City of Afton

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

October 5, 2020
7:00 pm

Note: Due to the Covid-19 Virus and the related Governor's Executive Order, the October 5, 2020 Planning Commission meeting will be held remotely using the Zoom video conference application. Instructions for participating in the meeting remotely are provided below.

Instructions for Participating in the Meeting Remotely Via Zoom

Options for Joining the Zoom Meeting:

- RECOMMENDED: Use your computer, tablet or smart phone to join the meeting by logging on to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87873239095 (Meeting ID: (878 7323 9095)

Or

- Dial-in Number (to call in to the meeting)
  +1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 878 7323 9095

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1. **CALL TO ORDER -**
2. **ROLL CALL -**
   a) Scott Patten
   b) Sally Doherty
   c) Kris Kopitzke (Chair)
   d) Jim Langan
   e) Roger Bowman
   f) Justin Sykora
   g) Christian Dawson
   h) Doug Parker
   i) Kuchen Hale
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**
   A. August 31, 2020 Meeting Minutes
5. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS –** None
6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS –**
   A. Ordinance Amendment Regarding Architectural Standards for Institutional Use Structures – **Ordinance 09-2020**
7. **NEW BUSINESS –**
   A. Draft Ordinance Amendment Requiring the Lower St. Croix Bluffland and Shoreland Management Overlay District Regulations to be Provided to Buyers of Property in the District
8. **OLD BUSINESS -**
   A. Update on City Council Actions – Council Highlights from the September 15, 2020 Council meeting - attached.
9. **ADJOURN –**

A quorum of the City Council or Other Commissions may be present to receive information.

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August 31, 2020

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. **ROLL CALL** – Present: Chair Kris Kopitzke, Kuchen Hale, Doug Parker, Sally Doherty, Roger Bowman, Scott Patten, Christian Dawson & Justin Sykora. James Langan joined the meeting later.
   ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Council member Wroblewski, City Administrator Ron Moorse

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –
   Motion/Second Hale/Parker To approve the agenda for the August 31, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Roll call: all aye, passed 8-0.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –
   A. August 3, 2020
   Motion/Second Parker/Patten To approve minutes of the August 3, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Roll call: all aye, Passed 8-0.

5. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS** - None

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** –
   A. Ordinance Amendment Regarding the Discharge of Firearms

   Chair Kopitzke opened the public hearing at 7:07 PM

   Administrator Moorse provided an overview of the history on the discussions and meetings regarding the ordinance amendment.
   Barb Dacy, 13201 40th St. S opposed to this ordinance amendment because it allows too much shooting. Doesn't preserve residential character.
   Kris Haslund, 12675 10th St S. There has been much more shooting lately, too much. People with PTSD have a difficult time hearing this. Also has been hearing it at night after dark.
   Jen Wroblewski, 481 Neal Ave S. Increases in gun noise for prolonged periods of time, sounds like gun range shooting. Would like enforceable limits.
   Kevin Anderson, feels this is the first step toward cutting people's rights. To handle a gun safely, the owner has to practice. Once per month is not enough. Limiting amount of rounds is unenforceable.
   David Warmus, 15102 Afton Hills Dr. DNR laws seem to be adequate. How is this ordinance enforceable?
   Clay Diggins, Trading Post Tr. In support of taking action on the ordinance. He shoots at a range under consideration to his neighbors. Hundreds of rounds multiple times per week is too much.
   Ralph Dunn, 30th St. Argument seems to be over number of rounds. Compromise would be somewhere around 300-400 rounds per month which is less than what it is now. Change gradually.

   Motion/Second Sykora/Parker to close public hearing.
   Roll call: All aye, Passed 9-0.

   Public hearing closed at 7:45 PM.

   Below is a summary of the Public Comments
   - Opposed to proposed ordinance, because it would allow too much shooting
   - Proposed ordinance allows too many rounds and it would be helpful to have advance notice of shooting
   - There is increasing recreational shooting, and the City's population is increasing, so it is good to be forward looking in providing limitations on the amount of shooting, and safety precautions for shooting are also needed.

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- The proposed ordinance is the first step in cutting gun rights
- Practice is needed for safety, and allowing shooting only once per month does not provide for sufficient practice
- The DNR's regulations ought to be adequate if residents would respect their neighbors.
- Question regarding how the ordinance is enforceable.
- Some limitations are needed. Not every property should become a shooting range.
- The limitation of 100 rounds per month is too low.

Planning Commission discussion

The Planning Commission provided a number of comments regarding the ordinance amendment language that are summarized below, and recommended revised ordinance language that is provided below.

- The Council's efforts toward a compromise solution are appreciated, but the Council's language is still too restrictive.
- The community is signaling a readiness to put more bounds on firearms use, but there is significant feedback that 50 rounds per day once every two weeks is too restrictive.
- It may be necessary to start with stricter regulations to stop abuses, then loosen restrictions later.
- Shooting at night could be related to the hunting of coyotes, which is allowed at night.
- Additional research and study, including additional efforts to obtain feedback from residents, is needed.
- An ordinance amendment should be periodically reviewed to determine if it adequately balances the protection of Afton's traditional ability to shoot firearms, while protecting the ability of residents to enjoy the solitude of their natural open spaces.

Motion/Second Hale/Sykora to allow firearms discharge on one day per week and to allow a maximum of 120 rounds over one hour per day.
Sykora offered a friendly amendment regarding no shooting on consecutive days (accepted by Hale).
Kopitzke offered a friendly amendment to allow 120 rounds or 1 hour per day, whichever comes first. (Accepted by Hale and Sykora)

The following is the revised ordinance amendment language recommended by the Planning Commission:

(k) Other than for allowed hunting, the discharge of firearms on a parcel or contiguous parcels under common ownership is limited to a maximum of one day per week, but not on two consecutive days, with a maximum of 120 rounds or one hour per day, whichever comes first.

Motion Vote - Roll call: All aye, Passed 9-0.

7. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

8. **OLD BUSINESS** –
   A. Update on City Council actions
   Council member Wroblewski provided a summary of the August 18 City Council meeting.

9. **ADJOURN**
   Motion/Second Hale/Doherty To adjourn. Roll call: all aye, Passed 8-0.

   Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Julie Yoho, City Clerk

To be approved on October 5, 2020 as (check one): Presented: _____ or Amended: _____

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City of Afton
3033 St. Croix Trl, P.O. Box 219
Afton, MN 55001

Planning Commission Memo

Meeting: October 5, 2020

To: Chair Kopitzke and members of the Planning Commission

From: Ron Moorse, City Administrator

Date: September 30, 2020

Re: Ordinance Amendment Regarding Architectural Standards for Institutional Use Structures – **Public Hearing**

The zoning code sets out architectural standards for all structures in the Industrial zones. These standards apply to institutional use structures, as well as commercial use structures. Institutional uses include schools and other governmental uses such as city halls and community centers, as well as churches. The zoning code also sets out heritage preservation design guidelines for all structures in the VHS-R and VHS-C zones, which apply to commercial, residential and institutional use structures. The zoning code does not have architectural standards for institutional use structures in the Agricultural, Agricultural Preserves or Rural Residential zones. It is important to have architectural standards for institutional use structures in these zones, because institutional uses are unique in these zones and their structures can impact adjacent single family homes and neighborhoods.

In most cities, the architectural standards for institutional use structures are similar to the architectural standards for commercial use structures. Afton recently updated its architectural standards for structures in the industrial zones. These standards apply to all structures, including commercial and institutional use structures. The architectural standards set out the types of exterior materials allowed to be used and also clarify a number of design elements. Staff has drafted an ordinance amendment that applies these standards to institutional use structures in the Agricultural, Agricultural Preserves and Rural Residential zones. The ordinance amendment is attached for the Planning Commission's review and recommendation.

Planning Commission Recommendation Requested:
Motion regarding a recommendation concerning the ordinance amendment regarding architectural standards for institutional use structures in the Agricultural, Agricultural Preserves and Rural Residential zones.

