



## Waterfront Overlay District - FAQ

### **Q. Why is this overlay district being created?**

A. The Paw Paw River Watershed is negatively impacted by runoff which has increased the growth of weeds in Maple Lake and downstream as well as putting pollutants (road salt, fertilizers, pesticide, sediment, etc) in the water. The overlay district will improve water quality and protect against the negative impacts of water runoff by regulating land use within 100 feet of the branches of the Paw Paw River, Briggs Pond and Maple Lake. The district is designed to protect waterfront property as an asset to the community, enhance public enjoyment and use of the waterfront, and promote high quality development sensitive to the area's unique environmental qualities.

### **Q. Who does this affect?**

A. This district applies to certain designated lands as shown on the waterfront district map. This includes land within 100 feet of the shoreline of the east and west branches of the Paw Paw River, Briggs Pond, and Maple Lake.

### **Q. Will the new district requirements affect existing landscaping and improvements on my property?**

A. The regulations will pertain to new development or modifications to existing development and site improvements only.

### **Q. How can I view or obtain a copy of the proposed waterfront overlay district or get more information?**

A. You may view the district regulations either by visiting the village website at <http://www.pawpaw.net/Commissions.aspx> or by visiting Village Hall at 111 E. Michigan Ave.

### **Q. How can I get assistance planning vegetative improvements or building a natural shoreline?**

A. Assistance with completing applications for a natural shoreline can be obtained by contacting John Small, Director of Public Services, by calling 269-657-3148. Van Buren Conservation District can assist with information about landscaping for water quality. For more information, contact Erin Fuller, Watershed Coordinator at 269-657-4030.

### **Q. How can I make a comment about the proposed district regulations or suggest changes?**

A. Written comments may be directed to Village Planning Commission c/o Sarah Moyer-Cale PO Box 179, Paw Paw, MI 49079 or to [s.moyer-cale@pawpaw.net](mailto:s.moyer-cale@pawpaw.net). You may also make comments in person at a public hearing of the planning commission on **June 1, 2017 at 7:00pm** at the Paw Paw District Library, 609 W. Michigan Ave.

