

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT P.O. BOX 187. COURTHOUSE. FRIENDSHIP. WI 53934 - PHONE: 608 339-4222

## **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR RIPARIAN BUFFER**

Landowner: Date:

1. Buffer area will be 35 feet deep (measured from water/land interface landward) by \_\_\_\_\_\_ feet wide (measured along shoreline) excluding (circle choice) 1 2 3 planned view/access corridor(s). One view/access corridor is planned to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ feet wide and begin \_\_\_\_\_\_ feet from the N S E W property line to encompass the following (examples: steps, pier, beach area, swim dock etc.)

The second view/access corridor is planned to be \_\_\_\_\_ feet wide and begin \_\_\_\_\_ feet from the (circle one) N S E W property line to encompass the following (examples: steps, pier, beach area, swim dock etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

2. You may remove diseased trees and shrubs, broken trees and shrubs, and other debris that may cause safety hazards.

3. Is the buffer area currently free of erosion? Y N Vegetative species present in buffer area include: Tree species:

Shrubs species: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Understory species (grasses, plants etc.): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. A planned riparian buffer installation of native plant material will bring the property into compliance. The landowner will install a native plant mix as described in attachment A.

5. Removal of ground cover, trees, shrubs and mowing is prohibited in the riparian buffer area, except in the viewing corridor where vegetation may be mowed regularly.

6. State of Wisconsin listed noxious weeds (Canada thistle, Field bindweed, Leafy spurge, Purple loosestrife, and Multiflora rose) shall be controlled.

7. Herbicide use is prohibited in the riparian buffer area except to control noxious weeds. Use herbicides according to label instructions.

8. Fertilizers are prohibited within the riparian buffer area.

9. Insecticides may be used only to control pests causing damage to the riparian buffer plants. Use insecticides according to label instructions

10. Any activity that causes damage to the plants within the riparian buffer area is prohibited (i.e. piles of leaves, ATV traffic, piles of lumber, buildings, burning).

11. Riparian buffer area may be irrigated as deemed necessary provided erosion does not occur.

12. Allow the Adams County Planning & Zoning Department and Department of Natural Resources access to periodically review the riparian area.

The maintenance agreement has been reviewed with me (property owner) and I agree to comply.

Signed:

Property Owner

Date: