

Columbia County Shoreland Zoning Presentations

In response to recent changes to Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter NR 115 and 2015 Wisconsin Acts 55 and 167, Columbia County is required to update their Shoreland-Wetland Protection Ordinance by October 1, 2016 in order to comply with State requirements. Under 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, Wisconsin counties cannot be more restrictive in their shoreland regulations and therefore must adopt the standards set by the State. Columbia County Planning & Zoning staff will be conducting presentations at the locations listed below to explain the new requirements and answer any questions the public may have. Shoreland owners, contractors, landscapers, lake association members, and those who live, play, or work near a lake, river, or stream in Columbia County are encouraged to attend one of these presentations.

Presentation Schedule*

April 12, 2016	Town of West Point Town Hall N2114 Raush Road Lodi, WI 53555
April 14, 2016	Town of Lodi Town Hall W10919 County Highway V Lodi, WI 53555
April 18, 2016	Town of Dekorra Town Hall W8460 Bilkie Road Poynette, WI 53955
April 25, 2016	Town of Caledonia Town Hall N5479 Beich Road Portage, WI 53901
April 26, 2016	Columbia County Law Enforcement Center; Community Room 711 East Cook Street Portage, WI 53901

**All presentations will run from 6:00 – 8:00 pm*

Did You Know?

The number of homes on lakes of all sizes increased 216 percent from the 1960s to 1995.

As lakes are developed, frog, songbird, musky, trout, and bluegill populations decrease.

As impervious surfaces increase on a body of water, the amount of runoff increases, resulting in cloudy water and algae blooms.

Topics to be discussed will include: impervious surface limitations, vegetative buffer requirements, mitigation options and requirements, setbacks, and nonconforming and exempt structures.