ORDINANCE 09-2020

CITY OF AFTON

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 12-139, 12-140 AND 12-141 OF CHAPTER 12, LAND USE OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS FOR INSTITUTIONAL USE STRUCTURES IN THE AGRICULTURAL, AGRICULTURAL PRESERVES AND RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AFTON, MINNESOTA HEREBY ORDAINS:

The following section of the Afton Code of Ordinances shall be amended by adding the bold and underlined language and deleting the ~~strike-through~~ language.

Sec. 12-139. Agricultural Preserves (AP) Overlay District

W. Architectural Standards for Institutional Use Structures

1. Institutional use structures shall be of fire resistive construction, and exterior surfaces of all structures must be faced with brick, stone, architectural concrete (block), precast concrete, EIFS/stucco panels, or glass, of earthtones or other tones or colors in harmony with the natural characteristics of the area in which it is constructed and approved by the Design Review Commission, acting as the architectural standards committee.

a. Building design shall be reviewed and evaluated by the Design Review Commission, City Planner and/or Zoning Administrator.

b. Blank facades without windows and doors are prohibited, with the exception of the side facing away from the public street.

c. All sides of structures shall have the same quality of architectural treatment.

d. Variety and creativity in building facade is required through changes in building materials (but not in quality of materials), placement of doors and windows, height and roof lines. Primary facades shall not present a continuous wall without architectural details that add visual interest through articulation, recession or projection.

e. Topographical features shall be incorporated into the form of the structure when possible, utilizing natural grade.

f. The view of all rooftop equipment and related piping, ducting, electrical and mechanical utilities abutting a street on buildings constructed shall be screened from the ground level view. Screening may include parapet walls, penthouses, or other architecturally integrated elements. Wood fencing or chain link with slats shall not be used for screening. The term "ground level view" shall be defined as the view of the building from the property line(s) that abuts a street. A cross sectional drawing shall be provided that illustrates the sight lines from the ground level view.

g. Rooftop solar collectors, skylights and other potentially reflective rooftop building elements shall be designed and installed in a manner that prevents reflected glare and obstruction of views from other sites and structures.

h. Roof slopes shall not exceed 1:12 for all principal buildings.

i. Delivery, service, storage, maintenance and trash collection areas shall be located out of view from the public right-of-way or substantially screened through landscaping or architectural features that match the primary structure. Service, storage and trash collection areas are not allowed in setback areas.

j. All permanent utilities connecting to a building shall be underground.

Sec. 12-140. Agricultural (A) Zoning District

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Sec. 12-141. Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District

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ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AFTON THIS 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

SIGNED:

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Bill Palmquist, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ronald J. Moorse, City Administrator

Motion by:
Second by:
Perkins:
Wroblewski:
Ross:
Nelson:
Palmquist:

City of Afton
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Afton, MN 55001

Planning Commission Memo

Meeting: October 5, 2020

To: Chair Kopitzke and members of the Planning Commission

From: Ron Moorse, City Administrator

Date: September 30, 2020

Re: Draft Ordinance Amendment Requiring the Lower St. Croix Bluffland and Shoreland Management Overlay District (Riverway) Regulations to be Provided to Buyers of Property in the Riverway

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Several years ago, the attached Landowners Guide to the Lower St. Croix Riverway was created to inform realtors, current and potential property owners, and contractors in the St. Croix Riverway about the importance of protecting the Riverway and the regulations that are in place to do that. As new realtors begin to work in Afton, and as potential property owners begin to make plans for the use of Riverway property, it is important that they are aware of the Riverway regulations. A relatively simple way of doing this is by realtors being familiar with the Landowners Guide and providing a copy of the guide to potential Riverway landowners before they purchase property in the Riverway. It is important that expectations regarding the use of Riverway property are in sync with the regulations well before plans are made and particularly before property is purchased. This can prevent unrealistic expectations regarding the size and location of a home and can also prevent illegal activities such as tree removals on the shoreline.

The Council requested staff to draft an ordinance to ensure that potential Riverway property owners are provided with the Riverway regulations prior to the purchase of property. The attached draft ordinance amendment requires that realtors selling Riverway property in Afton provide information regarding the Riverway regulations to potential property owners prior to the transfer of the property.

The Council reviewed the draft ordinance and referred the draft ordinance to the Planning Commission for the Commission's feedback and ideas regarding the best way to ensure Riverway regulations are provided to potential property owners prior to the purchase of property. A key question for the Commission's discussion and feedback is: Are realtors the best conduit for getting regulations to potential buyers, or are there other better or supplemental options for getting the regulations to the buyers?

Planning Commission Recommendation Requested:
Motion regarding feedback to the City Council regarding the draft ordinance amendment requiring realtors to provide Riverway regulations to buyers of Riverway Property.

ORDINANCE 08-2020

CITY OF AFTON

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-838 OF CHAPTER 12 LAND USE, OF THE CITY CODE T0 ADD LANGUAGE REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF LOWER ST. CROIX BLUFFLAND AND SHORELAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REGULATIONS TO BUYERS OF LAND IN THE DISTRICT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AFTON, MINNESOTA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 12-238 of the Afton Code of Ordinances shall be amended to add the following **bold and underlined** language

Sec. 12-838. **Notification of the Lower St. Croix Bluffland and Shoreland District regulations**

A. Purpose
1. To protect the St. Croix River and the natural environment of the Lower St. Croix Bluffland and Shoreland District by ensuring potential buyers of property in the District are provided with the regulations regarding the use of land in the District

B. Notification of Regulations
1. Buyers of property in the Lower St. Croix Bluffland and Shoreland District shall be provided with the regulations regarding the use of land in the District prior to the transfer of the property. The realtor representing the buyer, or other representative of the buyer, shall provide the regulations to the buyer.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AFTON THIS ____ DAY OF ____, 2020.

SIGNED:

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Bill Palmquist, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ronald J. Moorse, City Administrator

Motion by:
Second by:
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Landowner's Guide to the Lower St. Croix Riverway

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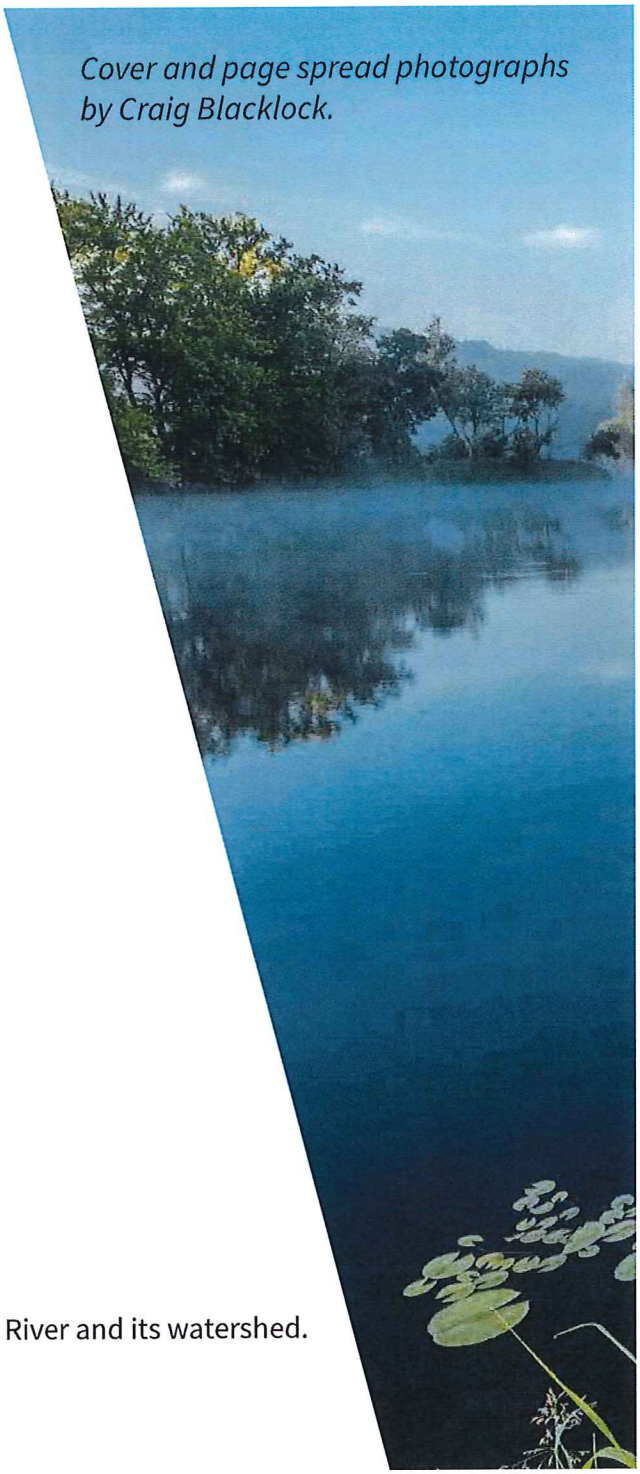

