

Local Contacts for Coastal Property Owners

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The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is providing this list of local agencies and departments available to landowners within the Minnesota coastal area. These agencies are responsible for permitting and technical assistance relating to concerns about building, erosion, lake levels, and other issues relating to soils and water. The DNR will update it as it becomes aware of changes.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)

Region 2 Area Hydrologists, DNR Ecological and Water Resources Division Carlton & South St. Louis Counties

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Cook and Lake Counties

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Carlton, Cook, Lake & South St. Louis Counties

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Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs)

Carlton County SWCD

Brad Matlack, District Manager
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Main office: (218) 384-3891
808 3rd Street Carlton, MN 55718

Cook County SWCD

Ilena Hansel, District Manager
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Main office: (218) 387-3647
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Lake County SWCD

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408 First Avenue Two Harbors, MN 55616

South St. Louis County SWCD

R.C. Boheim, District Manager
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Main office: (218) 723-4867
General inquires: info@southstlouisswcd.org
215 North 1st Street East, #301 Duluth, MN 55802
Note: Use Third Street entrance for visits

SWCD Technical Service Areas (TSA)

SWCD Technical Service Area III (TSA #3)

Carlton, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis Counties

Assistance is arranged through your local SWCD.
Main office: (218) 723-4865
South St. Louis County SWCD
215 North 1st Street East, #301 Duluth, MN 55802

Local Planning Departments

Carlton County

Heather Cunningham, Administrator
Zoning & Environmental Services
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City of Beaver Bay

Tim Anderson, City Administrator
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City of Carlton

Planning and Zoning
City Hall: (218) 384-4229
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310 Chestnut Avenue Carlton, MN 55718
Mail: PO Box 336 Carlton, MN 55718

City of Cloquet

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Administrator
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Main office: (218) 879-2507
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City of Duluth

Planning and Development
(218) 730-5580
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City Hall, Room 160
411 West First Street Duluth, MN 55802

City of Grand Marais

Mike Roth, City Administrator
Planning and Zoning Commission
(218) 387-1848
cityhall@grandmarais.city
P.O. Box 607 Grand Marais, MN 55604

City of Hermantown

Eric Johnson, Director
Community Development Department
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5105 Maple Grove Road Duluth, MN 55811

City of Silver Bay

Planning and Zoning Commission
City Hall: (218) 226-4408
7 Davis Drive Silver Bay, MN 55614

City of Proctor

Planning and Zoning Commission
City Hall: (218) 624-3641
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City of Rice Lake

Carley Hungerford, Building Administrator
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City of Two Harbors

Justin Otsea, City Planner
Planning & Zoning
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Cook County

Tim Nelson, Director
Land Services Department
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Main Office: (218) 837-3630
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Duluth Township

Sue Lawson, Planning Director
Planning and Zoning Commission
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Fond du Lac Reservation

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Resource Management
Tim Krohn, Land Information Manager
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28 University Road Cloquet, MN 55720

Lake County

Christine McCarthy, Director
Environmental Services
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Lakewood Township

Shona Phipps, Administrator
Planning and Zoning
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zoningadmin@lakewoodmn.org
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Midway Township

Planning Commission
Town Hall: (218) 628-7135
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3230 Midway Road Duluth, MN 55810

Local Planning Departments

Not sure which department to call? Use this table to identify the local planning department responsible for your coastal community.

Local Municipality	Responsible Planning Department
Beaver Bay Township	*Lake County Planning & Zoning
Canosia Township	St. Louis County Planning & Community Development
City of Beaver Bay	*City of Beaver Bay
City of Carlton	City of Carlton Planning & Zoning
City of Cloquet	City of Cloquet Planning & Zoning

St. Louis County

Darren Jablonsky, Deputy Director
Planning and Community Development
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Town of Thompson-Esko

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Local Municipality	Responsible Planning Department
City of Duluth	City of Duluth Planning & Zoning Department
City of Grand Marais	*City of Grand Marais Planning & Zoning Commission
City of Hermantown	City of Hermantown Community Development
City of Proctor	City of Proctor Planning & Zoning Commission
City of Rice Lake	City of Rice Lake Building & Zoning
City of Scanlon	City of Cloquet Planning & Zoning
City of Silver Bay	*City of Silver Bay Planning & Zoning Commission
City of Two Harbors	*City of Two Harbors Planning & Zoning
Cook County including East Cook and West Cook Unorganized Territories	*Cook County Land Services
Crystal Bay Township	*Lake County Planning & Zoning
Duluth Township	Duluth Township, Planning & Zoning Commission
Fond du Lac Reservation	Tribal and member owned fee lands: Fond du Lac Band Resource Management Non-member fee lands: local government depending on municipal boundaries
Lake County including Unorganized Territories #1 and #2	*Lake County Planning & Zoning
Lakewood Township	Lakewood Township Planning & Zoning
Lutsen Township	*Cook County Land Services

Local Municipality	Responsible Planning Department
Midway Township	Midway Township Planning Commission
Schroeder Township	*Cook County Land Services
Silver Brook Township	Carlton County Zoning & Environmental Services
Silver Creek Township	*Lake County Planning & Zoning
Town of Thompson-Esko (Thompson Township)	Town of Thomson-Esko **Carlton County Zoning & Environmental Services
Tofte Township	*Cook County Land Services
Town of Silver Creek	*Lake County Planning & Zoning
Twin Lakes Township	Carlton County Zoning & Environmental Services

*North Shore Management Board Community

**Within 300 ft of a classified river or within 1,000 ft of a classified stream within the coastal zone.