



## **REDWOOD COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE**

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### SHORELAND REPORT

In the Shoreland District in 2021, Redwood County issued two land use/zoning permits. These were for the following structures: 9' x 40' shipping container, with electrical hook-up, for hunting storage; and a 32' x 48' 2-story attached garage, including office room, workout room, storage space, and bathroom. All structures met the 150' setback from the ordinary high water mark.

A certificate of compliance was required, and received, in connection with the 32' x 48' 2-story attached garage. There is no septic system at the shipping container building site.

Other projects undertaken and issues dealt with in the Shoreland District included, but are not limited to, the following: meetings with property owners regarding shoreland rules; research, analysis and correspondence regarding ten non-development administrative parcel splits; investigate, inspect, and follow up on a manure complaint made in connection with a small cattle feedlot near an unnamed PWI tributary of the Cottonwood River; inspect and research potential existing shooting range expansion into flood-fringe/shoreland zone; inspect, research, and talk with landowner regarding shoreland setback requirements related to the potential expansion or replacement of a farm house that was historically constructed very close to the bank of an unnamed PWI tributary of Plum Creek; research and correspond with property owner and attorney regarding property lines, parcel split, and quiet title action relating to a property on the shore of the Redwood River over which a dispute exists about the property descriptions, in relation to the river and former roadway; correspondence with VSO and state Department of Veterans Affairs regarding proposed Veterans Cemetery to be located partly in the Shoreland District.

No variances were issued in the Shoreland District in 2021.

One SSTS was installed in the Shoreland District in 2021 – a mound system replacing a septic system installed sometime in the 1970s or 80s. The new septic was not able to meet the required setback from an unnamed PWI tributary of the Cottonwood River, though it is further from the river than the old septic. The septic installation was inspected and approved by County staff. A variance to the shoreland setback was issued for this septic in 2020, and was detailed in last year's report.

### SSTS REPORT

Staff made site visits to determine soils, inspect SSTS tanks and absorption areas, and inspect alleged ordinance violations. Forty-six SSTS were installed in Redwood County in 2021. Each design was reviewed one or more times depending on how many corrections needed to be made. Each was inspected between one and three times, depending on the type of SSTS and the installation schedule. Nearly 450 staff hours were devoted to SSTS related activities in 2021, about the same staff time as in 2020.

Additionally, inquiries from realtors, lawyers, bankers, and citizens regarding septic rules, regulations, and records were fielded and answered. The septic records kept since 1996 were maintained and held open to the public upon request.