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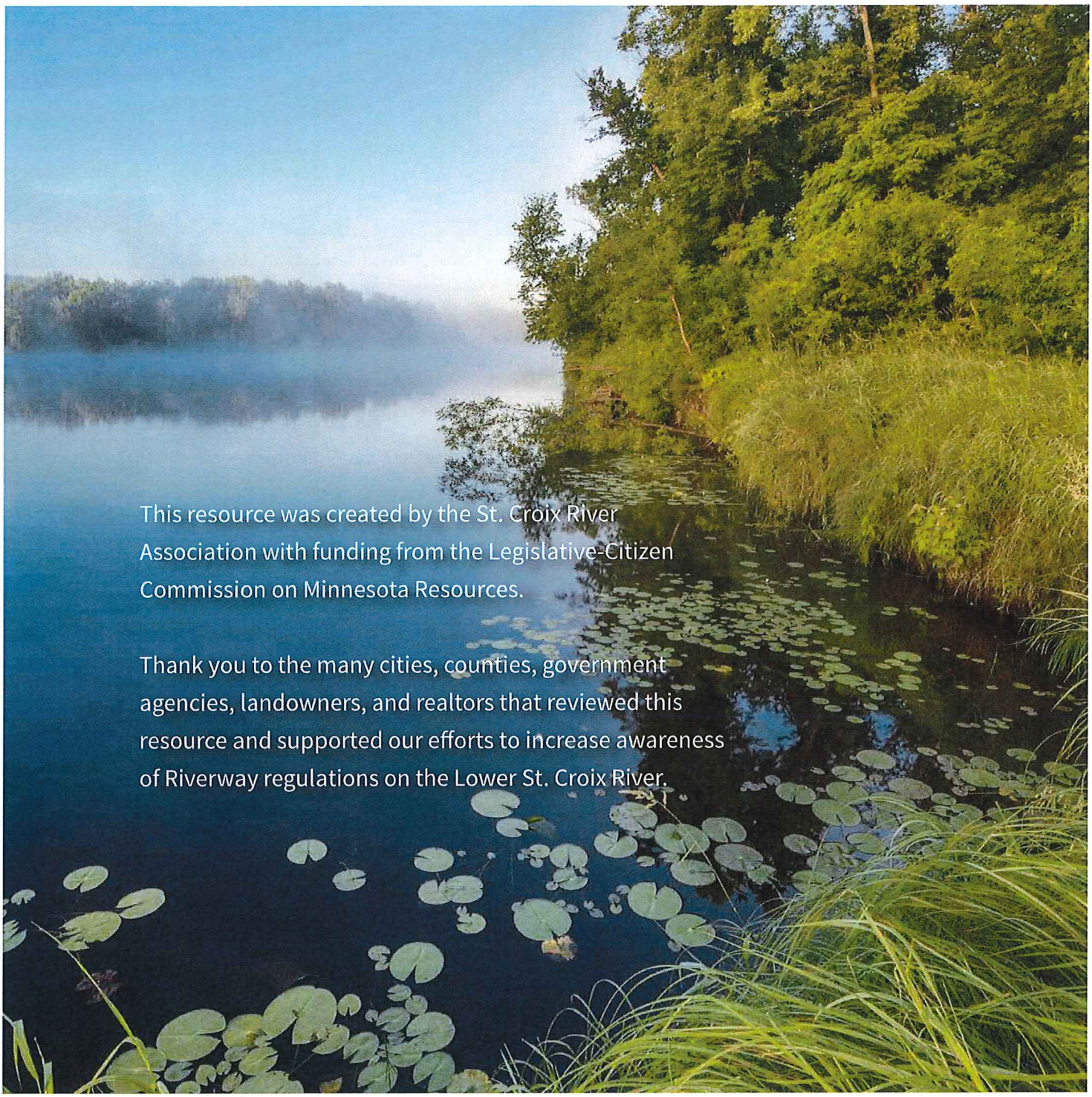

This resource was created by the St. Croix River Association with funding from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

Thank you to the many cities, counties, government agencies, landowners, and realtors that reviewed this resource and supported our efforts to increase awareness of Riverway regulations on the Lower St. Croix River.

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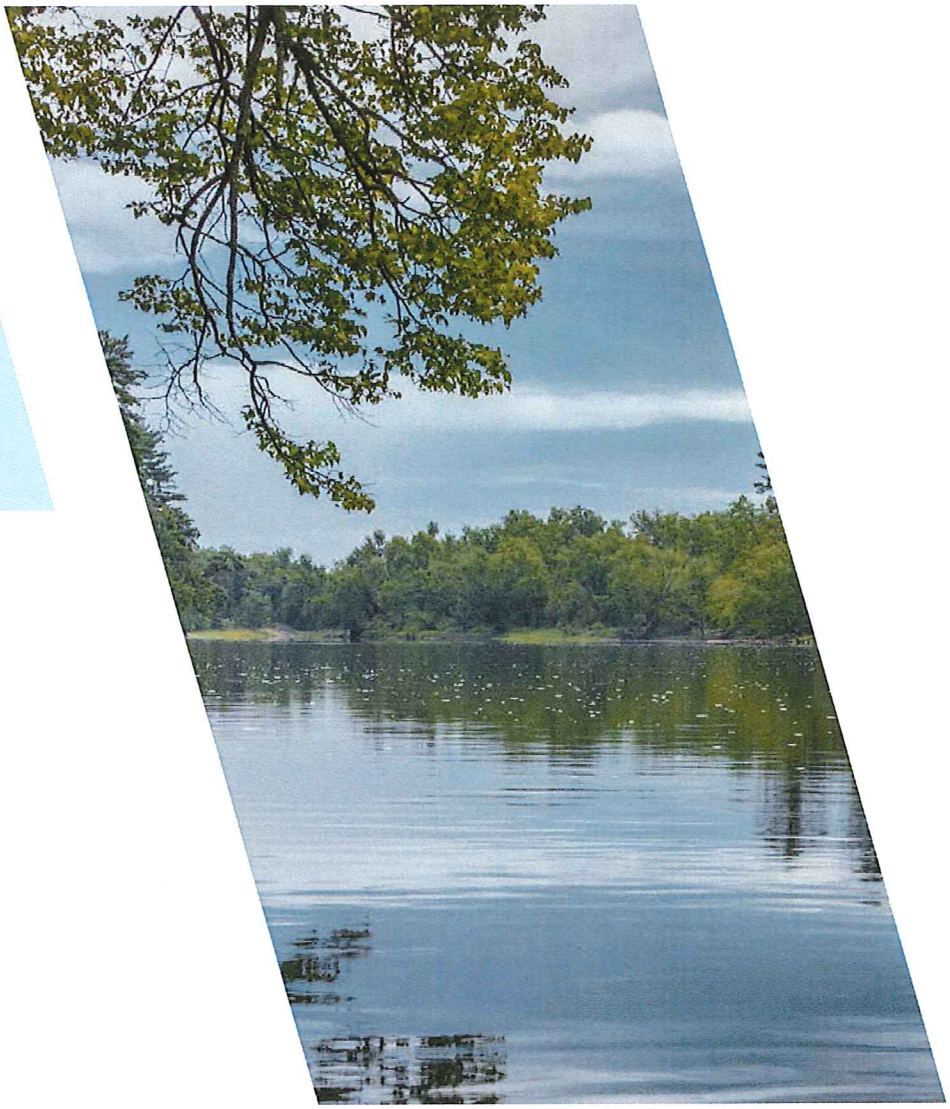

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FAQs

Where is the St. Croix Riverway District?

