

Stairways, Walkways, & Landings

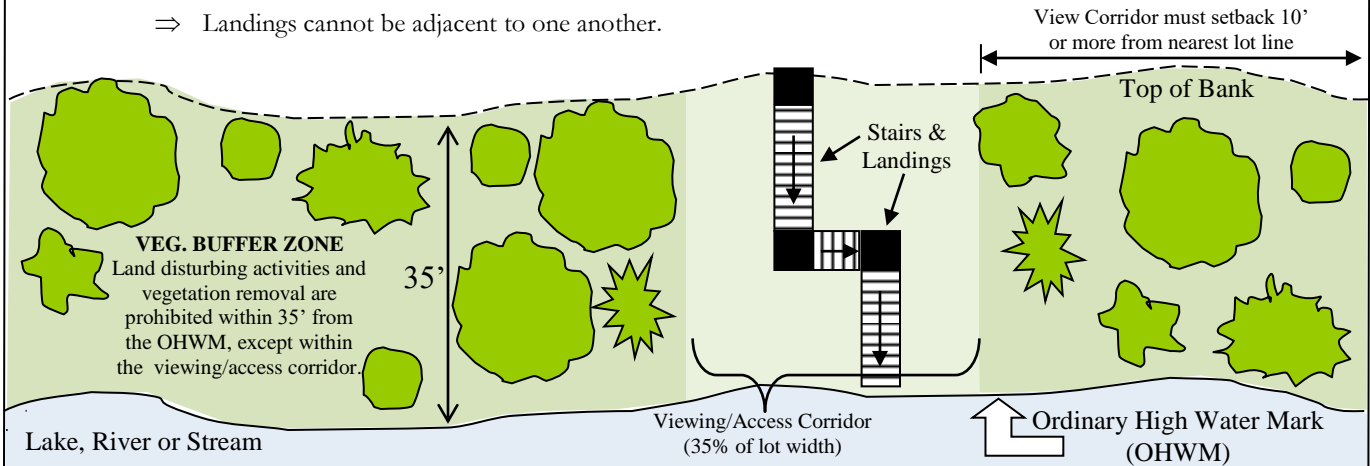
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All stairways, walkways, landings, & elevator lifts: Must be constructed in a manner that requires the least amount of land disturbance possible. One pedestrian pathway (stairway, walkway, etc.) for access to the water is allowed on each lot. Additionally, one incline elevator lift structure for pedestrian access, placed adjacent to the stairway/walkway to the water, may also be permitted.

Above-grade stairways, walkways, and landings

Requires a **General** Land Use Permit and is subject to the following restrictions:

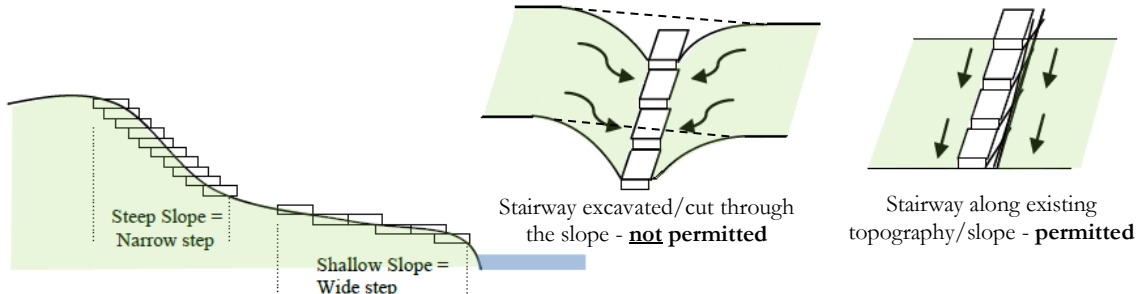
- Must be supported on piles or footings rather than being excavated from erodible soils.
- Canopies, roofs, benches and lattice work on such structures are prohibited.
- Must be located within the viewing/access corridor (area dedicated for a stairway/walkway which allows selective removal of trees and shrubs). View/access corridor must be identified on permit application.
- Maximum width of 5 feet (outside dimensions).
- Elevated landing requirements:
 - ⇒ A landing may not exceed 5' x 5' (outside dimensions).
 - ⇒ Landings cannot be adjacent to one another.



At-grade stairways and walkways

Requires a **Grading** Permit and is subject to the following restrictions:

- At-grade stairway permits are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and some sites may not be eligible for an at-grade stairway. Soil types, slope, and proposed design determine whether a permit can be issued, or if an above-grade stairway which requires less land disturbance is required.
- Grading limitations may apply.
- Stairways must be constructed into/along the existing topography, so tread depth will vary with slope (see below).
- Excavating and cutting through a slope to lessen the incline is prohibited (see below).
- Canopies, roofs, benches and lattice work on such structures are prohibited.
- Maximum width of 5 feet (outside dimensions). Each step may not exceed a size of 5' x 5'.
- Must be located within the viewing/access corridor (area dedicated for a stairway/walkway which allows selective removal of trees and shrubs). View/access corridor must be identified on permit application.
- Retaining walls of any kind, even when directly associated with a permitted stairway, including walls constructed with stone are prohibited within 75' of the OHWM.



Trams, incline elevators, or lifts may be permitted with the restrictions identified in the **above-grade** stairways, walkways, and landings. Property owner is responsible for obtaining any other applicable permits (i.e. State of WI).

This summary does not represent the entire contents of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance or other applicable rules and some increased/reduced setbacks may apply. A complete copy of the Land Use Ordinance can be found on-line at: www.barroncountywi.gov >Forms & Documents > Zoning > Land Use Ordinance

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