



April 22nd, 2013

Subject: Request for economic impact of proposed changes in Natural Resources Board Order WT-06-12 relating to shoreland zoning standards for counties.

Notice Date: April 22nd, 2013

End of Comment Period: May 6th, 2013

The Department of Natural Resources is conducting an economic impact analysis of its rule proposal, WT-06-12. With this rule, the Department intends to make changes to clarify procedures and ease the administrative burden on counties in regards to implementation of the impervious surface limits, the nonconforming structure standards, vegetative management standards and the reporting standards.

The Department is gathering information to determine if there is an economic effect of the proposed rule on specific businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, local governmental units, and the state economy as a whole. Information and advice is requested from businesses, business associations, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed rule.

Would you, your business, your association, or your local unit of government be affected economically if this rule implemented the following:

- Creates a higher impervious surface standard for already highly developed areas.
- Eases application of impervious surface regulations to riparian lots or non-riparian lots entirely within 300 feet of the waterway.
- Addresses impervious surfaces that do not drain directly to a waterway or are being treated by an engineered system.
- Allows a one-time, 200 sq. foot lateral expansion within the setback as long as the expansion is no closer to the waterway.
- Clarifies that discontinuance language in the Code only applies to structures associated with a nonconforming use; reflecting statutory language.
- Eliminates the requirement to remove nonconforming accessory structures when replacing or relocating nonconforming structures.
- Eliminates a provision that states that boathouses shall be regulated under s. 30.121 to clarify that county may regulate dry boathouses.
- Clarifies that a permit is not required to remove invasive, damaged or diseased vegetation, or vegetation that poses a safety hazard.
- Clarifies what materials must be submitted to the department.

The proposed rule may be reviewed at: <https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Home>

To request this material in an alternative format, please call Heidi Kennedy at (608) 261-6430 or email her at heidi.kennedy@wisconsin.gov with specific information on your request by **May 6, 2013**.

If you expect to be affected economically by this rule proposal please provide as much information as possible to the department regarding any implementation or compliance costs you would expect to incur, quantifiable benefits of the proposed rule, or how the proposed rule would negatively affect your overall economic competitiveness, productivity, or jobs.

Please indicate whether you are responding as a business, small business, business association, local governmental unit, or individual. A small business is defined as an independently owned and operated business that is not dominant in its field and which employs 25 or fewer full-time employees or which has gross annual sales of less than \$5,000,000.

Comments are due and shall be postmarked no later than May 6, 2013. Please provide your email address or phone number in order for the department to contact you if additional information is needed. Written comments on economic effects of the proposal may be submitted via U.S. mail or email to:

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