

# SHORELINE SETBACK AVERAGING

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A setback less than the 75 feet required setback from the ordinary high water mark is permitted for a **proposed principal structure** and is determined as follows:

1. Where there are existing principal structure in both directions, the setback shall equal the average of the distances the two existing principal structures are set back from the ordinary high water mark provided all of the following are met:
  - a. Both of the existing principal structures are located on a lot adjacent to the proposed principal structure.
  - b. Both of the existing principal structures are located within 250 feet of the proposed principal structure and are the closest structure.
  - c. Both of the existing principal structures are located less than 75 feet from the ordinary high water mark.
  - d. The average setback shall not be reduced to less than 35 feet from the ordinary high water mark of any navigable water.
2. Only applies to new dwellings (not additions to dwellings)
3. Must meet all other ordinance requirements
  - Sanitary Permits
  - Impervious Surface limits
  - Sideyard and Road setbacks
  - All decks, porches, etc must also meet the new setback.
  - Township and UDC permits

