

**RESOLUTION #2009-2  
LYNDEN TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Planning Commission of Lynden Township have established ordinances, policies, and guidelines to protect the natural resources of the township;

WHEREAS, the lakes and rivers located in Lynden Township are some of the most important natural resources;

WHEREAS, the township's subdivision ordinance requires natural resources and significant features to be delineated on a Resource Assessment Map (RAM) and in a sketch plan as part of the subdivision process;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) gives local jurisdictions authority to create special protection shoreland overlay districts;

WHEREAS, the DNR states local governments may establish these special protection shoreland overlay districts for sensitive shoreland areas, and these districts shall be regulated with controls that meet or exceed the natural environment class standard;

WHEREAS, the DNR explains the purpose of a special protection overlay district is to limit and properly manage development in areas that are generally unsuited for development because of steep slopes or other physical constraints, and also to manage and preserve areas with special natural or biological characteristics;

WHEREAS, the DNR states that criteria for establishing special protection shoreland overlay districts for portions of lake shorelands may include vulnerable or nutrient-susceptible bays, areas adjacent to inlets and outlets, and areas with broad and extensive littoral zones or wetland fringes;

WHEREAS, there are lakes and rivers in Lynden Township that qualify for special protection according to the DNR standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, the Township Board hereby determines that the undeveloped portions of the lakes and rivers within Lynden Township should be considered for the special protection shoreland overlay district as described in the March 10, 2009 draft Shoreland Rules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the town board will conduct further research to determine which Lynden Township lakes and rivers should receive the special protection designation.

Adopted unanimously this 20th day of April, 2009.

BY THE LYNDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD

\_\_\_\_\_, Anne Ackerman, Town Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Del Moeller, Township Clerk