On average, the St. Croix Riverway District extends a quarter-mile out from the river, following the bluffline. In some communities, the Riverway boundary extends well beyond the river and in other places the Riverway boundary is very narrow. Contact your local government to learn if your property is within the St. Croix Riverway District.

Where can I learn about restrictions on my property?

Contact your local government to inquire about zoning and restrictions specific to your property. In many cases, local ordinances may be more restrictive than the Riverway rules outlined in this booklet.

The St. Croix River is one of only 208 Wild and Scenic Rivers in North America. It is the only river in Minnesota listed under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The St. Croix River valley is a beautiful place to live, work, and play thanks to the protections outlined in this guide. Landowners along the river provide the stewardship of the land and water to preserve this natural treasure for future generations.

Can I build, rebuild, or remodel in the St. Croix Riverway District?

Yes, of course! However, there are unique building restrictions within the St. Croix Riverway. Be sure to explore the local ordinances and contact your local government before making any plans for your property.

Who can I contact to learn more about Riverway regulations or scenic easements?

Contact your local government, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), or the National Park Service (for scenic easements) before undertaking any work on your property to learn about Riverway zoning regulations related to your proposed activity or project.

MN DNR (Properties in Washington County): 888-646-6367
MN DNR (Properties in Chisago County): 763-689-7100
MN DNR Easements: 651-259-5599
National Park Service (for scenic easements): 715-483-2261
Afton: 651-436-5090
Bayport: 651-275-4404
Lakeland: 651-436-4430
Lakeland Shores: 651-436-1789
Lake St. Croix Beach: 651-436-7031
Marine on St. Croix: 651-433-3636
Oak Park Heights: 651-439-4439
Scandia: 651-433-2274
Stillwater: 651-430-8800
St. Mary's Point: 651-436-1099
Taylors Falls: 651-465-5133

For townships, contact your county:
Washington County: 651-430-4300
Chisago County: 651-213-8382

The Riverway Regulations

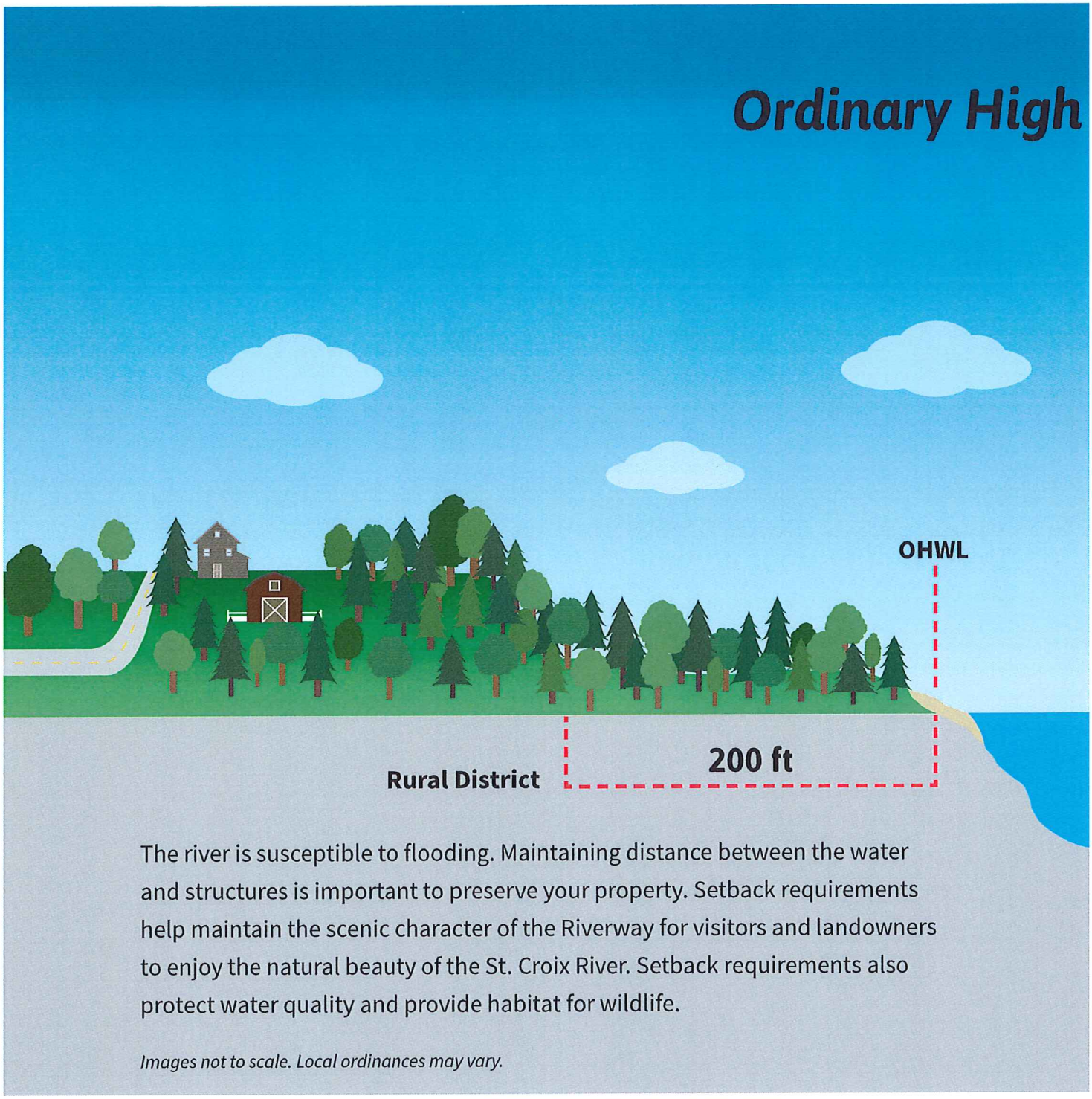
The following pages provide visuals to better understand the building restrictions within the St. Croix Riverway boundary. The images reflect the Minnesota rules and are based on the model ordinance that was adopted by local governments. Depending on how your property is zoned, there may be different factors to take into consideration. Please use this as an introduction to the Riverway ordinances and contact your local government to learn more about restrictions specific to your property.

Many structures were built prior to the adoption of the Riverway regulations. This may limit what you can do on your property. Be sure to work closely with your local government *before* investing in plans.

