

TABLE 1. LAND USES IN THE SHORELAND ZONE

<u>LAND USES</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>					
	<u>SP</u>	<u>RP</u>	<u>LR</u>	<u>LC</u>	<u>GD</u>	<u>CFMA</u>
1. Non-intensive recreational uses not requiring structures such as hunting, fishing and hiking	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
2. Motorized vehicular traffic on existing roads and trails	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
3. Forest management activities except for timber harvesting & land management roads REPEALED, REGULATED BY BUREAU OF FORESTRY						
4. Timber harvesting REPEALED, REGULATED BY BUREAU OF FORESTRY						
5. Clearing or removal of vegetation for activities other than timber harvesting	CEO	CEO ¹	yes	yes	yes	yes
6. Fire prevention activities	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
7. Wildlife management practices	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
8. Soil and water conservation practices	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
9. Mineral exploration	no	yes ²	yes ²	yes ²	yes ²	yes ²
10. Mineral extraction including sand and gravel extraction	no	PB ³	PB	PB	PB	PB
11. Surveying and resource analysis	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
12. Emergency operations	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
13. Agriculture	yes	PB	yes	yes	yes	yes
14. Aquaculture	PB	PB	PB	yes	yes	yes
15. Principal structures and uses						
A. One and two family residential, including driveways	PB ⁴	PB ⁹	CEO	CEO	NO	NO
B. Multi-unit residential	no	no	PB	PB	NO	NO
C. Commercial	no	no ¹⁰	no ¹⁰	PB	PB	PB ⁵
D. Industrial	no	no	no	no	PB	PB ⁵
E. Governmental and institutional	no	no	PB	PB	PB	PB ⁵
F. Small non-residential facilities for educational, scientific, or nature interpretation purposes	PB ⁴	PB	CEO	CEO	CEO	PB ⁵
16. Structures accessory to allowed uses	PB ⁴	PB	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
17. Piers, docks, wharfs, bridges and other structures and uses extending over or below the normal high-water line or within a wetland						
a. Temporary	CEO ¹¹	CEO ¹¹	CEO ¹¹	CEO ¹¹	CEO ¹¹	CEO ¹¹
b. Permanent	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB ⁵
18. Conversions of seasonal residences to year-round residences	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	no
19. Home occupations	PB	PB	PB	CEO	yes	yes
20. Private sewage disposal systems for allowed uses	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI
21. Essential services	PB ⁶	PB ⁶	PB	PB	PB	PB
A. Roadside distribution lines (34.5kV and lower)	CEO ⁶	CEO ⁶	yes ¹²	yes ¹²	yes ¹²	yes ¹²
B. Non-roadside or cross-country distribution lines involving ten poles or less in the shoreland zone	PB ⁶	PB ⁶	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
C. Non-roadside or cross-country distribution lines involving eleven or more poles in the shoreland zone	PB ⁶	PB ⁶	PB	PB	PB	PB
D. Other essential services	PB ⁶	PB ⁶	PB	PB	PB	PB
22. Service drops, as defined, to allowed uses	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
23. Public and private recreational areas involving minimal structural development	PB	PB	PB	CEO	CEO	CEO ⁵
24. Individual, private campsites	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
25. Campgrounds	no	no ⁷	PB	PB	PB	no
26. Road construction	PB	no ⁸	PB	PB	PB	PB ⁵
27. Land management roads REPEALED, REGULATED BY BUREAU OF FORESTRY						
28. Parking facilities	no	no ⁷	PB	PB	PB	PB ⁵
29. Marinas	PB	no	PB	PB	PB	PB
30. Filling and earth moving of <10 cubic yards	CEO	CEO	yes	yes	yes	yes
31. Filling and earth moving of >10 cubic yards	PB	PB	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
32. Signs	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
33. Uses similar to allowed uses	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
34. Uses similar to uses requiring a CEO permit	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
35. Uses similar to uses requiring a PB permit	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB

¹In RP not allowed within 75 feet horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of great ponds, except to remove safety hazards.

