



Important to Understand the Morrison County Land Use Rules

A few lake property owners have been cited for land use violations in 2024. This can be costly and time consuming for owners to either remove their improvements or request a variance, which may be denied. Amy Kowalzek, Morrison Land Services Director provided information for this newsletter article.

Amy indicated that for any work that is not a specific exception to the rules it is safest to contact the Land Services division to determine if a permit is required, rather than depend on your own interpretation of the rules from reading the ordinances. Also do not rely on contractors to know if a permit is required as some ignore the rules. It is the responsibility of the property owner to obtain a permit if required, although some contractors may obtain the permit. If the contractor has obtained the permit, the property owner should get a copy and ensure the work is done to the permit specifications.

Land Use Control Ordinance

This can be found on the Morrison County website, <https://www.co.morrison.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/640/Morrison-County-Land-Use-Control-Ordinance>.

The ordinance states that the purpose of land use regulations is the following:

“104.1 General Policy. Because the land and water of Morrison County are limited resources which must be used in a manner that will protect the environment and satisfy the needs of the County’s population, and because these land and water resources are required to provide food and fiber, construction material, water recharge, recreation, wildlife, and living space, Morrison County finds it necessary to protect the land and water resources of the county to afford a desired quality of life to existing and future citizens of the county, and to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the County’s inhabitants.”

The County Planning and Zoning division administers county wide land use controls that guide property development and use within the unincorporated areas of the county. These controls address:

- Building permits
- Feedlots
- Floodplain [Ordinance section 1000]
- On-site septic systems (SSTS)
- Shoreland [Ordinance section 700]

Shoreland is defined as 1,000 feet from the ordinary high-water level (OHW). The shore impact zone on Lake Shamineau is 50 feet from the OHW.

Section 503.1 Required. A land-use permit is required for the construction of structures or structure additions (and including such related activities as construction of decks and signs), the installation and/or alteration of sewage treatment systems, and those grading and filling activities not exempted by section 714.3 of this ordinance. A property owner or contractor in Morrison County may start no work for anything requiring a land use permit until the permit has been secured. Each application shall be accompanied by a plan showing the dimensions of the lot to be built upon and the size and location of the building and accessory buildings to be erected. The application shall contain such other information as

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Membership

The membership year for the Lake Shamineau Association is June 1 to May 31. Annual dues are \$20.00. Three-year membership is \$55.00. Non-property owners can join for a \$10.00 associate membership.

Donations

The Lake Shamineau Association is a 501C3 non-profit institution. Donations and dues are tax deductible with your check as a receipt.

Meetings

Lake Association Membership meeting is normally held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend .

Newsletter

The newsletter is published two times a year. Deadlines are April 15 & August 15. Submissions can be sent to Sandy Williams, editor at LakeShamineau@gmail.com



Association President's message

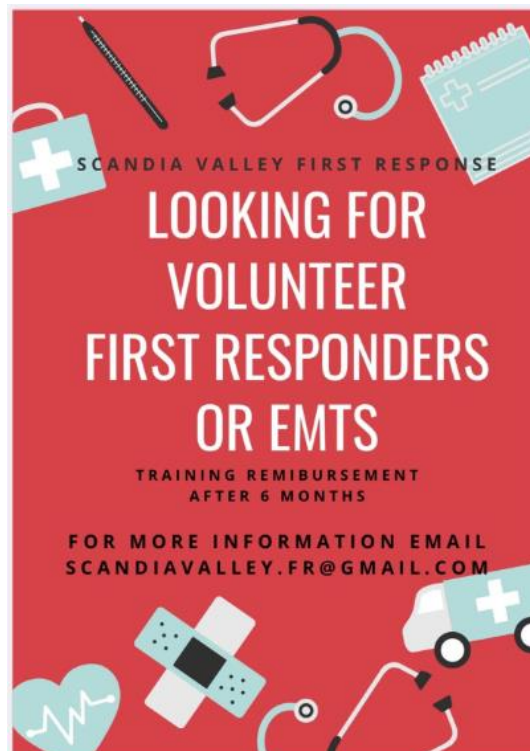
By Dale Williams , Lake Shamineau Association President

How do you spend your money?

