

FIRST NOTICE LETTER

Re: Requirement for 50-foot Permanent Vegetative Cover Along Protected Waters
Property ID Number ???

Dear Property Owner:

Dakota County Ordinance 50, Shoreland and Floodplain Management (Ordinance 50) was adopted by Dakota County in 1973 as required by state law. Ordinance 50 is administered in all 13 townships located within the County.

In accordance with Minn. R. ch. 6120, Ordinance 50 requires the establishment and maintenance of a 50-foot permanent vegetative cover along Protected Waters as identified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The 50-foot permanent vegetative cover is the minimum allowed by Minn. R. ch. 6120 and Ordinance 50. Annual cultivation for row crop production does not fulfill the permanent vegetative cover requirement.

A recent assessment was performed and it has been determined that your property, identified by the above parcel identification number, is subject to the 50-foot permanent vegetative cover requirement and currently does not conform with said requirement. Enclosed is an aerial photograph illustrating the land use along the Protected Water located on your property.

We recognize that establishing permanent vegetative cover requires some time for planting and growth. Accordingly, we are allowing you a period of two years from the date of this letter to bring the property into compliance. If you disagree with the result of this assessment, you may request an onsite inspection.

There may be incentive programs available to help you establish the required 50-foot permanent vegetative cover. If you have questions about Ordinance 50, would like to schedule an inspection, or want information on incentive programs please call [REDACTED] at 952-891 [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Water Resources Department

Enclosure

c: Joseph A. Harris, Commissioner, District 1
Brian Watson, Manager, Dakota SWCD



SECOND NOTICE

Physical Development Division
Lynn Thompson, Director

March 20, 2012
[Redacted]
NORTHFIELD MN 55057-5428

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Environmental Mgmt. Department
Office of GIS
Parks and Open Space Department
Surveyor's Office
Transit Office
Transportation Department
Water Resources Department

Re: Requirement for 50-foot Permanent Vegetative Cover Along Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Designated Protected Waters
PIN: [Redacted]

Dear Property Owner:

Dakota County is now in the second year of a compliance initiative regarding establishing and maintaining the 50-foot permanent vegetative cover along the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Designated Protected Waters in the County. The 50-foot permanent vegetative cover is the minimum allowed under Dakota County Ordinance 50 and the cover must be permanent. Annual cultivation for row crop production or vegetation removal such as sod farming does not fulfill the requirement.

An assessment of shoreland properties was performed in 2010 and your property, as identified by the Property Identification Number (PIN) above, was found to lack the 50-foot vegetative cover adjacent to the DNR Protected Water. Enclosed is an aerial photograph showing the land use on your property along the DNR Protected Water. (Please note that tax PINs were slightly modified since the 2010 assessment and map.)

We recognize that establishing a permanent vegetative cover requires some time for planting and growth. We are contacting you at this time to bring your attention to the need to establish the vegetative cover over the course of this next growing season. If you have already addressed the issue please contact us for a final inspection of your property. The current compliance initiative will end on March 31, 2013, at which time all properties are expected to be in compliance in regard to the 50-foot permanent vegetative cover requirement of Dakota County Ordinance 50.

Incentive programs may be available to assist you in establishing the 50-foot permanent vegetative cover. If you have questions about Dakota County Ordinance 50, are ready to schedule a final inspection or want further information on incentive programs please call [Redacted] at 952-891-[Redacted]

Sincerely,
[Redacted Signature]

Water Resources Department

Enclosure

c: Joseph A. Harris, Commissioner, District 1
Brian Watson, Manager, Dakota SWCD



THIRD NOTICE

Physical Development Division August 29, 2012
Lynn Thompson, Director

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INVER GROVE HEIGHTS MN 55076-1667

Re: Requirement for 50-foot Permanent Vegetative Cover Along Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Designated Protected Waters - PIN: [Redacted]

Environmental Mgmt. Department
Office of GIS
Parks and Open Space Department
Surveyor's Office
Transit Office
Transportation Department
Water Resources Department

Dear Property Owner:

Dakota County is in the final stage of a three year compliance initiative regarding establishing and maintaining the 50-foot permanent vegetative cover along the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Designated Protected Waters in the County. The 50-foot permanent vegetative cover is the minimum allowed under Dakota County Ordinance No. 50 and the cover must be permanent. Annual cultivation for row crop production does not fulfill the requirement.

An aerial assessment of shoreland properties was performed in 2010 and your property, as identified by the Property Identification Number (PIN) above, was found to lack the 50-foot vegetative cover adjacent to the DNR Protected Water.

