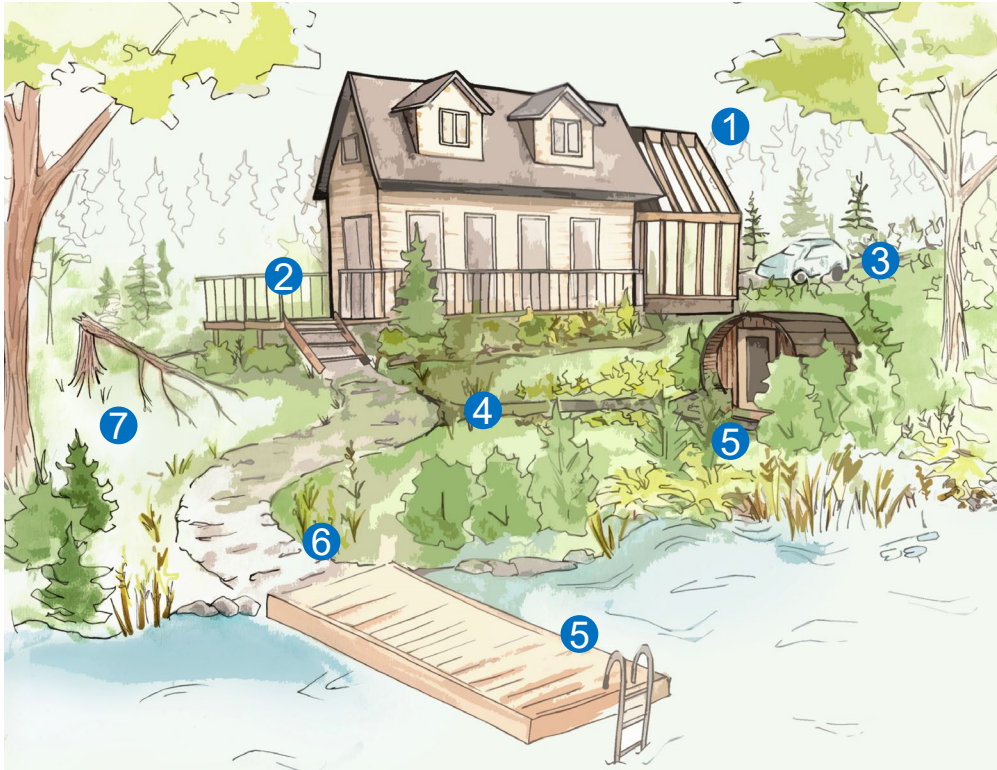


How does the Site Alteration By-law work in practice?



The Site Alteration By-law allows owners to manage their properties through a range of typical activities that are likely to have little environmental impact, without any prior approval from the Township. Below are some examples:



Activities related to an issued building permit



Maintenance or repair of existing features



Installing a driveway



Minor landscaping (e.g., adding or removing fill up to 30cm or 1 ft.)



Minimal disruption of grade and vegetation for a dock or sauna



Installing a pathway to the shoreline or other point of interest



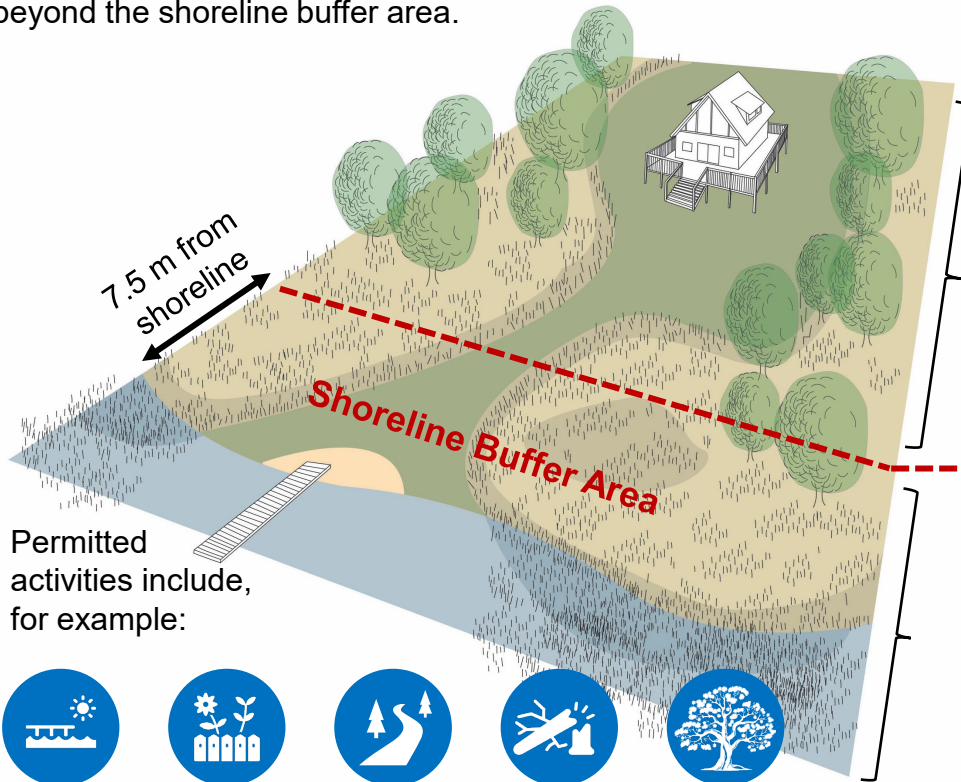
Emergency works required due to storms or weather events

Instead, this Site Alteration By-law is intended to apply to situations where a property owner intends to significantly alter the topography of a property in a way that would significantly and negatively impact sensitive environmental features.

The Two-Zone Approach to the Tree Preservation By-law



The Tree Preservation By-law regulates the removal, injury, or destruction of trees and vegetation on residential properties and properties zoned for environmental protection. For greater flexibility, it applies different rules to the portion of a property that is closest to the waterfront, where the environment is most sensitive to disturbance, and allows a wider range of activities beyond the shoreline buffer area.



Permitted activities include, for example:



Installing a dock



Minor landscaping



Installing a pathway



Removing damaged trees



Good forestry practices

- ✓ Outside of the shoreline buffer area, the Tree Preservation By-law permits any removal of trees or vegetation at a scale less than clear cutting, without any prior approval from the Township.
- ✗ In this portion of the property, only **clear cutting** of trees is prohibited – removing all, or substantially all, of the trees from the property.
- ✓ In the **shoreline buffer area**, a range of typical day-to-day activities related to the management of trees and vegetation are permitted without any prior approval from the Township. These activities are outlined in the by-law as “exemptions”.
- ✗ If an activity is not listed as an exemption, the landowner **must** seek approval from the Township prior to proceeding.