



## PRESS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Date:** April 29, 2014**Contact:** Chris Pence  
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The Crosslake Planning and Zoning Department is implementing a new pre-application process for all public hearing applications called the Development Review Team (DRT). DRT assists customers through the planning and zoning process by providing clear, consistent and accurate information.

The process brings together the applicant, city representatives, other government agencies and Planning and Zoning staff to insure that all issues are considered before a public hearing application such as a variance, conditional use permit or plat is submitted. DRT will provide the applicant an advisory review prior to submittal of a completed application. Depending on the nature of the request, the applicant can expect questions about stormwater management, septic system compliance, location of new septic systems, reasons for land use map amendments and general ordinance requirements.

“We believe that folks want to do the right thing when it comes to their property” stated Land Services Supervisor Chris Pence. “DRT helps our customers through the public hearing process by providing feedback before they apply.”

The City’s new DRT process is modeled after the one implemented by the County Land Services Department in 2009. The City also recently revised its Land Use Ordinance to mirror key provisions of the County Ordinance. These include performance standards for lake lots designed to protect water quality, site specific standards such as stormwater management, vegetated buffers and septic system maintenance.

Other changes to the ordinance include:

- 175 fewer pages than previous ordinance, with improved organization and accessibility
- Reduced zoning districts from 16 to 7
- Stormwater management required on all permits for lake lots where impervious surfaces exceed 15%
- Shoreline buffers required on all permits for lake lots where impervious surfaces exceed 20%

DRT meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Crosslake City Hall. Crosslake is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect the city’s extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Crosslake City Hall at (218) 692-2689 or [crosslakepz@crosslake.net](mailto:crosslakepz@crosslake.net) to discuss DRT.

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**Our Mission:** Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

**Our Values:** Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.

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