

Lake Improvement District Glossary of LID Terms

The following terms are important in creation and management of Lake Improvement District (LID). In this context, they are used as defined in [Minnesota Statutes 103B.505](#) and [Minnesota Rules 6115.0920](#):

Direct drainage basin: That portion of a lake's total watershed which is not drained to an upstream water basin, as defined herein. The determination of size and physical limits of a lake's direct drainage basin shall be made by the commissioner.

District boundaries: The territorial boundaries of a lake improvement district. All lands and waters within the direct drainage basin, as defined herein, shall be included within the district boundaries, except those exclusions for which written approval is obtained from the commissioner. The boundaries shall include a sufficient amount of the lake's watershed and related land to develop and implement feasible solutions to the problems the district intends to address. The boundaries shall also include all lands and waters which can reasonably be considered adversely affected by the proposed programs, plans, or actions of the lake improvement district.

Lake: For the purpose of LIDs, a "lake" is any public water basin identified and classified in the shoreland management ordinances of the local county or municipal unit of government.

Lake improvement district: A district formed around a lake in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, sections [103B.501](#) to [103B.581](#). A lake improvement district is a local unit of government established by resolution of appropriate county boards and/or city governing bodies, or by the commissioner, for the implementation of defined lake management projects and for the assessment of the costs thereof.

Natural hydrologic boundaries: "Natural hydrologic boundaries" means the boundaries of a lake's direct drainage basin, as defined herein.

Resident: A person 18 years of age or older who meets the residency requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section [200.031](#).

Resident owner: A Minnesota resident who is the owner of land or the contract purchaser of land within the boundaries of a lake improvement district.

Water basin: An enclosed basin normally partly or completely filled with water. The water basin may have inlet and outlet streams, it may have only an inlet or outlet, or it may be completely enclosed.

Watershed: The entire surface drainage area that contributes water to a lake.