²Requires permit from the Code Enforcement Officer if more than 100 square feet of surface area, in total, is disturbed.

³In RP not allowed in areas so designated because of wildlife value.

- ⁴ Provided that a variance from the setback requirement is obtained from the Board of Appeals.
- ⁵ Functionally water-dependent uses and uses accessory to such water dependent uses only (See note on previous page).
- ⁶ See further restrictions in Section 15(L)(2).
- ⁷ Except when area is zoned for resource protection due to floodplain criteria in which case a permit is required from the PB.
- ⁸ Except as provided in Section 15(H)(4).
- ⁹ Single family residential structures may be allowed by special exception only according to the provisions of Section 16(E), Special Exceptions. Two-family residential structures are prohibited.
- ¹⁰ Except for commercial uses otherwise listed in this Table, such as marinas and campgrounds, that are allowed in the respective district.
- ¹¹ Excluding bridges and other crossings not involving earthwork, in which case no permit is required.
- ¹² Permit not required but must file a written "notice of intent to construct" with *CEO*.
- ¹³ Option 3 towns only.

NOTE: Item 17, in its entirety, should be deleted from Table 1 if a municipality elects not to regulate "piers, docks, wharfs, bridges and other structures and uses extending over or below the normal high-water line or within a wetland".

NOTE: A person performing any of the following activities shall require a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. section 480-C, if the activity occurs in, on, over or adjacent to any freshwater or coastal wetland, great pond, river, stream or brook and operates in such a manner that material or soil may be washed into them:

- A. Dredging, bulldozing, removing or displacing soil, sand, vegetation or other materials;
 - B. Draining or otherwise dewatering;
 - C. Filling, including adding sand or other material to a sand dune; or
 - D. Any construction or alteration of any permanent structure.
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15. Land Use Standards. All land use activities within the shoreland zone shall conform with the following provisions, if applicable.

A. Minimum Lot Standards

	Minimum Lot Area (sq. ft.)	Shore Minimum Frontage (ft.)
(1)		
(a) Residential per dwelling unit		
(i) Within the Shoreland Zone Adjacent to Tidal Areas	30,000	150
(ii) Within the Shoreland Zone Adjacent to Non-Tidal Areas	40,000	200
(b) Governmental, Institutional, Commercial or Industrial per principal structure		
(i) Within the Shoreland Zone Adjacent to Tidal Areas, Exclusive of Those Areas Zoned for Commercial Fisheries and Maritime Activities	40,000	200
(ii) Within the Shoreland Zone Adjacent to Tidal Areas Zoned for Commercial Fisheries and Maritime Activities	NONE	NONE
(iii) Within the Shoreland Zone Adjacent to Non-tidal Areas	60,000	300

(c) Public and Private Recreational Facilities

(i) Within the Shoreland Zone Adjacent to Tidal and Non-Tidal Areas 40,000 200

- (2) Land below the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland and land beneath roads serving more than two (2) lots shall not be included toward calculating minimum lot area.
- (3) Lots located on opposite sides of a public or private road shall be considered each a separate tract or parcel of land unless such road was established by the owner of land on both sides thereof after September 22, 1971.
- (4) The minimum width of any portion of any lot within one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland shall be equal to or greater than the shore frontage requirement for a lot with the proposed use.
- (5) If more than one residential dwelling unit, principal governmental, institutional, commercial or industrial structure or use, or combination thereof, is constructed or established on a single parcel, all dimensional requirements shall be met for each additional dwelling unit, principal structure, or use.

B. Principal and Accessory Structures

- (1) All new principal and accessory structures shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of great ponds classified GPA and rivers that flow to great ponds classified GPA, and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland, except that in the General Development I District the setback from the normal high-water line shall be at least twenty five (25) feet, horizontal distance, and in the Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities District there shall be no minimum setback. In the Resource Protection District the setback requirement shall be 250 feet, horizontal distance, except for structures, roads, parking spaces or other regulated objects specifically allowed in that district in which case the setback requirements specified above shall apply.

