

Highland Lakes Watershed Ordinance Gravel Landscaping Impervious Cover Credit

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Gravel landscape beds can function as pervious cover and count as credit to meet impervious cover limits in the Highland Lakes Watershed Ordinance. The [Revegetation Options During Drought Conditions technical bulletin](#) notes that “non-vegetated permanent stabilization alternatives may be proposed for review and approval” and rock gravel landscape satisfies this condition.

Criteria to meet gravel landscaping impervious cover credit:

1. Minimum gravel size is 3/8-inch diameter and must be clean washed stone. **No decomposed granite or any graded material.**
2. Four-inch minimum depth for rock sizes 1 inch and smaller. For larger river rock, use larger depths.
3. Soil scarified to a depth of 3 to 4 inches prior to rock placement.
4. Maximum average slope of 5%.
5. If used, landscape fabric must be water permeable.

Gravel Examples



Granite Chips 3/8"



Granite Chips 1/2"



Crushed Limestone 1/2" - 5/8"



Crushed Limestone 1 1/8"