That was asked of me and involved the balance of the Lake Shamineau Association (LSA). Last year the Board authorized funds to be granted to members who established deep rooted perennials near their waterfront. We also authorized a cost share for lake owners who had their septic systems inspected. We shared in costs involved with relocating bogs that had landed in front of member's property. We continue our annual membership in Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Alliance (the host for our website). Plus we bought equipment to help with the annual roadside cleanup in Scandia Valley. The Board continues to look for ways to help members contribute to the mission of LSA. There are still free copies of "Shoreland Guide to Lake Stewardship" available to any LSA member. Email LakeShamineau@gmail.com for your free copy. BTW- I have noticed more native plantings along the waterfront- I think they're great!! 🐾

Scandia Valley First Response

Scandia Valley First Response hosts bingo fundraisers two times a year. They take place at the Scandia Valley Town Hall on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 24, 2024) and Easter (April 13, 2025) from 2-5pm. Prizes include turkeys, hams, and gift cards to local businesses! All proceeds go to supplies for the First Response team. 🐾



may be deemed necessary by the Zoning Administrator for the proper enforcement of this ordinance. The Zoning Administrator shall issue the land use permit only after determining that the application complies with the terms of this ordinance, and that the application is submitted by the owner of the property in question or the authorized agent of the owner. Such authorization shall be in writing.

503.2 Exemptions. No zoning or land use permit shall be required for normal maintenance such as painting, siding, roof coverings and other similar improvements which do not involve exterior additions or major structural changes to the building.

Shoreland alteration rules are included in Section 710. Permits are required for projects such as riprap and retaining walls, as well as vegetative alterations (trees, shrubbery, understory) within the shore impact zone, except to provide a viewing corridor, recreational use area or access path as defined in the ordinance. Fire pits may require a permit, depending on structure and location.

Violations of land use that requires a permit are detected through three ways. 1 – Complaint made to the county, 2 – Aerial photography that is used for the online Beacon mapping system which is updated every three years and 3 – Shoreline photos by the county that are updated every five years.

Morrison County Land Services is currently working on updated ordinance language regarding shoreline land use rules which will be in effect in the spring of 2025. It will require contractors who do this work to be licensed and bonded and also attend training regarding the rules. They are also creating a direct mailing to shoreland property owners with information about the ordinances and will provide it also to closing companies to be provided to new property owners. This should be mailed this fall or early winter.

Flood Plain

Lake Shamineau was designated a floodplain by FEMA as of July 31, 2024. Those property owners in the flood plain who have federally insured loans have received a letter from their lender requiring them to have flood insurance. As a floodplain, Lake Shamineau land use regulations are also governed by the floodplain land use rules making changes and improvements to the property even more complicated than the county ordinances alone.

Home and business hazard insurance rarely covers damages due to flooding. A separate flood insurance policy is needed for flood coverage.

Other flood insurance highlights:

- Although home and business hazard insurance rarely covers flood damage, they usually have an option to add coverage for sewer backup/sump pump failure (which is encouraged).
- You can typically get a flood insurance policy through the same agent you use for your home/business policy.
- A common myth is that flood insurance is only available if the building is in the floodplain (called Special Flood Hazard Areas, or SFHA). The fact is that flood insurance can be purchased both in and outside of SFHAs as long as the community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- Flood insurance can be obtained for both building and contents coverage. If you are getting a policy due to the mandatory requirement (for federally backed loans when buildings are in the SFHA), be aware you'll want to consider getting separate contents coverage. The policy offered to meet the mandatory coverage requirement may only cover the building.
- Renters can purchase contents coverage.
- Those with flood insurance can make a claim after a flood event at any time, whether there is an IA presidential declaration or not. In the rare disasters that receive an IA declaration, grants for damage to homes and businesses are limited and will not make homeowners or business owners whole. A main source of assistance is Small Business Administration (SBA) loans, which must be repaid.