In addition:

- (a) The water body, tributary stream, or wetland setback provision shall neither apply to structures which require direct access to the water body or wetland as an operational necessity, such as piers, docks and retaining walls, nor to other functionally water-dependent uses.
- (b) All principal structures along Significant River Segments as listed in 38 M.R.S.A. section 437 (see Appendix A), shall be set back a minimum of one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line and shall be screened from the river by existing vegetation. This provision does not apply to structures related to hydropower facilities.
- (c) For principal structures, water and wetland setback measurements shall be taken from the top of a coastal bluff that has been identified on Coastal Bluff maps as being “highly unstable” or “unstable” by the Maine Geological Survey pursuant to its “Classification of

Coastal Bluffs” and published on the most recent Coastal Bluff map. If the applicant and the permitting official(s) are in disagreement as to the specific location of a “highly unstable” or “unstable” bluff, or where the top of the bluff is located, the applicant may at his or her expense, employ a Maine Registered Professional Engineer, a Maine Certified Soil Scientist, a Maine State Geologist, or other qualified individual to make a determination. If agreement is still not reached, the applicant may appeal the matter to the board of appeals.

- (d) On a non-conforming lot of record on which only a residential structure exists, and it is not possible to place an accessory structure meeting the required water body, tributary stream or wetland setbacks, the code enforcement officer may issue a permit to place a single accessory structure, with no utilities, for the storage of yard tools and similar equipment. Such accessory structure shall not exceed eighty (80) square feet in area nor eight (8) feet in height, and shall be located as far from the shoreline or tributary stream as practical and shall meet all other applicable standards, including lot coverage and vegetation clearing limitations. In no case shall the structure be located closer to the shoreline or tributary stream than the principal structure.
 - (e) All tidal land which is subject to tidal action during the highest annual tide is coastal wetland. A tributary stream may be perennial or intermittent. Where a tributary stream is present within the shoreland zone, setback standards from that tributary stream are applicable.
- (2) Principal or accessory structures and expansions of existing structures which are permitted in the Resource Protection, Limited Residential, Limited Commercial, General Development, Commercial Fisheries Maritime Activities, and Stream Protection Districts, shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height. This provision shall not apply to structures such as transmission towers, windmills, antennas, and similar structures having no floor area. A cupola, dome, widow’s walk or other similar feature is exempt from the height limits in accordance with 38 M.R.S.A. Section 439-A(9). Notwithstanding the limitations on height imposed under Sections 12C1 (a), (b), & (c), the height of a structure that is a legally existing nonconforming principal or accessory structure may be raised to , but not above, the minimum elevation necessary to be consistent with the local floodplain management elevation requirement or to 3 feet above base flood elevation, whichever is greater, as long as the structure is relocated, reconstructed, replaced, or elevated within the boundaries of the parcel so that the water body or wetland setback requirement is met to the greatest practical extent. This paragraph applies to structures that:
- (a) Have been or are proposed to be relocated, reconstructed, replaced, or elevated to be consistent with the local floodplain management elevation requirement and
 - (b) Are located in an area of special flood hazard.
- (3) The lowest floor elevation or openings of all buildings and structures, including basements, shall be elevated at least one foot above the elevation of the 100 year flood, the flood of record, or in the absence of these, the flood as defined by soil types identified as recent floodplain soils. In those municipalities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and have adopted the April 2005 version, or later version, of the Floodplain Management Ordinance, accessory structures may be placed in accordance with the standards of that ordinance and need not meet the elevation requirements of this paragraph.
- (4) With the exception of General Development Districts located adjacent to coastal wetlands and rivers that do not flow to great ponds, and Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities Districts, non-vegetated surfaces shall not exceed a total of twenty (20) percent of the portion of the lot

located within the shoreland zone. This limitation does not apply to public boat launching facilities regardless of the district in which the facility is located.

In a General Development District located adjacent to coastal wetlands, or rivers that do not flow to great ponds, or in a Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities District, non-vegetated surfaces shall not exceed a total of seventy (70) percent of the portion of the lot located within the shoreland zone.

