

DESCRIPTION

The Rum River is a state-designated Wild and Scenic River. The portion of the Rum River in Mille Lacs County contains segments in all three classification districts: “wild”, “scenic”, and “recreational. To be eligible for inclusion, a river must possess outstanding scenic, recreational, natural, historical, or scientific value. The State has established regulations to preserve and protect our rivers for present and future generations.

WILD, SCENIC, AND RECREATIONAL DISTRICTS

Wild, Scenic, and Recreational districts are mapped along the Rum River throughout Mille Lacs County. The classification of a river is determined in part by water quality and the development of adjacent parcels. The extent of each district is outlined in Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 6105 and is available for viewing on the Mille Lacs County GIS Mapping Application.

LAND USE

The Mille Lacs County Development Ordinance has established allowed and conditional uses for each district.

Single-family residential and agricultural uses are allowed in all districts.

Districts	Wild	Scenic	Recreational
Minimum Lot Area	6 acres	4 acres	2 acres
Minimum Lot Width	300 feet	250 feet	250 feet
Building Setback	200 feet	150 feet	100 feet
Sewage System Setback	150 feet	150 feet	75 feet

FILLING AND GRADING

Filling and grading refers to any act by which earth, sand, gravel, rock, or any other material is deposited, placed, pushed, dumped, pulled, transported, or moved to a new location.

- Grading and filling which is not accessory to an allowed or conditional use is not allowed.
- Grading and filling which is accessory to an allowed or conditional use requires a Shoreland Alteration Permit, issued by the Zoning Department.
- All grading and filling shall comply with the following: earth moving, erosion, and tree clearing should be minimized; bare ground exposure is minimized and exposed for as short a time as feasible; temporary ground cover and erosion control methods are used and permanent ground cover is planted.

VEGETATION ALTERATIONS

In addition to the filling and grading standards noted above, the following vegetative cutting standards also apply within the Wild and Scenic River Districts:

- Clear Cutting, except for authorized public services, is prohibited.
- Selective cutting of trees in excess of four (4) inches in diameter at breast height is allowed, provided the cutting is done in several phases and continuous cover is maintained.
- The removal of diseased, insect infested, rotten, or damaged trees which present a safety hazard is allowed.

This fact sheet outlines regulations established by Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 6105 and the Mille Lacs County Development Ordinance. Work taking place below the OHWL is regulated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR). Homeowners seeking to conduct work below the OHWL should contact the MN DNR.