



Rice County Planning and Zoning

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Table 516-1 Dimensional Standards for GDS, RDS and NES Shoreland Districts

	GDS	RDS	NES
Minimum Lot Area (square feet)			
Riparian	20,000 sf	40,000 sf	80,000 sf
Non-Riparian	40,000 sf	40,000 sf	80,000 sf
Minimum Suitable Area (square feet)			
Riparian	12,000 sf	16,000 sf	40,000 sf
Non-Riparian	20,000 sf	20,000 sf	40,000 sf
Minimum Lot Width			
Riparian	100 feet	150 feet	200 feet
Non-Riparian	100 feet	150 feet	200 feet
Minimum Shoreline Frontage - Riparian	100 feet	150 feet	200 feet
Maximum Height of Principal Structure	35 feet	35 feet	35 feet
Maximum Height of Accessory Structures			
Water-oriented accessory structures	10 feet	10 feet	Not
All other accessory structures – Riparian	14 feet	14 feet	14 feet
All other accessory structures – Non-Riparian	16 feet	16 feet	16 feet
Maximum Size of Accessory Structures – Riparian			
Water-oriented accessory structures	144 sf	144 sf	Not
Detached garage – limit of one per riparian lot	1200 sf	1200 sf	1200 sf
Storage shed – limit of one per riparian lot	120 sf	120 sf	120 sf
Maximum Impervious Surface Coverage	25% of lot area	25% of lot area	25% of lot area
Minimum Setbacks for all Structures Except Water-Oriented Accessory Structures			
From OHWL	75 feet	100 feet	150 feet
From top of bluff	30 feet	30 feet	30 feet
From unplatted cemetery	50 feet	50 feet	50 feet
From right-of-way edge of federal, state or County highway	50 feet	50 feet	50 feet
From right-of-way edge of township road, railroad or private road	20 feet	20 feet	20 feet
Rear yard setback	20 feet	20 feet	20 feet
Side yard setback	10 feet	10 feet	20 feet
Setback for agricultural fencing from OHWL	10 feet	10 feet	10 feet
Minimum requirements for Water-Oriented Accessory Structure	See §507.10	See §507.10	Not allowed

As amended though September 2012

516.04 Classification of Public Waters in Rice County/ Shoreland Districts

The public waters of Rice County have been classified, as listed below, consistent with the criteria in Minnesota Rules Parts 6120.3200, 6105.1680, Minnesota Statutes 103F.301 et seq., the Protected Waters Inventory Map for Rice County, Minnesota, dated 1984, and Department of Natural Resources Commissioner's Order dated January 15, 1985.

- A. **General Development Shoreland (GDS) lakes.** General development lakes are large, deep lakes or lakes of varying sizes and depths with high levels and mixes of existing development. These lakes are extensively used for recreation and are heavily developed around the shore. The following lakes are classified as general development lakes in General Development Shoreland (GDS) Districts:

8P	Cannon	38P	French
10P	Wells	52P	Cedar
18P	Roberds	55P	Shields

- B. **Recreational Development Shoreland (RDS) lakes.** Recreational development lakes are medium-sized lakes of varying depths and shapes with a variety of landform, soil, and groundwater situations on the lands around them. They often are characterized by moderate levels of recreational use and existing development. The following lakes are classified as recreational development lakes in Recreational Development Shoreland (RDS) Districts:

14P	Dudley	32P	Union
15P	Kelly	47P	Hunt
27P	Circle	29P	Fox
40-1P	Horseshoe	39P	Mazaska
40-2P	Upper Sakatah		

- C. **Natural Environment Shoreland (NES) lakes.** Natural environment lakes are small, often shallow lakes with limited capacities for assimilating the impacts of development and recreational use. They often have adjacent lands with substantial constraints for development such as high water tables, exposed bedrock, and soils unsuitable for septic systems. These lakes usually do not have much existing development or recreational use. The following lakes are classified as natural environmental lakes in Natural Environment Shoreland (NES) Districts:

12W	Unnamed (Wadekamper Slough)	51P	Willing
19P	Unnamed (Jensen Slough)	57P	Logue
28W	Unnamed (Ross Slough)	46P	Pooles
41P	Weinberger	40-27	Dalamer
50P	Caron	61P	Cody
54P	Mud	23P	Mud
62P	Phelps	48P	Rice
1P	Crystal	56P	Le May (Duban)
64P	Metogga	45P	Sprague
63P	Hatch	44P	Lower Sakatah

- D. **Wild and Scenic (WS) rivers.** The following river sections are classified as wild and scenic rivers in a Wild and Scenic River (WS) District, and development within the WS District shall conform to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Minn. Stat. §103F.301-.345), the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Statewide Standards (Minn. Rules, Parts 6105.0010 - .0250 and 6105.1550 - .1700), and the provisions of Chapter 519:

Name of River	Location of river sections in this classification
Cannon River	Cannon City Township
	Bridgewater Township
	Northfield Township