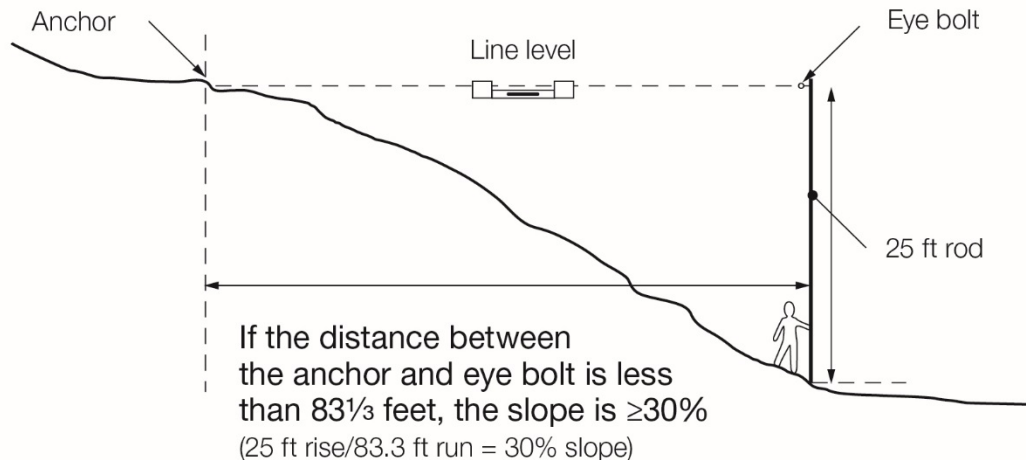


Onsite Surveying of Bluff Features

Identifying the boundaries of a bluff is important for establishing structure setbacks and identifying areas where vegetation and land alteration standards apply. The process below uses the shoreland definitions of bluffs. The same concepts can be used to survey for bluffs in the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area, Wild and Scenic River Districts, or the Lower St Croix Riverway – use the appropriate dimensional standards detailed in each program.

Step 1: Verify the presence of a bluff

To determine the presence of a bluff,
find the steepest 25 vertical feet of
the slope



Step 2: Determine the “top of bluff”

Once the presence of a bluff has been verified... determine the “top of bluff.”

