

Revegetation (renaturalization) of shorelines (art. 11): Selecting grasses, shrubs and trees that are indigenous, riparian and/or naturalized species so as to ensure they are well suited to the area concerned and will promote fast plant regrowth.

Provisions respecting the riparian renaturalization strip (art. 14.2):

"Any control of the vegetation, including lawn and grass mowing, tree cutting, and bush clearing, is prohibited... within a five-metre strip along the edge of a lake or watercourse."

There are some exemptions for the cultivation of land for farming operations, for golf courses and for existing buildings on the shoreline (see art. 14.3, 14.4 and 14.5).

Renaturalization shall be undertaken within 24 months of the date this by-law comes into effect.

To find out more about the types of plants suited to the revegetation of riparian strips, go to www.fihoq.qc.ca

List of the municipalities' urban planning and environmental services:

MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais,
216, Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea,
819 827-0516 Toll free 1-800-387-4146

Municipality of Cantley,
8 River Road, Cantley,
819 827-3434

Municipality of Chelsea,
100, Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea,
819 827-1124

Municipality of L'Ange-Gardien,
870, Donaldson Road, L'Ange-Gardien,
819 986-7470

Municipality of La Pêche,
1 Principale Ouest, La Pêche,
819 456-2161

Municipality of Notre-Dame-de-la-Salette,
45, Des Saules, Notre-Dame-de-la-Salette,
819 766-2533

Municipality of Pontiac,
2024, Highway 148, Pontiac,
819 455-2401 Toll free 1-888-455-2401

Municipality of Val-des-Monts,
1, route du Carrefour, Val-des-Monts,
819 457-9400



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The MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais
and its Local Municipalities

Our Lakes: Our Wealth



Interim Control By-law No. 137-09
aimed at reinforcing provisions
respecting the protection of the
shorelines of lakes and watercourses

The Council of Mayors of the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais, at its regular meeting held on March 19, 2009 adopted Interim Control By-law No. 137-09, designed to reinforce provisions respecting the protection of the shorelines of lakes and watercourses.

This leaflet outlines the main provisions of the By-law. To obtain a copy of the By-law or for any questions concerning its application, we would ask you to contact your local municipality.



THE ENVIRONMENT OF LAKES AND WATERCOURSES is also a CIVIC CONCERN

Maintaining the QUALITY of COTTAGE AND RESORT COUNTRY

In the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais, there are more than 1,800 lakes having a surface area of one or more hectares each. In 2006, there were some 4,400 cottages and holiday resorts.

All the municipalities belonging to the MRC have the potential for development of holiday resorts.

With recent episodes of algal bloom caused by the presence of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), the quality of the water in some of our lakes has been affected. Although these microscopic organisms are naturally present in lakes and watercourses, the preponderant factor in the proliferation of blue-green algae is a surplus of phosphorus.

This sudden development has awakened the population to the importance of best practices along the edges of watercourses. As one of their responsibilities, the municipalities also wish to contribute to the improvement of the quality of our lakes and watercourses.

The development and management of land bordering watercourses should take place with respect for the environment.

Priority actions: Make sure that septic facilities are up to standard, avoid spreading fertilizers close to lakes, ban the use of detergents with phosphates, maintain shorelines in their natural state, let your lawns go so that nature can take over again, replant the shorelines with appropriate shrubs, etc.

For other examples of priority actions you can take, go to the following Web sites: www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca and www.cre-o.qc.ca



INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW NO. 137-09

The primary objective of Interim Control By-law No. 137-09 is **to get shoreline property owners to renaturalize the shorelines of lakes and watercourses.**

It applies to all municipalities belonging to the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais (art. 4), with the exception of Crown forests (art. 5).

No building or subdivision permit, nor certificate of authorization or occupation, may be issued under a municipal by-law if the activity concerned by the permit or certificate application has not received all the authorizations required under this by-law (art. 7).

Definitions: **Riparian renaturalization strip (art. 11):** For the purposes of applying this by-law, the riparian renaturalization strip consists of the **five metres** of land bordering the high-water line of a lake or watercourse and is one where measures exist to encourage the revegetation of shorelines.