We are contacting you at this time to bring your attention to the need to establish the vegetative cover this fall after harvest. If you have already addressed the issue please contact us for a final inspection of your property. The current compliance initiative ends in spring, 2013, at which time all properties are expected to be in compliance with the 50-foot permanent vegetative cover requirement of Dakota County Ordinance No. 50. The County will begin enforcement action in 2013.

Enclosed is information regarding new incentive programs for landowners interested in selling additional easements beyond the required 50' permanent vegetative cover. No public access is required. This program is different from the Farmland Natural Area Program in that it uses a formula approach to calculate value, not an appraisal (see page 4 of the enclosure).

Traditional farm incentive programs through the Dakota SWCD may also be available to assist you in establishing the 50-foot permanent vegetative cover. If you have questions about Dakota County Ordinance No. 50, are ready to schedule a final inspection or want further information on incentive programs please call [Redacted] at 952-891 [Redacted]

Sincerely,



Water Resources Department

Enclosure

c: Joseph A. Harris, Commissioner, District 1
Brian Watson, Manager, Dakota SWCD



FINAL NOTICE

Physical Development Division March 20, 2013
Lynn Thompson, Director

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HASTINGS MN 55033

Re: Requirement for 50-foot Permanent Vegetative Cover Along Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Designated Protected Waters - PIN: [Redacted]

Environmental Mgmt. Department
Office of GIS
Parks and Open Space Department
Surveyor's Office
Transit Office
Transportation Department
Water Resources Department

Dear Property Owner:

Dakota County is in the final stage of a three year compliance initiative regarding establishing and maintaining the 50-foot permanent vegetative cover along the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Protected Waters within the 13 unincorporated townships. The 50-foot permanent vegetative cover is the minimum required under Dakota County Ordinance No. 50: Shoreland and Floodplain Management, and the cover must be permanent. Annual cultivation for row crop production does not fulfill the requirement.

An aerial assessment of shoreland properties was performed and your property, as identified by the Property Identification Number (PIN) above, was found to lack the 50-foot permanent vegetative cover adjacent to the DNR Protected Water. This letter serves as a final reminder that you need to establish the permanent vegetative cover this spring. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action being brought against you under Dakota County Ordinance No. 50. If you have already established the required 50-foot permanent vegetative cover, please contact [Redacted] to schedule a final inspection of your property.

Incentive programs through the Soil & Water Conservation District may be available to assist you in establishing the 50-foot permanent vegetative cover. Also, Dakota County has a new incentive program for landowners interested in selling additional easements beyond the required 50-foot permanent vegetative cover. If you have questions about Dakota County Ordinance No. 50, are ready to schedule a final inspection or want further information on incentive programs please call [Redacted] at 952-891-[Redacted]

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Water Resources Department

Enclosure .

c: Mike Slavik, Commissioner, District 1
Brian Watson, Manager, Dakota SWCD



WARNING NOTICE

Physical Development Division March 12, 2015

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Lakeville, MN 55044

Re: Requirement for 50-foot Permanent Vegetative Cover Along Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Designated Protected Waters - PIN: [Redacted]

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

As you know, Dakota County enforces state regulations requiring that a 50-foot permanent vegetative cover adjacent to the DNR Protected Water be maintained. Annual cultivation for row crop production does not fulfill the permanent vegetative requirement as stated in Minnesota Rules Part 6120.3300, Subpart 7, and adopted in Ordinance 50, Section 16.08(B)(1).

While inspecting your property as part of your Shoreholder's easement application, county staff noticed that a large portion of the buffer had been tilled up last fall.

This warning notice serves as a reminder that you need to re-establish the permanent vegetative cover this spring before crops are planted regardless of your interest in the Shoreholder's program. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action being brought against you under Dakota County Ordinance No. 50.

[Redacted] recommended seeding dates for the Dakota County area are:

Cool season grasses (i.e. hay & pasture mixes) are:

Spring
April 1- June 1

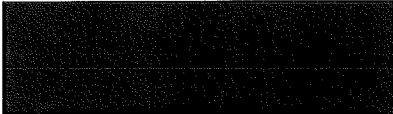
Warm Season Grasses (i.e. native prairie)

Spring
May 15 - June 30

Please contact me to flag the buffer area prior to seeding. A final inspection will be conducted after growth has been established.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Environment Specialist

c: Mike Slavik, Commissioner, District 1
Brian Watson, Manager, Dakota SWCD