

HOW WILL YOU IMPROVE YOUR LAKE?



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1 FISH STICKS

CREATE FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT.
Fish Sticks are feeding, breeding, and nesting areas for all sorts of critters – from fish to song birds. They can also prevent bank erosion – protecting lakeshore properties and your lake.



2 NATIVE PLANTINGS

IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT, NATURAL BEAUTY AND PRIVACY, AND SLOW RUNOFF.
Native Plantings include grasses and wildflowers with shrubs and trees. Choose a template based on your property and interests – from bird/butterfly habitat to a low-growing garden showcasing your lake view.



3 DIVERSION

PREVENT RUNOFF FROM GETTING INTO YOUR LAKE.
Diversion Practices move water to areas where it can soak into the ground instead. Depending on your property, multiple diversions may be necessary.



4 ROCK INFILTRATION

CAPTURE AND CLEAN RUNOFF.
Rock Infiltration practices fit in nicely along roof drip lines and driveways and provide space for runoff to filter itself. They work best if your soil is sandy or loamy.



5 RAIN GARDEN

CREATE WILDLIFE HABITAT AND NATURAL BEAUTY WHILE CAPTURING AND CLEANING RUNOFF.
Rain Gardens multi-task - they improve habitat and filter runoff while providing a naturally beautiful view.



IMPROVE HABITAT AND NATURAL BEAUTY ~ SLOW, DIVERT, CLEAN AND FILTER RUNOFF

DO IT YOURSELF

Check out the fact sheets, example documents, and FAQs available on the website to find out how to install a Healthy Lakes practice in your backyard (healthylakeswi.org).

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PARTNER WITH OTHERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND SAVE MONEY

The Wisconsin DNR is offering cost-share grants for Healthy Lakes practices through lake organizations and local governments.

Grants will cover:

- Most of the installation expense
- Some technical assistance

If you are interested, contact your:

- Lake organization, or
- County land and water office

Even if your lake organization or county does not currently have a grant option, they can use your interest to support future applications and they may have additional resources to help you protect your lake.

GRANT DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1

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Get Started!

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Improve habitat and water quality with simple and inexpensive projects for your lakeshore property.

Let's make healthy lakes together!



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HEALTHY LAKES PROJECT

The board of directors of the Big Arbor Vitae Lake Association at its fall meeting August 19th adopted the DNR Healthy Lakes Project for all members of the Association.

What Is Healthy Lakes?

The project was created to improve habitat and water quality with simple and inexpensive projects for our lake shore properties.

The association can apply for up to \$25,000 in cost-share grants each year. Each property owner that wants to participate can apply for a maximum of \$1,000 per year.

The application process is assisted by the association and the DNR.

We have included a brochure that explains the project in more detail. You can also learn more about the opportunities of this project at www.healthylakeswi.com.

What's The First Step?

We need to determine if you have an interest in improving your lakefront next year or the future. The following return request, in order to meet the Grant Deadline for next year of February 1st, must be returned by September 23rd. Or you can respond by email to Larry Stein President.

llstein38@gmail.com

CUT AND MAIL: YOU WILL BE CONTACTED IF YES

MAIL TO: LARRY STEIN 1864 BUCKHORN RD. ARBOR VITAE 54568

YES I'M INTERESTED IN A GRANT: _____ NOW/FUTURE _____

NO I'M NOT INTERESTED AT THIS TIME: _____

NAME:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL: