

Views from Your Lake: A Choice, an Action



LAND DISTURBANCE

BAD GOOD

1 Removing all vegetation from an area for building houses destroys animal habitat and may cause excess runoff.

18 Careful placement of homes among healthy stands of vegetation allows for a natural setting, provides shelter for animals, and promotes the infiltration of rainwater.

STEEP SLOPES

BAD GOOD

2 Land disturbance and building projects in steep areas can cause excessive erosion.

17 Siting homes away from slopes allows for more suitable use of these areas and decreases the likelihood of erosion.

PET WASTE

BAD GOOD

3 Free roaming pets may leave behind undesirable wastes that can restrict swimming and cause sickness if ingested.

16 Animals and their owners can enjoy the out-of-doors together while keeping it safe and clean for others.

WETLAND

BAD GOOD

4 Filling wetlands to increase buildable land area destroys habitat for plants and animals.

15 Placement of homes away from wetlands, with suitable buffer areas, protects the habitat of nearby wildlife.

BOATING

BAD GOOD

5 Improper boating practices can have adverse effects on the lake through noise and potential pollution.

14 Proper boating practices have a low impact on lake resources.

RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT

BAD GOOD

6 Intensive maintenance of lawns down to the shoreline decreases shade and increases temperature, and the chance of pesticides and fertilizers entering the lake.

13 Allowing trees and shrubs to grow in natural buffer areas along the lake provides shading in shallow waters and habitat for animals.

LAWNCARE/LANDSCAPING

BAD GOOD

7 Landscape designs that overuse an area will impact shorelines and require intense management.

12 Native plants offer a pleasing landscape and require less management. Natural screening provides privacy for outdoor gatherings.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

BAD GOOD

8 Inadequately treated septic waste can pollute groundwater and leach into the nearby lake.

11 Properly designed and maintained septic systems ensure that nearby water resources remain clean.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

BAD GOOD

9 Improperly disposed of, some common household materials can end up in the lake.

10 Proper use, storage, and disposal of all materials is key to protecting our resources. Remember to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

