

AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CONSERVANCY ZONING

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 10.155 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances is amended and renumbered to read as follows:

10.155 CO-1 CONSERVANCY DISTRICT.

(1) *Statement of purpose.* The purpose of the CO-1 Conservancy district is to protect, maintain, and enhance natural resource and open space areas. Limited permitted and conditional uses are offered, and regulation of these areas will serve to control erosion and promote the rural character and natural beauty of the County while seeking to assure protection of areas with significant topography, natural watersheds, ground and surface water, wildlife habitat, recreational sites, archeological sites, and other natural resource characteristics that contribute to the environmental quality of the County.

(2) *Permitted uses.*

(a) Hiking, fishing, trapping, hunting, swimming and boating.

(b) Propagation and raising of game animals, fowl and fish.

(c) The practice of silviculture, including the planting, thinning and harvesting of timber.

(d) The harvesting of any wild crops such as marsh hay, ferns, moss, berries, tree fruits and tree seeds, in a manner that is not injurious to the natural reproduction of such crops.

(e) Pasturing / grazing of livestock, limited to one (1) animal unit per each full acre.

(f) Undeveloped natural resource and open space areas.

(g) Uses permitted within a shoreland - or inland - wetland district under ss.11.07 and 11.08, Dane County Code. Pasturing of livestock is subject to the animal unit limitation in sub. (e), above.

(h) Soil conservation, shoreland, wetland and ecological restoration practices with either an approved shoreland zoning permit under s. 11.04(3)(c), or an approved shoreland mitigation permit under s. 11.04(5)(a).

(i) Nonresidential buildings or structures accessory to any permitted use, provided any such building or structure is not located in a shoreland-wetland, or inland-wetland district.

(3) *Conditional uses in the CO-1 Conservancy District.*

(a) The establishment and development of public and private parks and recreation areas, boat access sites, natural and outdoor education areas, historic and scientific areas, wildlife refuges, game preserves and private wildlife habitat areas.

(b) Communication towers.

(c) Soil conservation, shoreland, wetland and ecological restoration practices, other than those listed as permitted uses above.

(d) The construction and maintenance of roads, railroads or utilities, provided that:

1. The facilities cannot as a practical matter be located outside the CO-1 district; and

2. Any filling, excavating, ditching, draining, land disturbance or removal of vegetation that is to be done must be necessary for such construction or maintenance and must be done in a manner designed to minimize adverse impacts upon the natural and ecological resources of the site.