

TOWN of CALAIS

Zoning Districts and Overlay Districts

Shoreland District (yellow highlight)

Originator: Town of Calais

Purpose: to protect the environmental, ecological, and recreation value of our ponds, lakes and associated shore lands for existing and future generations by preventing and controlling sources of pollution and by minimizing developmental impact within the shoreland area. Sources of pollution include septic systems, roofs and other impervious surfaces, roads, ditching, and lawns. Developmental impact includes disturbance of the ecological buffer around the ponds and visual impact of any structure. This district generally consists of all land within 800 feet of the shoreline (mean water mark)* of all lakes and ponds with a surface area of 20 acres or more (Bliss Pond, Curtis Pond, Nelson Pond, North Montpelier Pond, Mirror Lake or #10 Pond, and Woodbury Lake). District boundaries may vary, however, to reference physical landmarks such as roads or ridges or where there is no surface or subsurface drainage into a pond or lake due to geological formations (see the official Calais Zoning District Map). Where a lot contains both Shoreland District and Village District, the portion of that property that does not border on the shoreline and that does not drain into the body of water, shall be considered part of the village district and not part of the shoreland district.

