

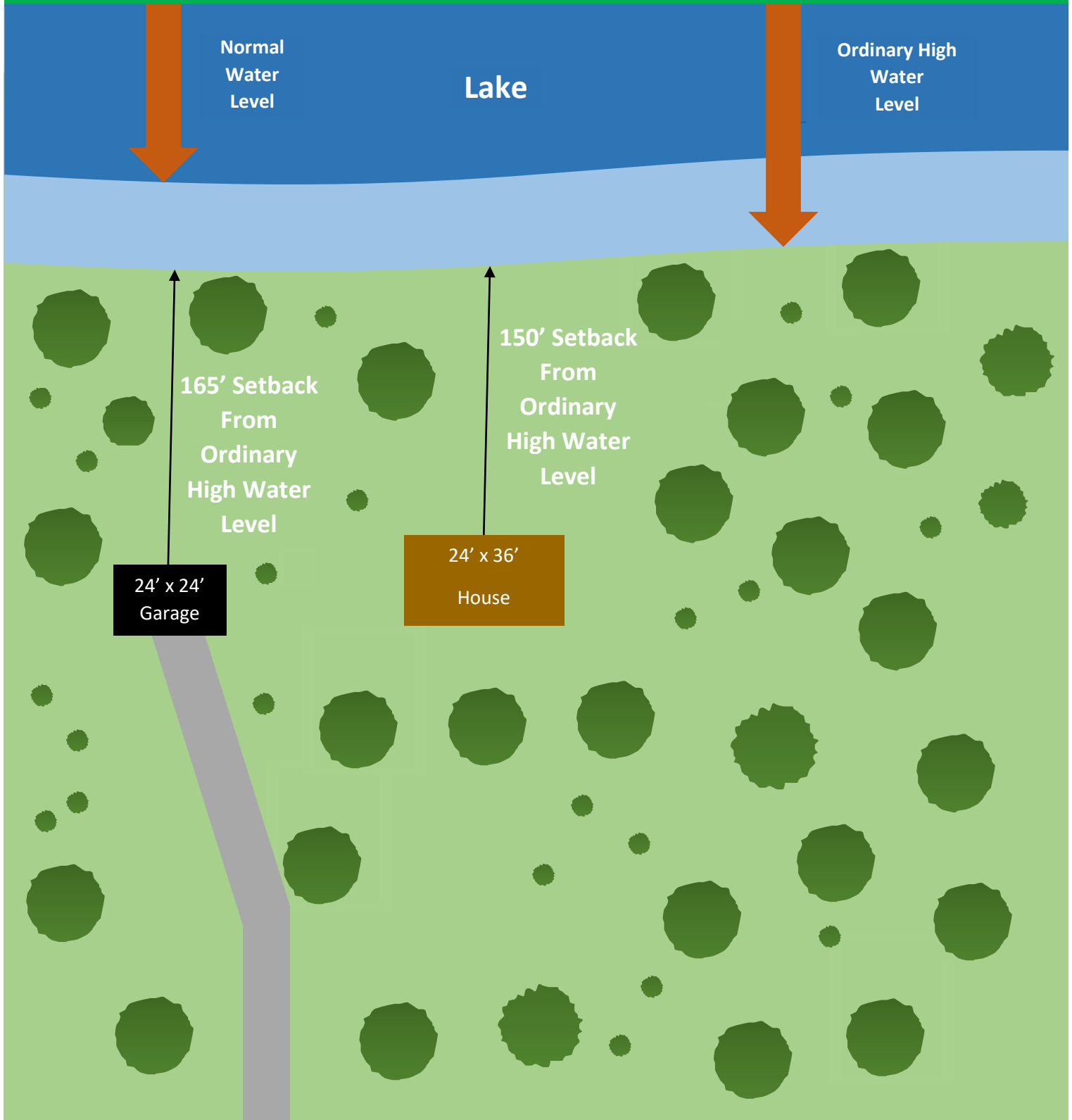


Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL)

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Definition - The boundary of public waters and wetlands, and shall be an elevation delineating the highest water level which has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence on the landscape, commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial. For water courses, the ordinary high water level shall be the elevation of the top of the bank of the channel. For reservoirs and flowages, the ordinary high water level shall be the operating elevation of the normal summer pool.

Shore Setback and Shore Impact Zone Requirements

Shore Setback and Shore Impact Zone Requirements - The following setbacks shall apply from protected waters or waters designated through county adopted land use plans:

Classification	Setback in feet	Shore Impact Zone in feet
Natural Environment Lakes	150	75
Recreation Development Lakes	100	50
General Development Lakes	75	50
Mine Pit Lakes	150	75
Trout Streams	150	75
DNR Remote Rivers	200	100
Forested Rivers	150	75
St. Louis County Primitive Rivers	300	150
St. Louis County Remote Rivers	200	150
St. Louis County Urban Rivers	100	75
Rural Agricultural Rivers	200	150
Recreational Rivers	150	75
All other protected lakes and rivers	100	75

Special Vermilion River Standards: In accordance with the Vermilion River Plan as adopted by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners, a 100 foot shore setback is permitted in the forested sections of the Vermilion River if the remote river dimensional standards are met which require 4.5 acre minimum lot size and 400 feet of width. The Director may establish procedures to implement this provision.

The North Shore Management Plan area setback shall be 40 feet from Lake Superior Vegetation Line and 75 feet from streams that are not Trout Streams or are classified under another district.

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