Restore local control by allowing counties to develop ordinances to protect our lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

A buffer is a vegetative strip of land containing grass, shrubs or trees located adjacent to a lake, stream, or wetland.

A buffer improves water quality by filtering runoff and reducing sediment and nutrient contamination to water bodies.

A buffer provides food and habitat for many forms of wildlife.

Maintaining water quality and improving wildlife is important to local residents, tourists and sportsmen.

The state legislature has weakened zoning ordinances by removing local control and limiting a county’s ability to develop regulations that are unique to its environmental concerns.

Therefore, the legislature must act to restore local control by allowing counties to develop ordinances to protect our lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

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