Overview of Riverway Regulations

Regulation	Rural District	Urban District	Urban District with Public Sewer and Water
Minimum lot size above ordinary high water level	2.5 acres	1 acre	20,000 sq ft
Lot width at building setback line	200 ft	150 ft	100 ft
Lot width at water line	200 ft	150 ft	100 ft
Building setback from ordinary high water level	200 ft	100 ft	100 ft
Building setback from bluffline	100 ft	40 ft	40 ft
Maximum structure height	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft
Maximum total lot area covered by impervious surface	20 % (1/2 acre)	20 % (8,700 sq ft)	20 % (4,000 sq ft)

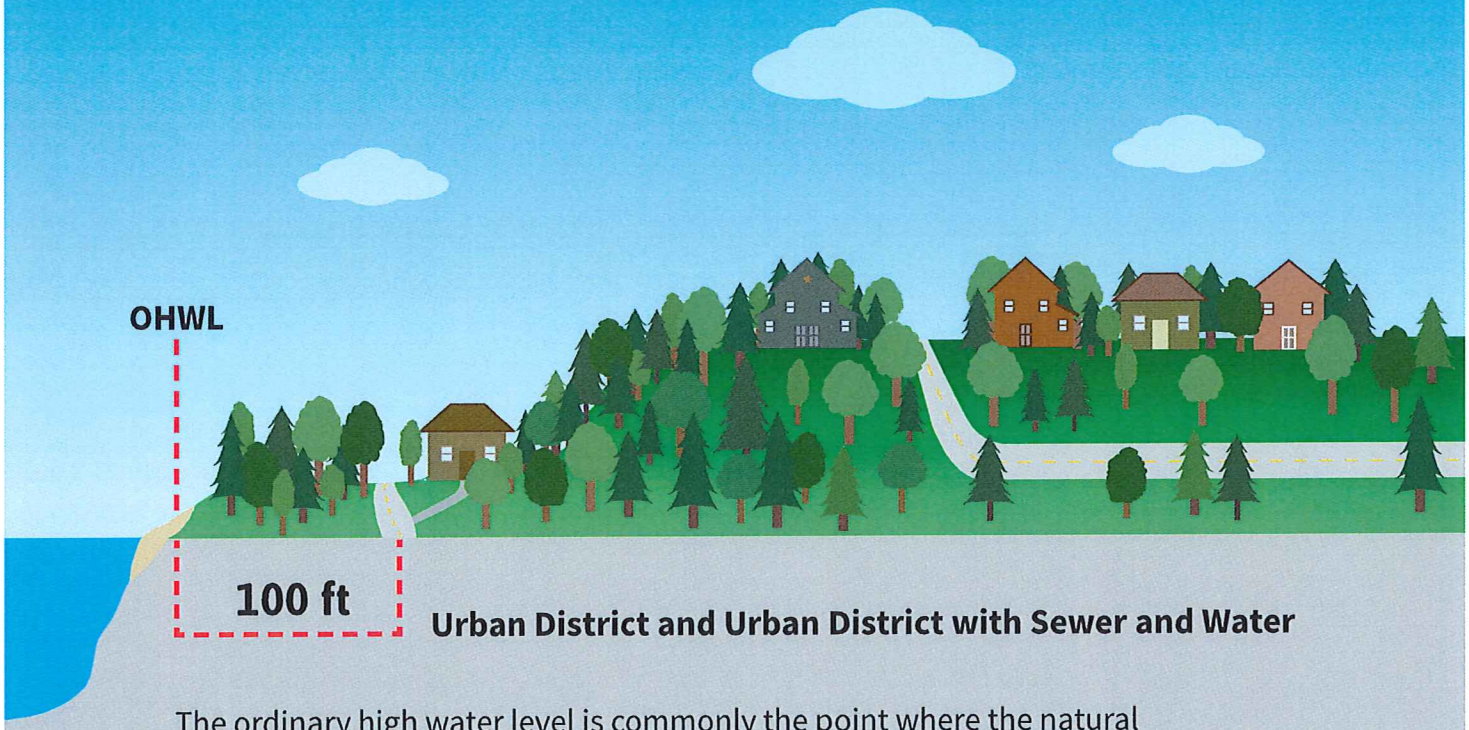
Contact your zoning administrator to learn whether your property is zoned rural, urban, or urban with sewer and water. Local ordinances may be more restrictive than the Riverway regulations outlined in this resource. Please reference your local ordinances and contact your zoning administrator for more information.



The river is susceptible to flooding. Maintaining distance between the water and structures is important to preserve your property. Setback requirements help maintain the scenic character of the Riverway for visitors and landowners to enjoy the natural beauty of the St. Croix River. Setback requirements also protect water quality and provide habitat for wildlife.

Images not to scale. Local ordinances may vary.

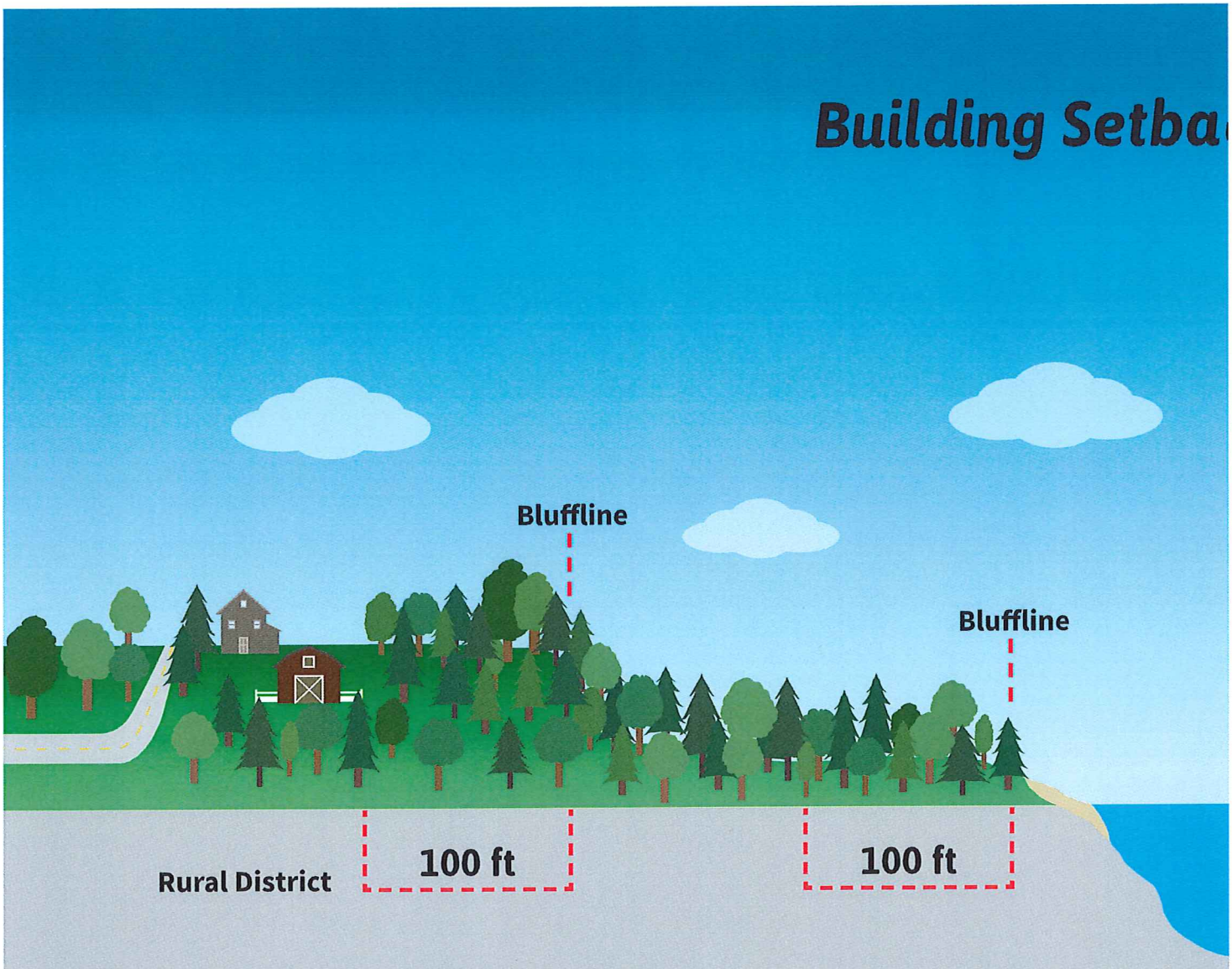
Water Level (OHWL)



Urban District and Urban District with Sewer and Water

The ordinary high water level is commonly the point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial. Contact the Minnesota DNR for a correct OHWL determination before making plans for your property.

Building Setba



Bluffs provide important wildlife habitat and contribute to the character and natural beauty of your homesite. Bluffs are slopes that are greater than 12%.

