

The Vermont Shoreland Protection Act

Municipal Delegation

Lakes and Ponds Shoreland Permitting will delegate shoreland permit authority to municipalities as long as the municipality seeking delegation has fulfilled the following requirements:

- Has adopted a bylaw or ordinance functionally equivalent to the shoreland standards.
- Has adequate resources for administration and enforcement of the bylaw or ordinance.

The delegation agreement between Shoreland Permitting and the municipality seeking delegation:

- Must establish the terms for revocation of delegation.
- May allow Shoreland Permitting to implement enforcement proceedings under 10 V.S.A. Chapter 201 if the delegated municipality cannot address noncompliance.

Once the municipality is delegated, it must:

- Have a process for accepting, reviewing, and processing applications and issuing permits for construction of impervious surface or cleared area in the Protected Shoreland Area.
- Take timely and appropriate enforcement actions.
- Commit to reporting annually to Shoreland Permitting.
- Address issues with the bylaw/ordinance when notified to do so by Shoreland Permitting.
- Designate a municipal zoning administrator/employee.