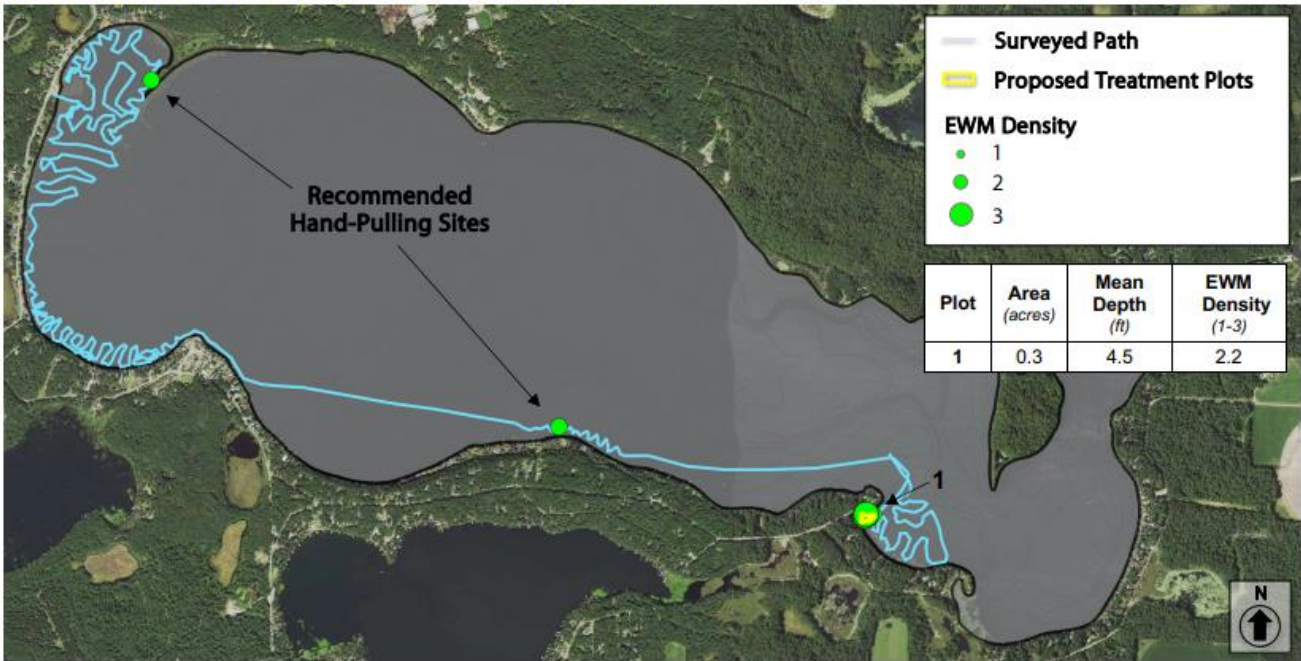
Questions and assistance with determination of permit requirements should be directed to the Land Services division of Morrison County. [\(320\) 632-0170](tel:3206320170)

Eurasian Water Milfoil & Curly Leaf Pondweed Delineation Surveys

Freshwater Scientific Services surveyed the designated portions of Lake Shamineau on June 19, 2024, with a focus on those areas where we have found EWM or CLP in the past. During this survey, we navigated a meandering search path over the search areas while using a combination of surface observations, sonar readings, and rake tosses to locate and delineate areas of EWM/CLP growth. When we encountered EWM/CLP plants, we marked the location, recorded the water depth, and rated the density of the growth.

Hand pulling of AIS begins after the June survey, then the Fall survey is done, then Herbicide treatment and followed up with hand pulling of any left over, in late September.