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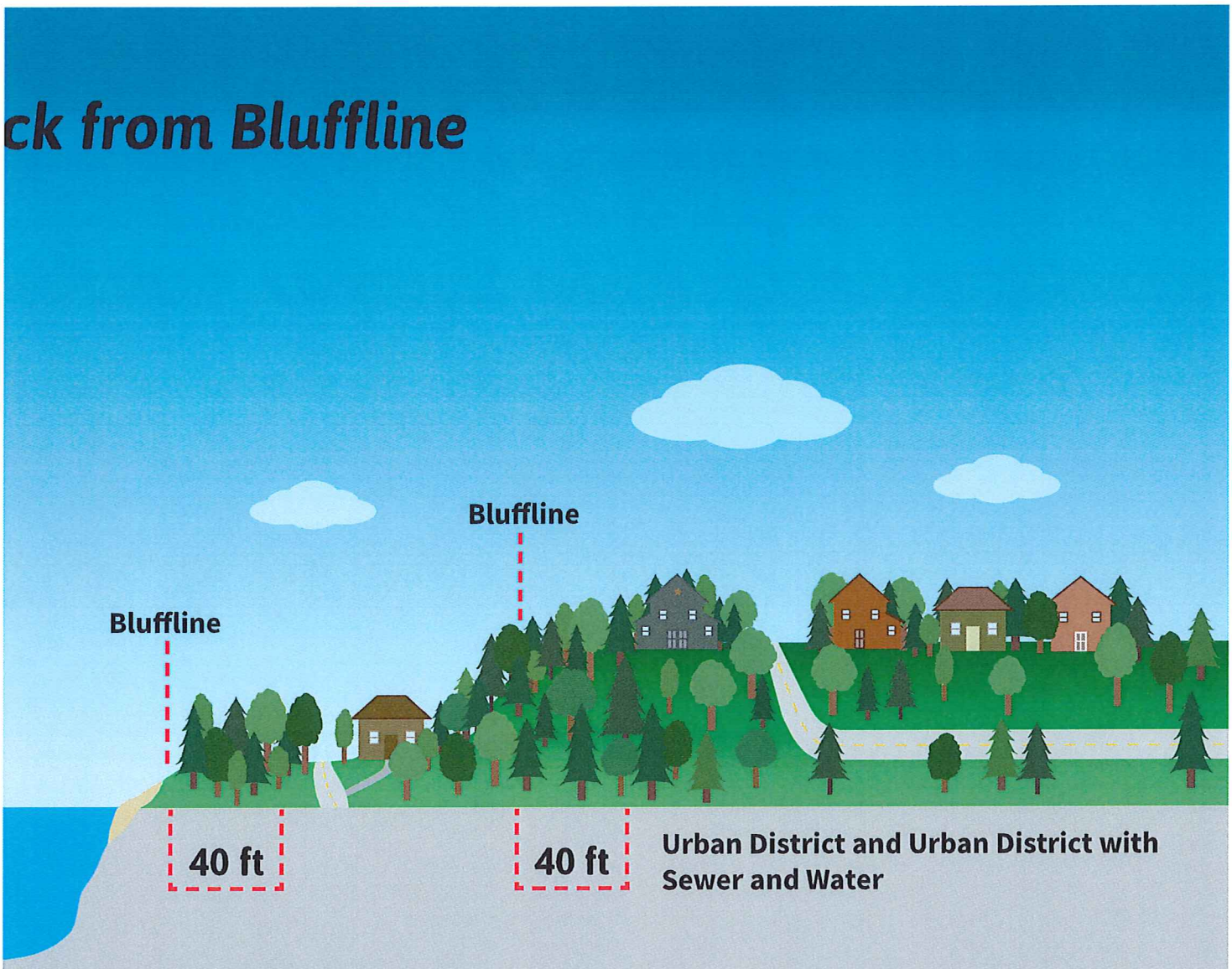
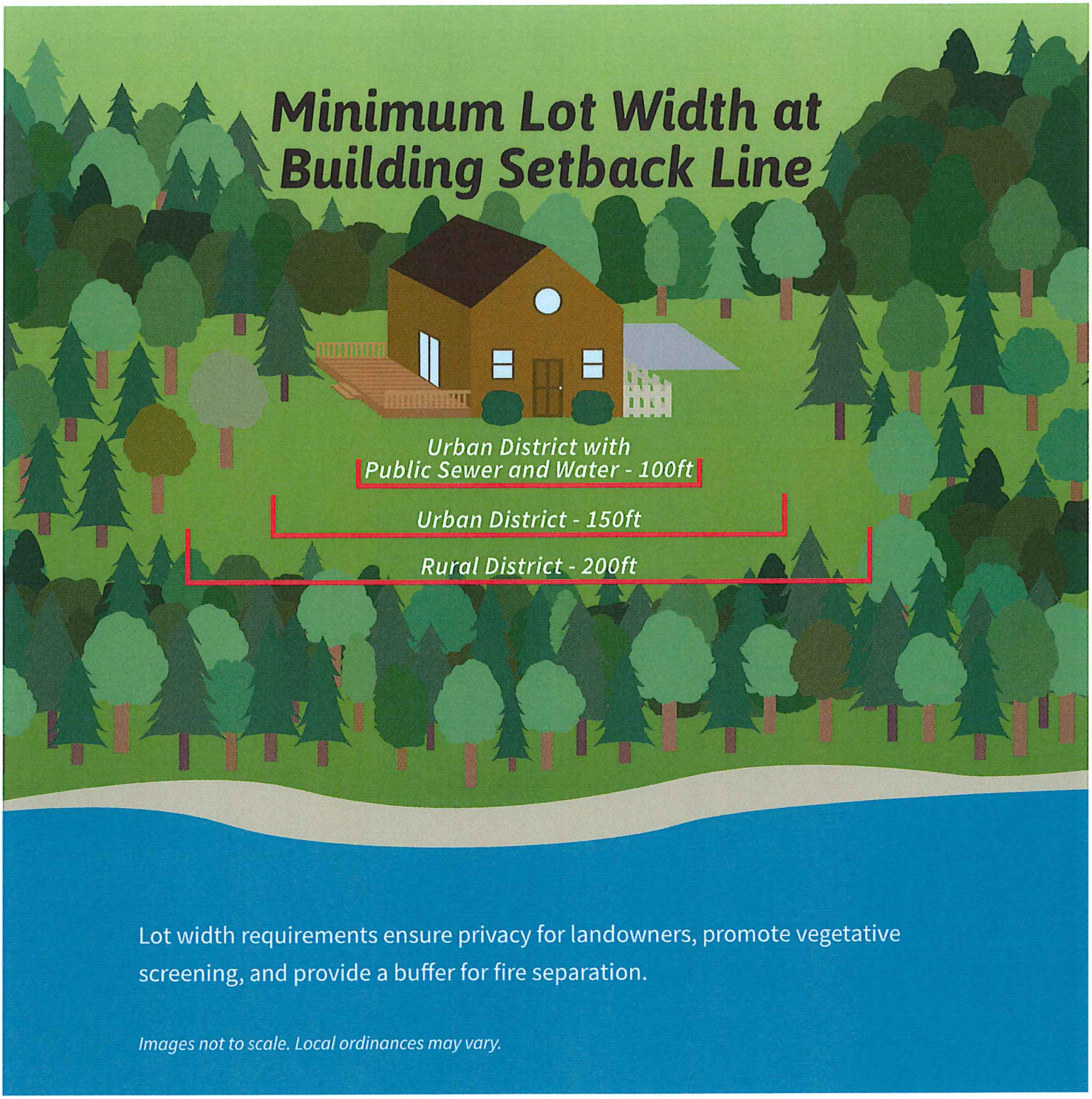


Urban District and Urban District with Sewer and Water

Steep slopes and land adjacent to them are subject to earth movement and can be easily disturbed by excavation, ground cover removal, and tree/shrub cutting. Although the amount of movement may be slight, it can result in cracked foundations, tilted basement walls, soil erosion, and damaged utility lines.



Lot width requirements ensure privacy for landowners, promote vegetative screening, and provide a buffer for fire separation.

