

**DRAFT TEXT AMENDMENTS**  
**LAKE AND LAKESHORE PROTECTION REGULATIONS**

**2.2 RESTORATION**

A person who performs work in the lake, lakebed, or lakeshore without a permit for that work shall, *if when required by the governing body*, restore the lake, lakebed, or lakeshore to its condition before they disturbed it, *pursuant to M.C.A. 75-7-205*, prior to disturbance. Restoration, when required, shall prioritize the reestablishment of native vegetation to stabilize soils, restore habitat, and improve water quality.

**A. Conditions Requiring Restoration**

*Restoration shall be required by the governing body when work is performed in the lake and lakeshore protection zone in violation of these regulations or permit conditions, and any of the following thresholds are met:*

- 1. The total area of lake and lakeshore disturbed, graded, cleared, filled, excavated, or otherwise altered equals or exceeds 500 square feet.*
- 2. Removal, damage, or destruction of vegetation affects an area equal to or greater than 250 square feet.*
- 3. Disturbance occurs on slopes greater than 3:1 (horizontal to vertical), within areas prone to erosion, or where shoreline instability is present or likely to occur.*
- 4. The governing body determines that prior violations or noncompliance warrant restoration to ensure long-term stabilization and compliance.*

**B.** *The governing body shall require submission of a written restoration or revegetation plan, along with a Lake and Lakeshore Construction Permit Application, prior to the implementation of restoration activities when restoration is required under this section.*

**C. Revegetation Standards**

*Revegetation, when required, shall utilize native plant species adapted to lakeshore conditions and shall be implemented in a manner that restores shoreline stability, habitat, and water quality.*

- 1. Revegetation plans shall achieve a minimum of 80% groundcover within two growing seasons, unless otherwise approved by the governing body due to site conditions.*
- 2. Non-native, invasive, or ornamental species are prohibited unless approved by the governing body for temporary erosion control or site stabilization.*

3. *Replacement vegetation shall be installed at a minimum ratio of three (3) native plants for every one (1) plant removed, damaged, or destroyed, or at a density sufficient to meet or exceed pre-disturbance vegetative coverage, whichever is greater, unless otherwise approved by the governing body to account for site constraints, seasonal limitations, survival rates, or ecological restoration goals.*

*D. Shoreline Stabilization*

*Restoration shall include reestablishment of natural armament where it has been unlawfully removed or degraded. Constructed armament may be required if natural conditions cannot be feasibly restored.*

*E. Maintenance Requirement*

*Restored areas shall be maintained until performance standards are achieved.*