Placing Erosion Control Structures on Great Lakes:

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Emergency Situations for Coastal (Great Lakes) Shorelines:

The DNR has developed a streamlined temporary erosion control placement authorization process intended for emergency situations for coastal (Great Lakes) shorelines.

- Review, complete, and submit form 3500-127 [PDF] to the email address provided in the form.
- Once you submit the completed form, work on your project may proceed provided it is designed to meet all requirements described in the "Professional Standards" section.
- Landowners do not need to wait to hear back from the DNR prior to initiating emergency shoreline protection, and the department will continue to allow the placement of temporary emergency material in public water to protect property while a permit is being applied for.

Flip paper over for instructions on how to access the form online.

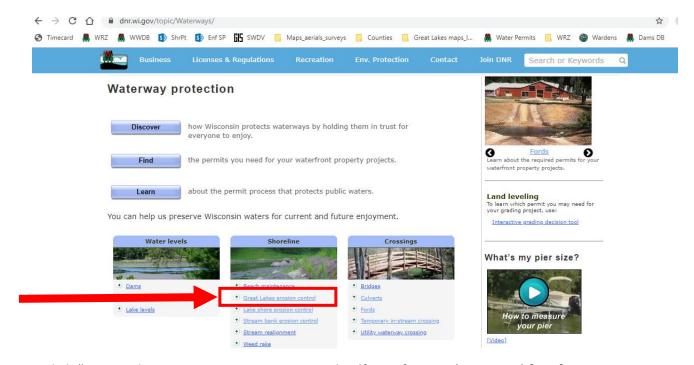
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- 608-267-3125
- DNRWMSPublicInquiry@wisconsin.gov

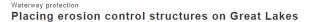
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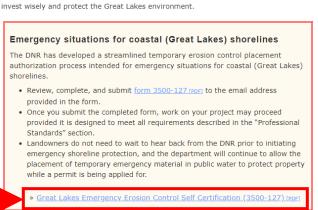
- 1. Search: dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways
- 2. Click "Great Lakes erosion control"



3. Click "Great Lakes Emergency Erosion Control Self Certification (3500-127) [PDF]



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4. Fill out form and e-mail it to: DNREmergencyShoreProtection@Wisconsin.gov.