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Minimum Lot Width at Water Line
Urban District with
Public Sewer and Water - 100ft
Urban District - 150ft
Rural District - 200ft

Minimum Lot Size

Rural District
2.5 acres

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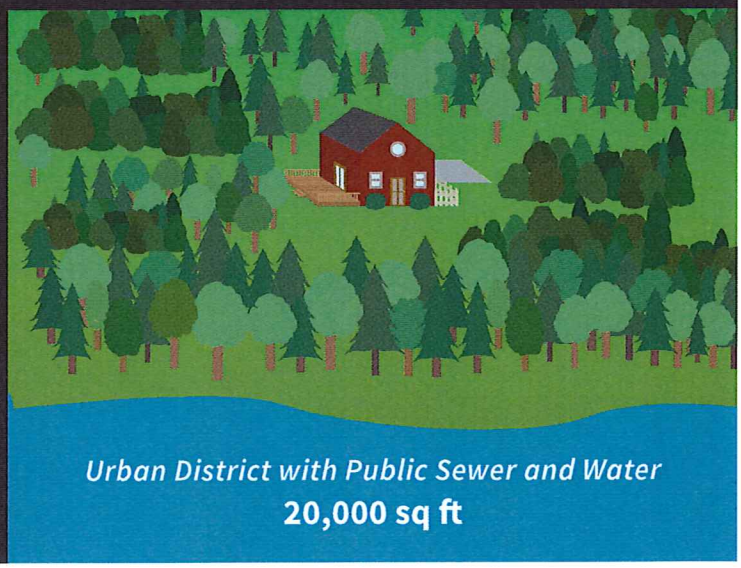
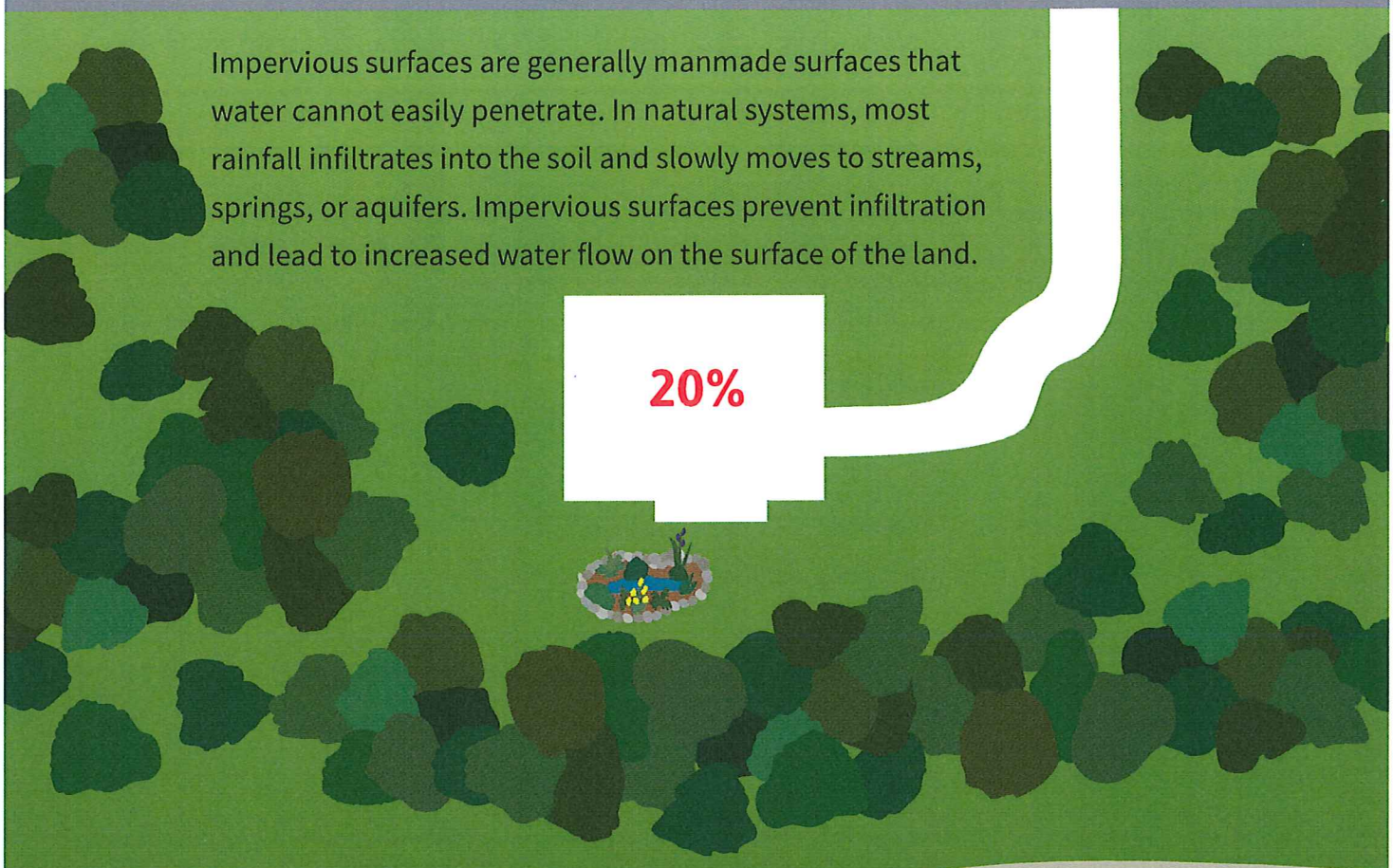
Urban District
1 acre



Urban District with Public Sewer and Water
20,000 sq ft

Maximum Impervious Surface

Impervious surfaces are generally manmade surfaces that water cannot easily penetrate. In natural systems, most rainfall infiltrates into the soil and slowly moves to streams, springs, or aquifers. Impervious surfaces prevent infiltration and lead to increased water flow on the surface of the land.

