



Shoreline Permits

Van Buren Township Lake Letters

No person shall do or cause any one of the following on Belleville Lake, on his or her frontage, or on abutting Township Lake property without first having obtained Township approval in accordance with the provisions of the Shoreline Ordinance:

1. Install, construct or expand a dock, boat cradle, boat lift, boat hoist, ramp or launch.
2. Install, construct or expand a seawall, bulkhead, dike, levee or other erosion control device.
3. Install, place or maintain a ski jump or other rigid platform.
4. Install, place or maintain a navigational marker or buoy.
5. Excavate, grade, or make earth modifications other than those exempted by the Shoreline Ordinance.

Please refer to the Township Zoning Ordinance for the complete shoreline rules and standards at http://vanburen-mi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/ADOPTED-ZONING-ORDINANCE-Effective-2017_06_02-Amended-2018_09_21.pdf

Only the property owner or authorized designee may apply for approval under this Section. Each applicant shall submit the following documents and drawings. If determined necessary and required by the Township, the drawings and documents shall be signed by licensed professional(s). When applying for permission from the Township, please submit the following:

1. A completed application form, including a description of the proposed improvements and modifications and description of any other required permits.
2. A plan that shows the boundaries of the abutting upland lot, the location of the proposed installation and the location of the shoreline, and location of any existing structures within 50 feet of the proposed installation.
3. A copy of any existing survey from the abutting upland lot and photographs of the existing conditions.
4. Plans, elevations and sections, with dimensions, showing the height, length, width, distance to the lot lines and configuration of the proposed installation.
5. Specification of the materials to be used in construction or installation.
6. Water depth at the farthest point of projection, when additional dock length is requested.
7. Distance from the farthest point of projection to the opposite shore (if less than 250 ft.).
8. A description of the existing shoreline features and uses.
9. A description of any shoreline erosion control or shoreline stabilization (seawalls, bulkheads and similar) proposed as part of the project.
10. Other information as determined necessary by the Township to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the Township's residents, those who use Belleville Lake and the shoreline habitat.
11. Completed application for review by Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and if required, by FERC.
12. Any other applicable elements of Site Plan and/or Special Approval applications, as required by this Ordinance.

Submit information to: Department of Public Services
Van Buren Township
46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111-5217

Any structure on the land (e.g. boardwalk, stairs, etc.) or any roof to be constructed on a boat hoist will require a building permit from the Township Building Department.

