

Vegetation Easement Information

This document provides information about a City of Winnipeg easement on properties that back onto a City stormwater retention pond. This easement covers the rear 5 metres of the lot (see Sketch 1) and is intended to:

- maintain the naturalized area around the retention pond; and
- restrict activities within the easement area.

The easement provides the City with right to access the land adjacent to the retention pond to inspect, maintain, repair and/or replace the shoreline and plantings within and adjacent to the retention pond.

The easement requires the homeowner to preserve the area and restricts what you are allowed to do within the rear 5 metres. In the easement area, homeowners are not permitted to:

- Apply any pesticides, herbicides or fertilizer;
- Trim, cut or remove any of the ground cover, trees, shrubs, underbrush etc;
- Place any yard waste or composting materials (such as grass clippings);
- Construct or place any building or structure or improvement. This includes (but not limited to) fire pits, patios, gazebos, sheds, fences etc;
- Modify the shoreline in any way;
- Remove any top soil; and
- Excavate, drill or cause any damage to the retention pond.

To provide access to the shoreline you are permitted to remove by mechanical means only (i.e. cut/mow, no herbicides) an area no more than eight (8) feet wide.

You may construct a fence up to and bordering the easement area, but not within the easement area. Before constructing a fence, it is recommended that you have your property surveyed by a professional legal surveyor to identify specifically where the property lines are and where the easement area is located.

You should work with your neighbours when planning any fence along your shared property line. If you wish to build a fence across the back of your property, it is recommended that you choose a fence material that does not obstruct the view such as ornamental wrought iron or chain link.

Should you like more information please contact the City of Winnipeg at 311 or 311@winnipeg.ca or email us at info@ladcocompany.com.

SKETCH 1. TYPICAL LAKE PROPERTY

