

Creating a Mitigation Plan to Compensate for an Expansion or Reconstruction of a Nonconforming Structure in the Shoreland Protection District

Mitigation is an action required of a shoreland property owner designed to compensate for shoreland buffer lost to impervious surfaces within the Shoreland Protection District.

In circumstances where nonconforming structures are permitted to be expanded or reconstructed within the Shoreland Buffer Resource Zone, the Development Review Board (DRB) shall require the shoreland property owner to create and adhere to an approved mitigation plan.

Measures which may be included in such a plan are as follows:

- **Buffer Restoration.** Returning mowed or cleared areas to a naturally vegetated state with supplemental planting of appropriate native vegetation in order to restore the lakeshore buffer. **Must be part of the approved mitigation plan.**
- **Rain Gardens.**
- **Implementation of erosion and stormwater runoff controls.** Creating runoff capture and building infiltration structures to prevent stormwater runoff from reaching the lake.
- **Removal of nonconforming or obtrusive accessory structures** within the shoreland setback area.
- **Additional site specific requirements** can be determined by the Development Review Board before final plan approval, based on a review of site conditions and the need for any special buffer area protection or restoration measures.

Please provide the DRB with your proposed mitigation plan prior to the Site Visit. Suggestions and descriptions of various mitigation measures are available from the Zoning Administrator or on-line at www.greensborovt.org/zoning.