For the purposes of calculating lot coverage, non-vegetated surfaces include, but are not limited to the following: structures, driveways, parking areas, and other areas from which vegetation has been removed. Naturally occurring ledge and rock outcroppings are not counted as nonvegetated surfaces when calculating lot coverage for lots of record on March 24, 1990 and in continuous existence since that date.

- (5) Retaining walls that are not necessary for erosion control shall meet the structure setback requirement, except for low retaining walls and associated fill provided all of the following conditions are met:
- (a) The site has been previously altered and an effective vegetated buffer does not exist;
 - (b) The wall(s) is(are) at least 25 feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland;
 - (c) The site where the retaining wall will be constructed is legally existing lawn or is a site eroding from lack of naturally occurring vegetation, and which cannot be stabilized with vegetative plantings;
 - (d) The total height of the wall(s), in the aggregate, are no more than 24 inches;
 - (e) Retaining walls are located outside of the 100-year floodplain on rivers, streams, coastal wetlands, and tributary streams, as designated on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps or Flood Hazard Boundary Maps, or the flood of record, or in the absence of these, by soil types identified as recent flood plain soils.
 - (f) The area behind the wall is revegetated with grass, shrubs, trees, or a combination thereof, and no further structural development will occur within the setback area, including patios and decks; and
 - (g) A vegetated buffer area is established within 25 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland when a natural buffer area does not exist. The buffer area must meet the following characteristics:
 - (i) The buffer must include shrubs and other woody and herbaceous vegetation. Where natural ground cover is lacking the area must be supplemented with leaf or bark mulch;
 - (ii) Vegetation plantings must be in quantities sufficient to retard erosion and provide for effective infiltration of stormwater runoff;
 - (iii) Only native species may be used to establish the buffer area;

- (iv) A minimum buffer width of 15 feet, horizontal distance, is required, measured perpendicularly to the normal high-water line or upland edge of a wetland;
 - (v) A footpath not to exceed the standards in Section 15(P)(2)(a), may traverse the buffer;
 - (vi) If the wall and associated soil disturbance occurs within 75 feet, horizontal distance, of a water body, tributary stream or coastal wetland, a permit pursuant to the *Natural Resource Protection Act* is required from the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (6) Notwithstanding the requirements stated above, stairways or similar structures may be allowed with a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer, to provide shoreline access in areas of steep slopes or unstable soils provided: that the structure is limited to a maximum of four (4) feet in width; that the structure does not extend below or over the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland, (unless permitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the *Natural Resources Protection Act*, 38 M.R.S.A. section 480-C); and that the applicant demonstrates that no reasonable access alternative exists on the property.

C. Piers, Docks, Wharves, Bridges and Other Structures and Uses Extending Over or Below the Normal High-Water Line of a Water Body or Within a Wetland, and Shoreline Stabilization

- (1) No more than one pier, dock, wharf or similar structure extending or located below the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland is allowed on a single lot; except that when a single lot contains at least twice the minimum shore frontage as specified in Section 15(A), a second structure may be allowed and may remain as long as the lot is not further divided.
- (2) Access from shore shall be developed on soils appropriate for such use and constructed so as to control erosion.
- (3) The location shall not interfere with existing developed or natural beach areas.
- (4) The facility shall be located so as to minimize adverse effects on fisheries.
- (5) The facility shall be no larger in dimension than necessary to carry on the activity and be consistent with the surrounding character and uses of the area. A temporary pier, dock or wharf in non-tidal waters shall not be wider than six feet for non-commercial uses.
- (6) No new structure shall be built on, over or abutting a pier, wharf, dock or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland unless the structure requires direct access to the water body or wetland as an operational necessity. A structure constructed on a float or floats is prohibited unless it is designed to function as, and is registered with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a watercraft.
- (7) New permanent piers and docks on non-tidal waters shall not be permitted unless it is clearly demonstrated to the Planning Board that a temporary pier or dock is not feasible, and a permit has been obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the *Natural Resources Protection Act*.
- (8) No existing structures built on, over or abutting a pier, dock, wharf or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland shall be converted to residential dwelling units in any district.