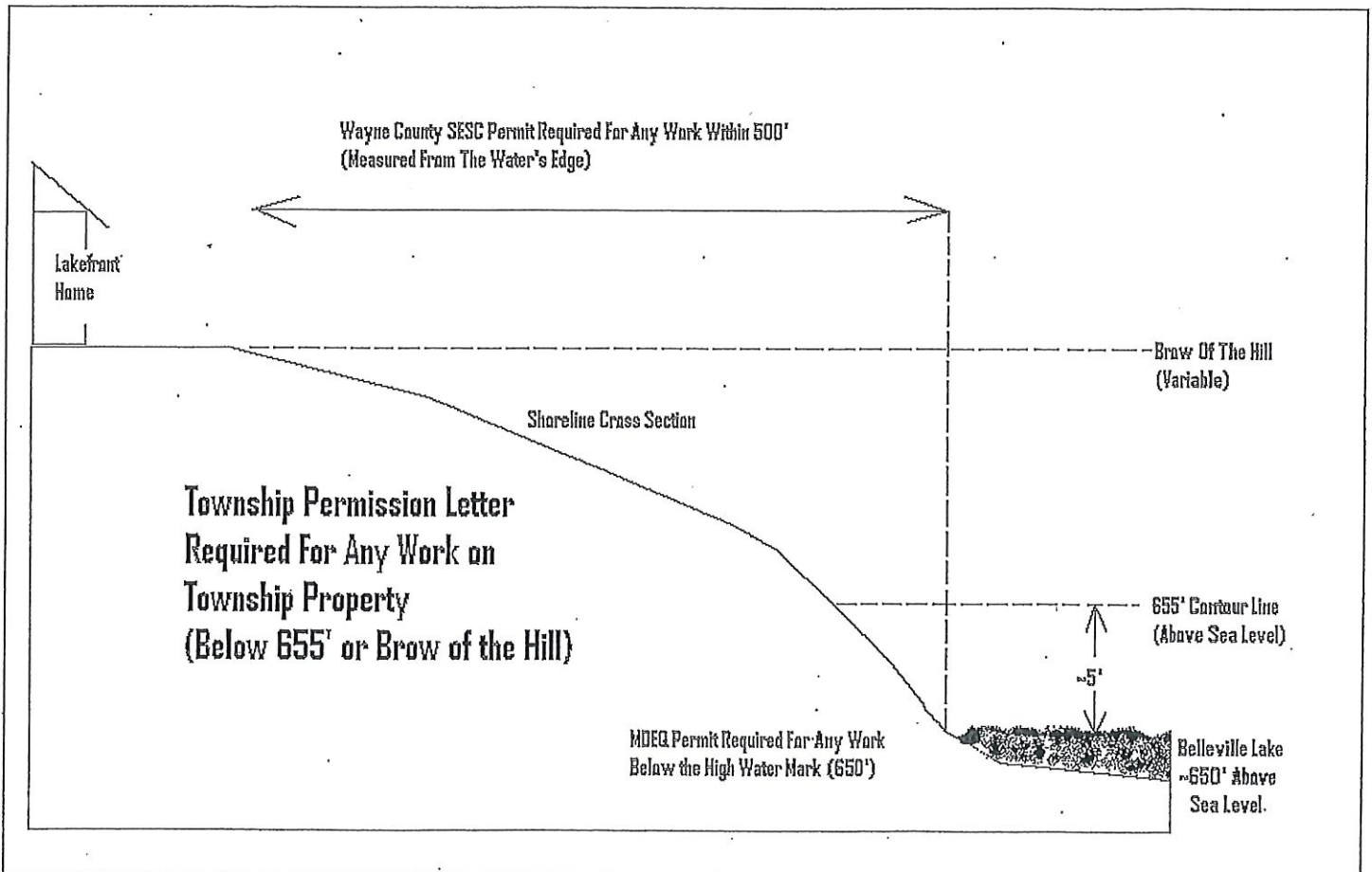
Please keep in mind when designing your shoreline project that the Township very strongly encourages minimum impact to the natural vegetation and contour of the shoreline.

MDEQ Permits

Any alterations at or below the water's edge or in wetlands will require also require MDEQ approval. Please note that you must first receive permission from the Township before you receive a permit from the MDEQ. Visit the [MDEQ Land and Water Resource Division](#) to learn more and to download application forms: [Land and Water Management Division's Joint Permit Application](#) or contact the MDEQs staff person, Jeremy Richardson at (248) 763-1664 or by email at richardsonj1@michigan.gov

Soil Erosion Permit

Any earth change/disturbance over one (1) acre in size and/or within 500 feet of a water of the state, (lake, stream, wetland, drain) within Wayne County may need a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (S.E.S.C.) Permit. Visit the Wayne County Department of Environment, [Land Resource Management Division](#) site to find out more information and to download an [application](#) or they can be reached at (734) 326-3936



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

HOLD HARMLESS ALLOWING USE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

In consideration for the Charter Township of Van Buren ("Township") allowing the undersigned, his/her family members, agents, employees, contractors, licensees and/or invitees, to enter onto Township property adjacent to and including Belleville Lake, and to construct certain structures and facilities, such construction subject, however, to Township prior approval, to the fullest extent permitted by law the undersigned agrees to completely and fully defend, pay on behalf of, indemnify, and hold harmless the Township, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, representatives, boards, commissions and volunteers, and others working on behalf of the Township against any and all liabilities, obligations, penalties, litigation, fines, judgments, proceedings, damages, disbursements, claims, demands, suits, or loss, including all costs and expenses of any kind connected therewith (including attorney fees and expert witness fees and expenses and fees incurred in investigating, defending or prosecuting any litigation, claim, action or proceeding), and for any damages which may, at any time, be asserted, claimed, awarded or recovered against, imposed upon or from the Township, by reason of personal injury, including bodily injury or death and/or property damage, including loss of use thereof, which arises out of, or is in any way connected or associated with, in whole or in part and whether directly or indirectly, the entry upon, construction of structures and facilities, and use of Township property.

Dated: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____