

Shoreland Habitat Program Grant for Clear Lake

The MN DNR has approved a Shoreland Habitat Program grant application from the Waseca Lakes Association. The program will reimburse landowners eligible expenses for an approved plan.

Why Should I Consider This Project For My Property?

- The intent is to improve storm water filtering in conjunction with the road and trail construction planned for 2007.
- Lack of adequate vegetation along Clear Lake for filtering of storm water is a common problem that you as a landowner can change.
- Properly designed landscaping can also add to your property value with improved aesthetics and privacy.

How Much Will it Cost?

- The grant program covers project costs for materials, supplies, and labor to install the vegetation and any approved construction costs to prepare the site.
- Every three dollars of grant money must be matched by one dollar contribution from the grantee. The grantees contribution can be a combination of in kind donation of labor and materials to install the project, as well as a small cash contribution approximately 10% of the total project cost.

What are the Landowner Responsibilities?

- Submit site plan and associated budget
- Install plan
- Provide summary, reimbursement forms, and maintenance review plan.

How Will the Waseca Lakes Association Help?

- The Waseca Lakes Association will contribute up to \$100 towards each plan to hire a landscape expert to help with layout and planting of the project.

What is the timeline for this project?

- First come, first serve as plans are submitted to the DNR for approval.
- We expect installation of projects to take place late this summer of 2007.
- We may be able to take advantage of some site preparation done by the road and trail contractor if we coordinate our efforts.

How Can I Get More Information?

- View or download specific details from the Waseca Lake Association web site "Issue and Positions" box at <http://wasecalakes.org>
- Ask a question at "contact us" via the website <http://wasecalakes.org>
- Contact Duane at 507 461-2392 or Joan at 507 835-1192



Projects Eligible for 2007 DNR Grant

1. **Restore 75% of your shoreline to native vegetation, leaving 25% for beach and access. Minimum 25ft depth by 75% linear.**

Mowed grass or sand common on shorelines offer little or no filtering of storm water.



Native shoreline restoration filters storm water, adds beauty, and provides for privacy.

2. **Help to filter storm water and protect your shoreline where an outlet drains into the lake by planting in the drainage area.**

3. **Help filter storm water before entering an inlet on your property that drains to the lake. If you have a grate in your property today, it is draining your lawn clippings and fertilizer into the lake now and likely after the road construction as well. Well designed landscaping will help to infiltrate and filter water before entering the inlet grate and Clear Lake.**



Common yard grate in place today



Inlet grate protected with rain garden planting