

Zoning Committee Report – Summer 2014
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Greensboro Association
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Vermont has enacted a new shoreland protection law, which went into effect on July 1, 2014 and applies to Greensboro and many other towns in Vermont with lakes and other qualifying bodies of water, of which there are about 435. This law seeks to protect the area within 250 feet of such water and regulates what an owner may do within this area.

The new law also provides that if a town, like Greensboro, enacts its own zoning bylaw that applies the same standards as the new state law, that town can ask the state to administer its own zoning law rather than the state's law. Greensboro has done just that under its new shoreland protection zoning bylaw enacted at the Town Meeting in March of this year. It is reported that Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) has granted Greensboro that right.

For more details, see the Greensboro zoning web site at: www.greensborovt.org/zoning. One can also visit the state website on this subject at: www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/permits/htm/pm_shoreland.htm, or search for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources on your browser and then click the link for "Shoreland Protection Act." Those administering this program at ANR can be reached at (802)-490-6196.