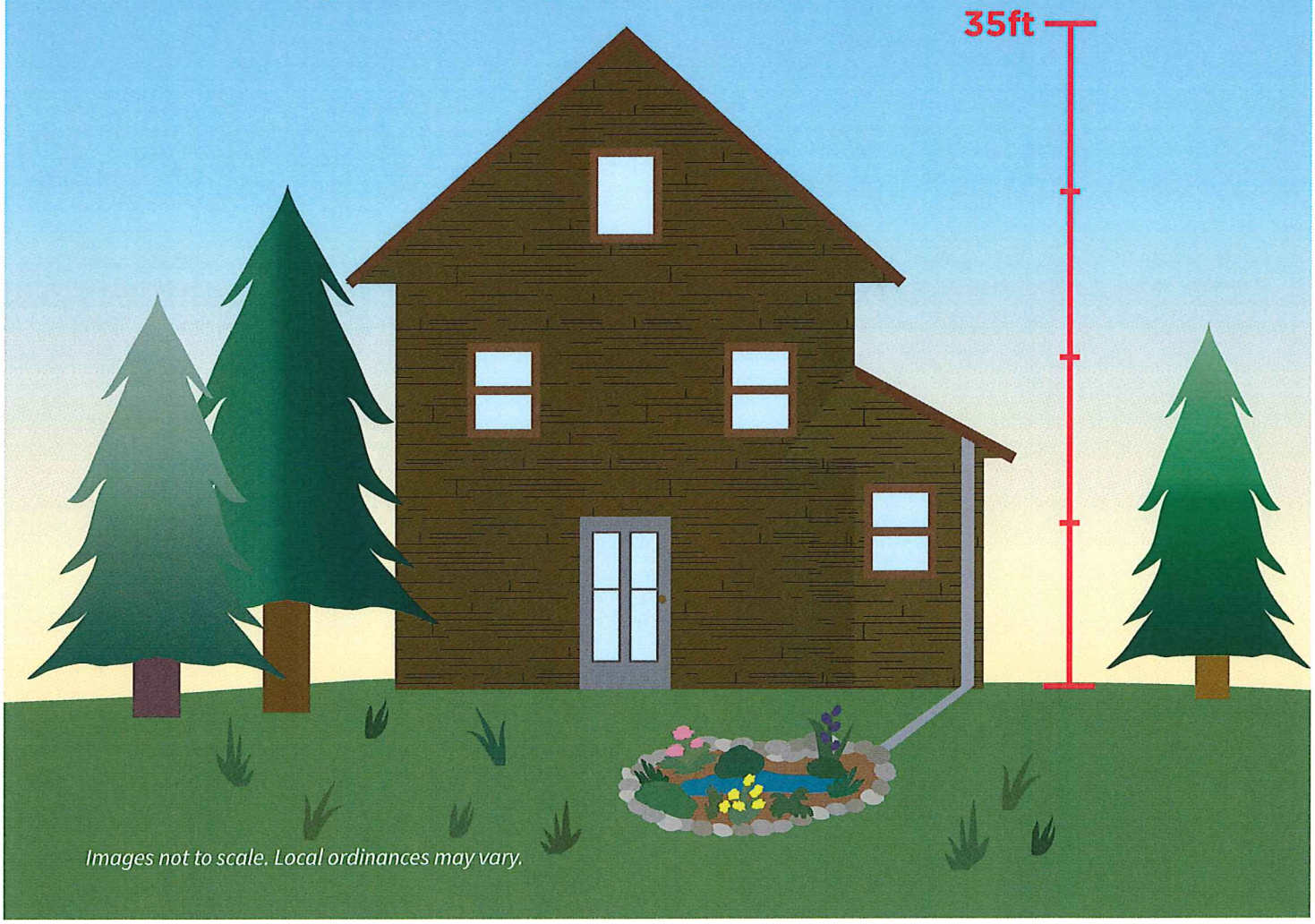


Examples of impervious surfaces:

- Patios
- Roofs
- Decks
- Gravel/paved roads
- Driveways
- Structures

Height of Structure

Height regulations help ensure that all new structures and additions to existing structures, to the extent possible, are not seen from the river. If you have a structure that was built before the adoption of the Riverway regulations, different height restrictions may apply.



Water Quality

Using water-friendly landscaping, like native plants and raingardens, helps minimize runoff and helps keep our water clean.

A raingarden is a bowl shaped garden that is built where it will capture rain and snowmelt (stormwater runoff) before it reaches a storm sewer or nearby stream, lake, or river.

You can plant a raingarden at home to catch runoff from your rooftop, driveway, or street. Contact your local watershed management organization for more information!

Properly designed raingardens:

- Beautify your landscape
- Reduce pollution to lakes, rivers, and streams
- Reduce flooding and erosion
- Attract birds and butterflies
- Protect fish and other aquatic animals

Raingardens DO NOT:

- Attract mosquitoes
- Hold water more than 2 days
- Require more maintenance than other gardens
- Cost lots of money

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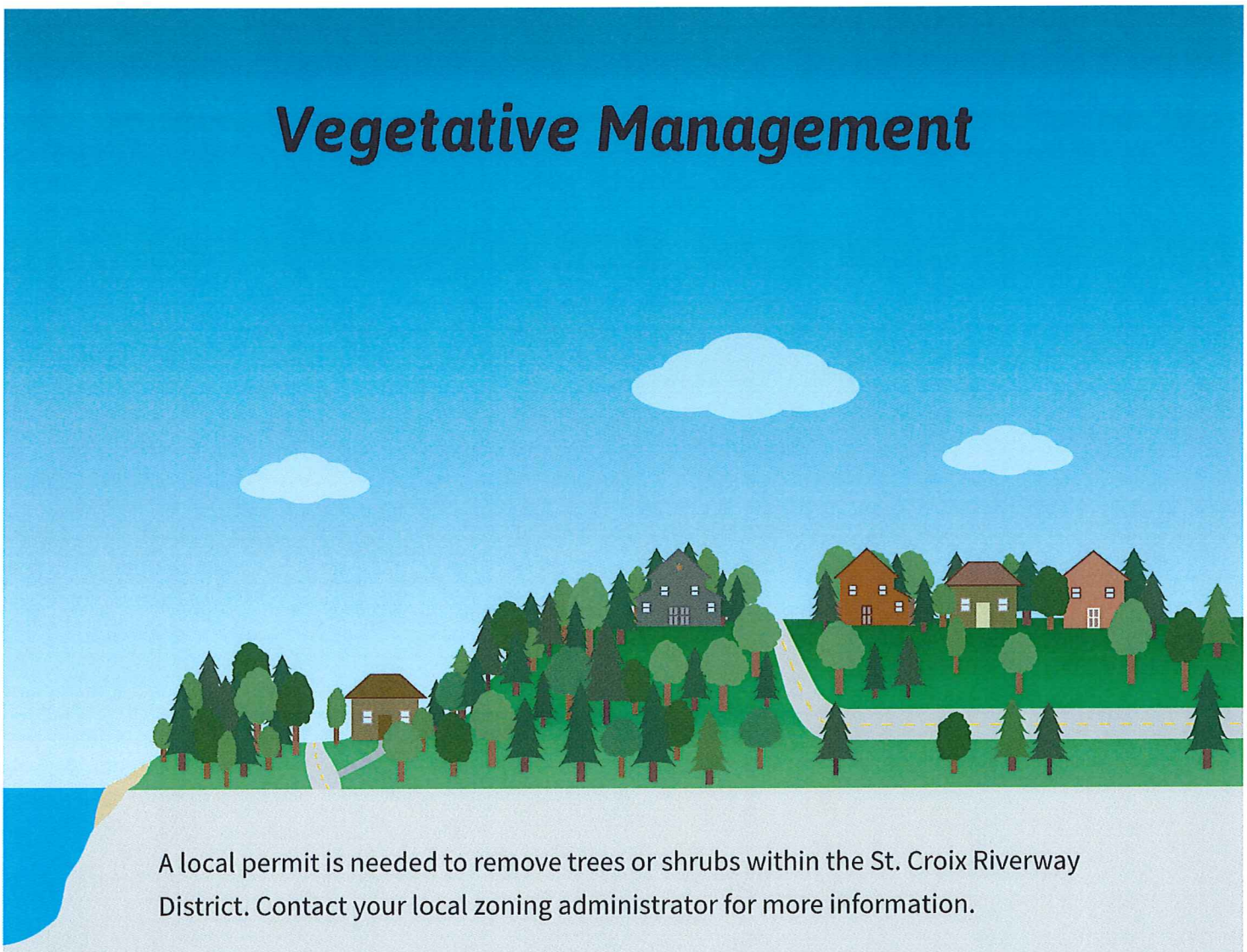
Vegetative Management



A local permit is needed to remove trees or shrubs within the St. Croix Riverway District. Contact your local zoning administrator for more information.

A buffer of trees along the bank can provide privacy, enhance property values, and protect the shoreline. Vegetation protects buildings from wind in winter and strong sunlight in summer. The roots of native plants stabilize soil, prevent erosion, and improve water quality.

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Habitat

Native plants have deep roots which absorb excess rainfall and prevent water from running directly into our rivers and streams. Native plants, instead of turf lawns, help reduce your carbon footprint, and provide clean water for everyone. They also provide food and habitat for pollinators! Contact your local watershed management organization for more information.

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The exterior colors of new or renovated structures are required to be earth or summer vegetation tones. Building in harmony with the environment includes building with materials in tones that blend with the natural settings such as using dark roof areas and earth-tone paints.

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September 15, 2020 City Council Meeting

The Council:

- Extended the declaration of local emergency.
- Approved an ordinance amendment regarding the discharge of firearms that, in addition to allowed hunting, allows firearms discharge one day every two weeks for a maximum of one hour per day and a maximum of 50 rounds per day.
- Approved payment for the River Road Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project.
- Approved payment for the Downton Landscape Improvements.
- Received an update on the 30th Street Improvement Project.
- Received an update on Afton Creek Preserve construction.
- Received an update on the FEMA Flood Certification process.
- Approved the 2021 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy, with a total tax levy increase of 3.93%.
- Approved continuation of extra speed enforcement patrols.