





### MFS RULES FOR <u>TIMBER HARVESTING</u> NEAR LAKES

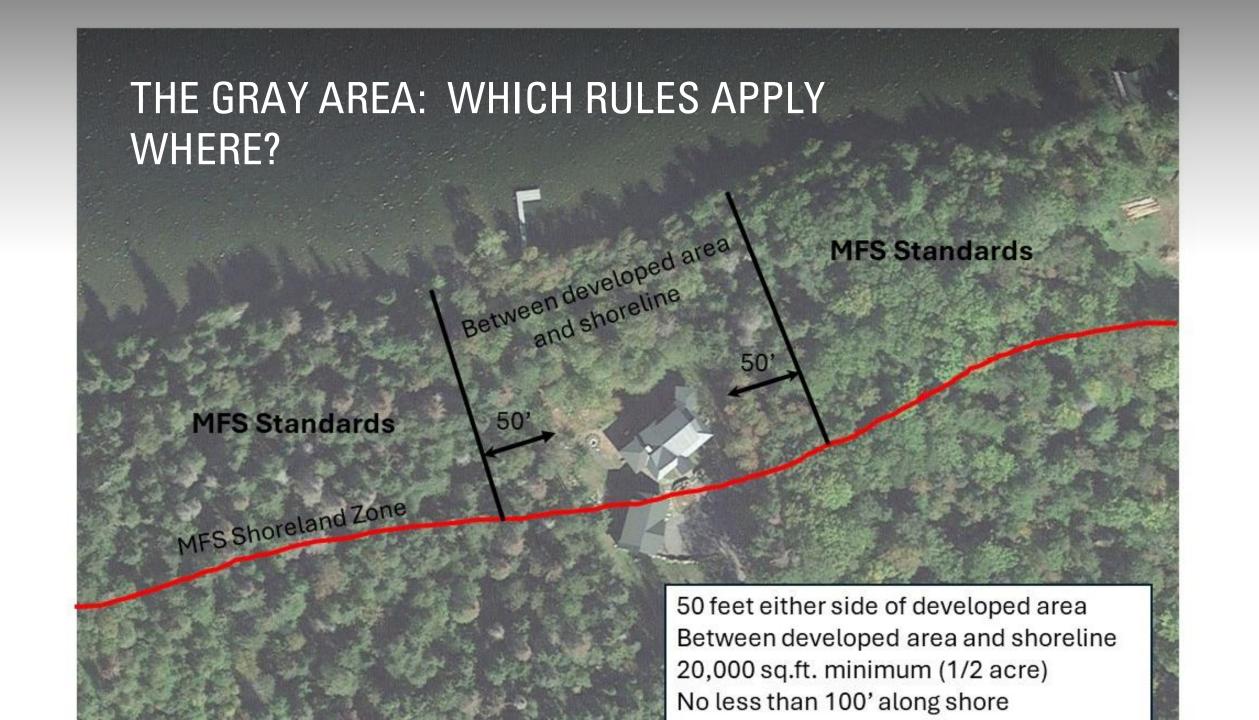
- 250 feet around Lakes and Ponds > 10 Acres
- Limits on creation of "Openings" (10,000sqft)
- Maintain adequate shade
- Manage brush and slash
- Limit exposed soil and sedimentation

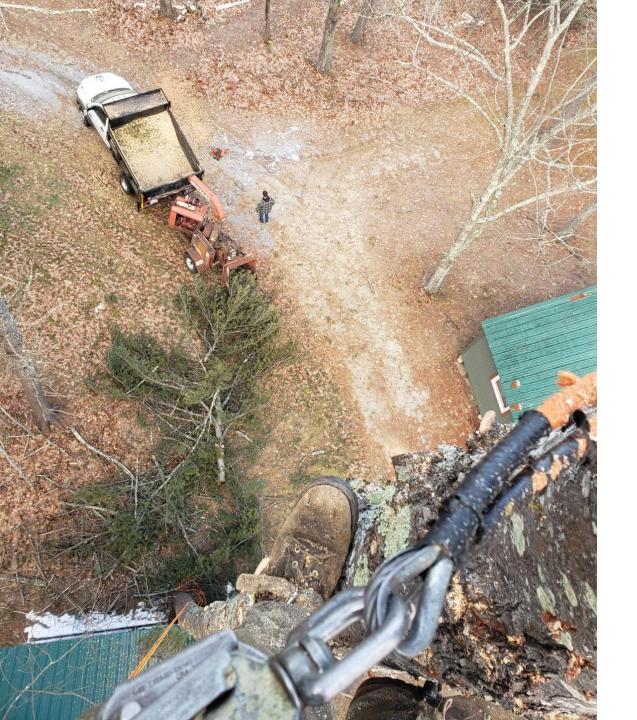
# WHAT IS **NOT** A TIMBER HARVEST

- Clearing/cutting trees to build or expand structures (5-year window)
- Clearing trees to gain a view
- Removing hazard trees
- Pruning

If you are planning any of these activities, call your local code enforcement officer!







# WHEN TO CALL AN ARBORIST

- Pruning
- Removing individual trees or small groups of trees
- Assessing hazard trees
- Tree health concerns
- Storm damage

# KEEPING TREES HEALTHY

#### **Pruning**

- <25%
- Timing

#### **Protect Roots**

- Mowing and weed whacking
- Site compaction

#### Other considerations

- Mulching
- Hardware/rope
- Pests and diseases



# HAZARD TREE ASSESSMENT – WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Cracks or breaks
- Rot or decay
- Old and new injuries
- Insect damage
- Defoliation
- Dead trees





### **STORMS**

- Document all storm damage
- Looks can be deceiving
- Some effects may be delayed
- Trees or debris in water

### QUESTIONS?



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### WHITE PINE NEEDLE CAST

