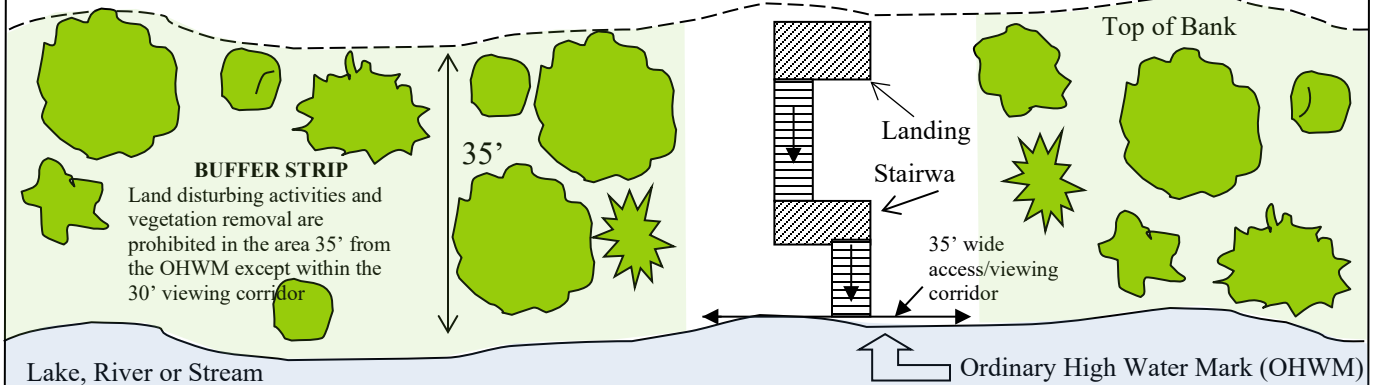


## Stairways, Walkways, and Landings

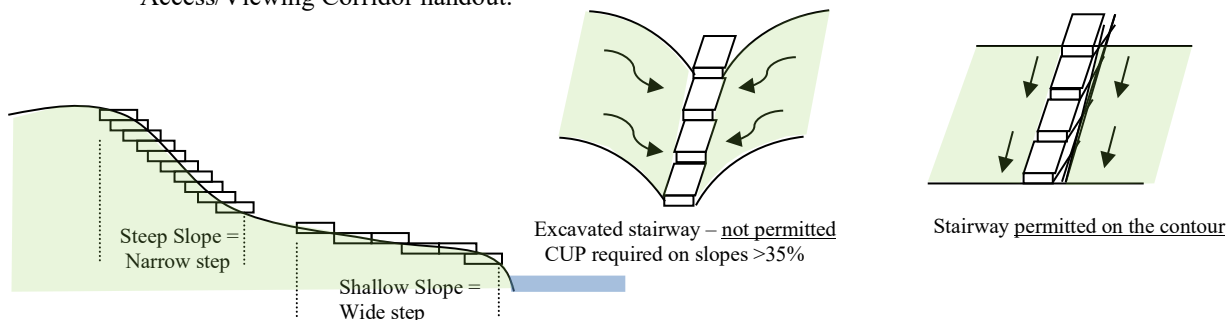
**Above-grade stairways, walkways, and landings** require permitting from the Chippewa County Department of Planning and Zoning with the following restrictions: (Zoning permit \$75.00)

- Must be supported on piles or footings rather than being excavated from erodible soils
- Canopies, roofs, benches and lattice work on such structures are prohibited
- Stairways or walkways shall not exceed 5 feet in width
- Must be located within the 35 foot access/viewing corridor
- Elevated Landing Requirements
  - ⇒ Each single landing may not exceed 64 square feet
  - ⇒ Combined area of all landings may not exceed 128 square feet per buildable lot
  - ⇒ Landings cannot be adjacent and each landing must be separated by at least 10 **vertical** feet



**At-grade stairways and walkways** also require permitting from the Chippewa County Department of Planning and Zoning with the following restrictions: (Zoning permit \$75.00 + \$75.00 grading permit)

- At-grade stairway permits are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and some sites may not be eligible for an at-grade stairway. Soil types, slope, and the proposed design determine whether a permit can be issued or if an above grade stairway with less disturbance is required.
- In addition to a stairway permit, applicants are required to obtain a grading permit for the grading, filling, and/or excavation necessary for the project. Grading limitations may apply.
- Stairways must be constructed into the existing slope, so tread width will vary with slope (see below).
- Canopies, roofs, benches and lattice work on such structures are prohibited.
- Stairways or walkways shall not exceed 5 feet in width.
- Must be located within the 35 foot access/viewing corridor-see Shoreland Buffer Zone and Access/Viewing Corridor handout.



**Trams, incline elevators, or lifts** may be permitted with the restrictions identified in the above-grade stairways, walkways, and landings. Additional Department of Safety & Professional Services elevator approval is also required.

*This summary does not represent the entire contents of the Chippewa County Shoreland Ordinance or other applicable rules. A complete copy of the Chippewa County Shoreland Ordinance can be found on-line at [www.chippewacountywi.gov](http://www.chippewacountywi.gov); Code of Chippewa County; Chapter 55; sec. 55-47. Ordinance language will take precedence over information in this handout in the event language or restrictions vary. Revised 10-09-2025 TR*