navigable and public	1000 feet from OHWM or floodplain

*See discussion on public rights by prescription.

Table 3.3 Shoreland Zone Determinations - Lakes, Ponds and Flowages

Shoreland Zone Determinations		
Rivers and Streams	Navigability	Extent of Shoreland
Natural stream with a defined bed and bank that is navigable-in-fact	Navigable and public	300 feet from OHWM or floodplain
Non-navigable stream	Non-navigable and private	None
Agricultural drainage ditch that is navigable-in-fact and has navigable stream history	Navigable and public	300 feet from OHWM or floodplain
Agricultural drainage ditch that is navigable-in-fact, no stream history and adjacent shoreland has structures	Navigable and public	300 feet from OHWM or floodplain
Agricultural drainage ditch that is navigable-in-fact, no stream history, and adjacent shoreland is maintained in non-structural agricultural uses	Non-navigable and private*	None
Non-agricultural drainage ditch or channel that is navigable-in-fact, constructed since the 1963 revision of s. 30.19, Wis. Stats., and ultimately connected to a navigable lake, pond, or flowage	Navigable and public	300 feet from OHWM or floodplain
Slough that is navigable-in-fact on a navigable stream	Navigable and public	300 feet from OHWM or floodplain
Inner harbors, turning basins, waterways, slips and canals created by a municipality under s. 30.10, Wis. Stats., on a navigable stream	Navigable and public	300 feet from OHWM or floodplain
Non-agricultural drainage ditch or channel that is navigable-in-fact, constructed since the 1963 revision of s. 30.19, Wis. Stats., and ultimately connected to a navigable stream	Navigable and public	300 feet from OHWM or floodplain
Stream that is navigable-in-fact and enclosed pursuant to s. 30.196, Wis. Stats.	Navigable and public	300 feet from OHWM or floodplain

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Table 3.4 Shoreland Zone Determinations - Rivers and Streams