2024 Eurasian Watermilfoil Delineation Survey

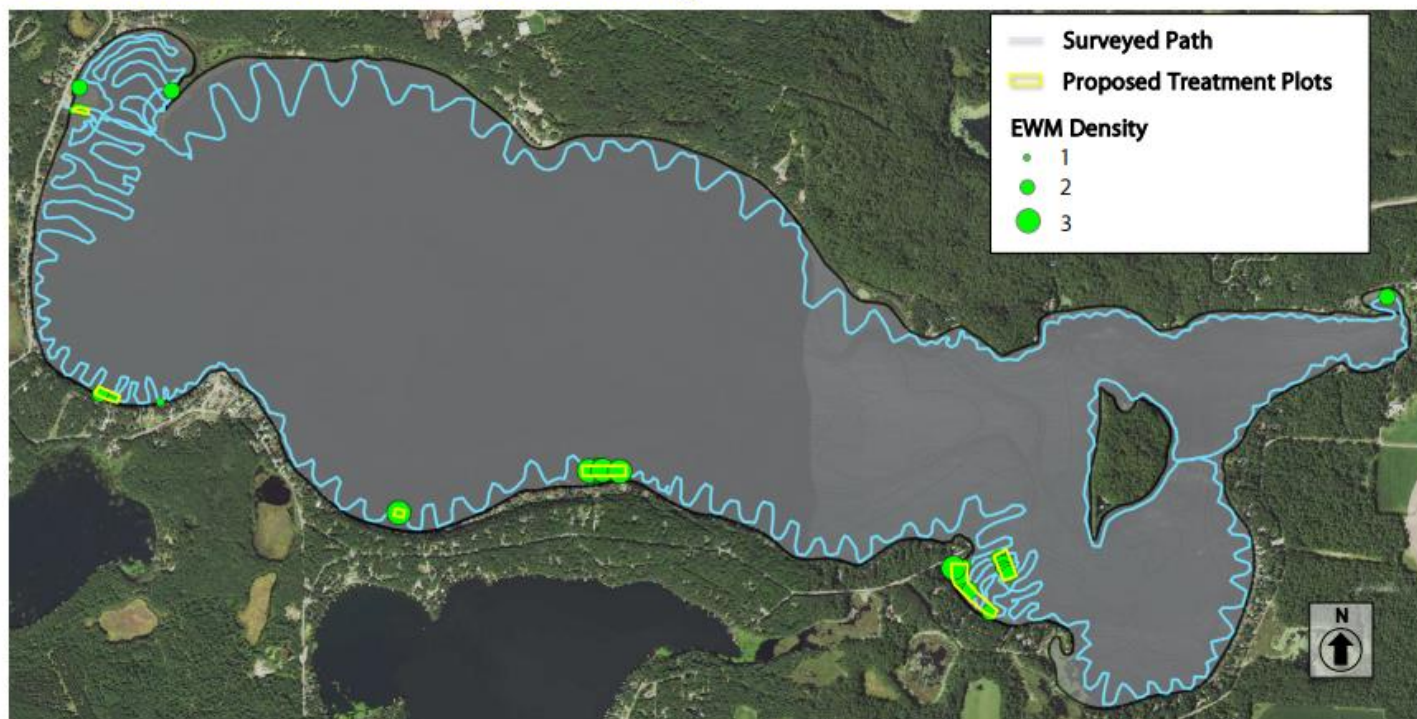


2024 Curlyleaf Pondweed Delineation Survey



The August 20,2024 survey was conducted to locate and delineate areas of Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) and hybrid watermilfoil in Lake Shamineau to assess the effectiveness of recent management actions and guide future management decisions., with additional focus on those areas where we have found EWM in the past.

2024 Eurasian Watermilfoil Delineation Survey



Update your contact information



The Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) has a contact list that includes current and past members as well as property of record. These contacts or owners have been gathered through membership records and by members contacting the LSA with updates. Members wishing to receive the LSA Newsletter electronically have provided the LSA with email addresses.

If you have corrections to your contact information or wish to add an email address, email the LSA at

LakeShamineau@gmail.com.

The LSA has adopted a privacy policy that limits emails to two newsletters per year or to distribute timely information that the Board deems important enough to warrant notification of members.

The LSA will never sell, rent or share a member's personal information to third parties for their use without the consent of the member. 🐾

Lake Shamineau Association Website lakeshamineau.mnlakesandrivers.org

Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Website

Details of LSLID updates and supporting documents can be viewed on the LSLID website:

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Place your ad in the non-profit Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter & Website for coverage around Lake Shamineau and beyond. Newsletter circulation is 350, sent twice a year to property owners on the lake. Black and white 8-1/2" X 11" multi-page format. Electronic copies and the website are in color. Two issues published annually, with delivery in spring and fall. Deadlines for submission are May 1 and September 1.

Rate: 2 issues and website included.

\$50 for 1/8 page (4" X 2"; business card size)

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\$400 for full page (8" X 10")

Contact: the LSA by email at lakeshamineau@gmail.com with questions or to place an ad.

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2024 Lake Shamineau Association Membership Form

Thank you for supporting your Lake Shamineau Association!

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Phone (____) _____ Lake Address _____

☐ Please send the newsletter via email

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