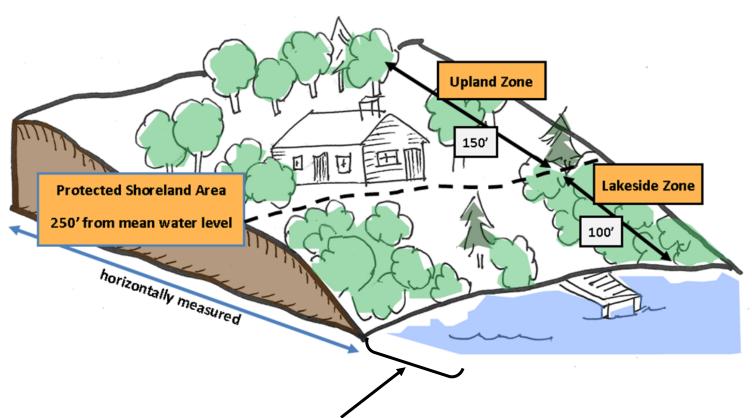
Shoreland Development: When do you need a state permit?

The Vermont Shoreland Protection Act – Effective July 1, 2014

The Vermont Shoreland Protection Act establishes a Protected Shoreland Area consisting of the first 250 feet from the mean water level of lakes and ponds greater than 10 acres in size. The Act defines reasonable development standards for the creation of cleared area and impervious surface within this area. To assist landowners with obtaining the proper permits for development along lakeshores, **Vermont Shoreland Permitting** was initiated.



Does your project encroach into the lake (beyond mean water level)?

Vermont Lake Encroachment Permitting

regulates projects within this zone. The goals of Lake Encroachment Permitting are to minimize encroachment on public waters as well as ensure that projects do not adversely affect the public good and are consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Projects encroaching on public waters such as docks, retaining walls, shoreline stabilization, water intakes, dredging, and fill may require a permit.

Are you planning to develop your parcel or have questions regarding permits?

Please see reverse side for region specific contact information. The Vermont DEC Lakes and Ponds Program webpage has additional information and materials. Visit:

www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/lakes.htm



Lake Encroachment & Shoreland Permitting Regional Contacts

For development within the Protected Shoreland Area or in a lake (encroaching beyond mean water level), please contact the appropriate regional permit analyst to assist you.

