

Healthy Lakes Initiative

The DNR has started a new grant program to assist lakeshore owners in improving their shorelines and improving the lake. This grant program can provide up to \$1000 to individual landowners for native shoreline plantings, rain gardens and fish sticks (logs placed in the water). The shoreline planting /restoration needs to be a minimum of 350 square feet in area and 10 feet in width. As part of this program, participants will receive technical assistance in planning what type of project would best improve and protect their shoreline.

This program has a lot of potential if enough landowners are interested in participating. In order to get a project off the ground an organization like the Lake District needs to sponsor the project and manage the grant. Grant applications are due no later than February 1st each year. We are willing to explore this if enough landowners are interested in doing shoreline improvements. A project like this would be most beneficial if a number of neighbors in an area worked together. Please let any of the lake district commissioners know if you are interested in exploring this program and we will see what we can put together. Our contact information is provided on the home page of the lake district website.

Please take a look at the link below for more detailed information:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/healthylakes/default.aspx>