

1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to land and water management; creating  
3 s. 373.027, F.S.; prohibiting counties and  
4 municipalities from adopting a law, regulation, rule,  
5 policy, or ordinance that prohibits adjacent upland  
6 activities that are outside a certain wetland buffer;  
7 providing applicability and construction; repealing s.  
8 373.591, F.S., relating to management review teams;  
9 providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 **Section 1. Section 373.027, Florida Statutes, is created**  
14 **to read:**

15 373.027 Prohibition on counties and municipalities  
16 prohibiting adjacent upland activities outside a certain wetland  
17 buffer.—

18 (1) A county or municipality may not adopt a law,  
19 regulation, rule, policy, or ordinance that prohibits adjacent  
20 upland activities that are outside a wetland buffer that is a  
21 minimum width of 15 feet from the wetland and an average width  
22 of 25 feet from the wetland.

23 (2) This section does not:

24 (a) Apply to an interagency or interlocal agreement  
25 between the department and any agency, water management

26 district, or local government conducting programs relating to or  
27 materially affecting the water resources of the state.

28 (b) Affect the authority of a county or municipality to  
29 regulate and operate its own water system, wastewater system, or  
30 stormwater system.

31 **Section 2.** Section 373.591, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

32 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.