

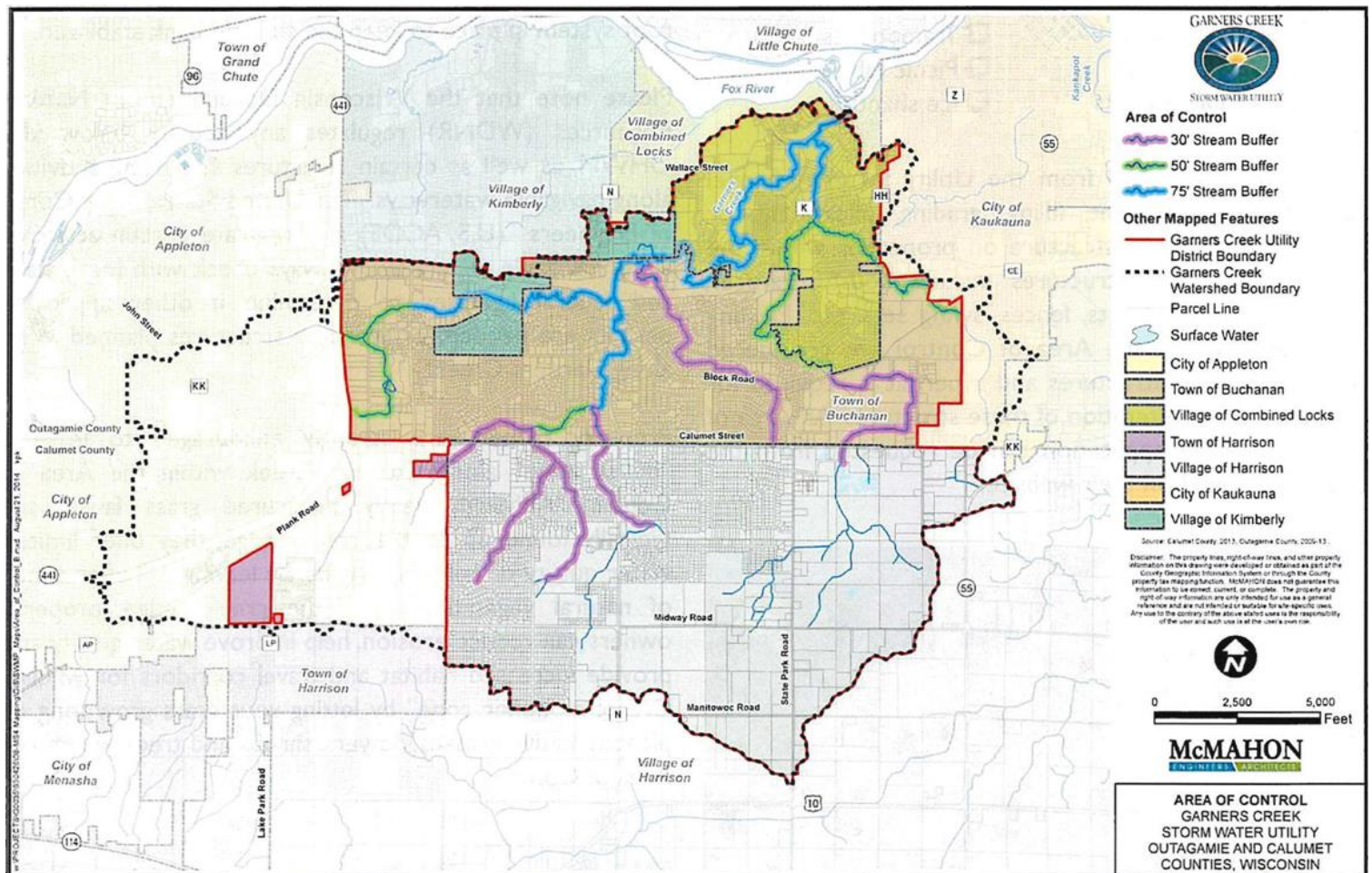
The "Area of Control"

What is it & how does it impact your property?

WHAT IS THE "AREA OF CONTROL"?

The "Area of Control" covers waterways within the Utility District where the estimated peak flow at any given point is 20% or greater than the total estimated peak flow of the entire reach. The width of the Area of Control includes property within an area extending from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) and extends to the distance designated for each reach of Garners Creek as depicted on the map below. The Utility has authority over the Area of Control in order to regulate activities or storage of materials to ensure efficient and effective transportation of storm water runoff along Garners Creek.

AREA OF CONTROL MAP



HOW DOES THE "AREA OF CONTROL" IMPACT MY PROPERTY?

Personal property is prohibited from being kept, stored, maintained, discarded or left upon property that lies within the Area of Control. This is to prevent unanchored personal property from being transported downstream and / or blocking drainage along Garners Creek during periods of high flows. Examples of personal property prohibited from being kept or stored within the Area of Control include, but are not limited to the following:

- Fire wood piles
- Lawn furniture
- Brush cuttings
- Trampolines
- Grass clippings
- Picnic tables
- Portable fire pits
- Ice shanties

A permit is required from the Utility for any channel change, encroachment, filling, grading, excavating, or construction of any structure on properties within the Area of Control. Structures include houses, garages, sheds, bridges, culverts, fences, swing sets, etc. Existing structures within the Area of Control are considered non-conforming structures and a permit is required for any addition or alteration of these structures. An Area of Control permit application can be requested from the Utility or found on their website.

A permit is not required from the Utility for performing routine maintenance activities along your property

within the Area of Control. Property owners are encouraged to remove trash and debris within the Area of Control. Fallen trees or brush that block flows within the creek may be removed, as they can cause increased bank erosion or flooding. If a tree is threatening to fall from the bank, consider cutting or trimming the tree while leaving the root system in place to keep the soil and bank stabilized.

Please note that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) regulates any activity below the OHWM, as well as certain structures & grading activities along navigable waterways. The United States Army Corps of Engineers (U.S. ACOE) also regulate certain activities along navigable waterways. Always check with local, state and federal agencies to determine if other applicable permits are needed for work or structures planned in or along Garners Creek.

Property owners are strongly encouraged to leave a "buffer zone" along Garners Creek within the Area of Control. Although neatly manicured grass lawns are typically found up to the creeks edge, they offer limited water quality or wildlife benefits. By leaving a "buffer zone" of natural vegetation along the creeks edge, property owners can reduce erosion, help improve water quality and provide increased habitat and travel corridors for wildlife. Create a "buffer zone" by letting your grass grow long or planting native grasses, flowers, shrubs and trees within the Area of Control.



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