

Helena Township Planning Commission proposed ordinance change:

Section 5.02.02.C will be replaced with the following:

A strip of shoreline buffer shall be maintained to a depth of 25 feet from the high water mark of the inland lakes, rivers, or streams abutting or traversing the property in question. Within such area, no more than 30 percent of all living trees and shrubs shall be removed by cutting them to grade level. The remaining trees and shrubbery may be trimmed and pruned for a view of the water from the property. Land alterations within such area require two permits. A Helena Township Land Use Permit shall require an approved plan and permit from the Antrim County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation officer; with notification and copies of said plan and permit provided to the zoning administrator prior to the commencement of any activity. The following conditions apply to structures within the buffer zone:

1. No roofs or canopies.
2. No vertical structure to exceed 36 inches in height.

The Greenbelt definition will be removed and the following definition will be added for Shoreline Buffer:

A 25' strip extending across front lot line which features plantings, trees and natural features which prevent erosion.

Section 4.01.01 – Districts

“PUD” will be removed.