



2018 WAPOA Shoreland Restoration Award Program

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of WAPOA Sponsored Shoreland Restoration Projects
January 16, 2018

Shoreland Properties Eligible for Awards

Restoration Projects must be on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes or one of the 39 lakes that Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) test for water quality (see WAPOA web site at www.wapoa.org).

Types of Shoreland Restoration Activities Eligible for Awards

- Rain gardens and storm water infiltration basins.
- Buffer “No Mow Areas” with native plants along shorelines.
- Bank, slope, drainage swale and shoreline stabilization projects utilizing coir logs, native plants, willow wattles, shore socks or other bio-degradable materials.
- Repairing and stabilizing shoreland erosion problem areas.
- Other improvements that will reduce stormwater runoff into the lakes that is preapproved.

Types of Activities Ineligible for Awards

- Septic systems, garbage cleanups, aquatic vegetation in-lake treatments, aquatic invasive species (AIS) control, boulder riprap, ice ridge repair (depending on situation), impervious surface areas, beach blankets, rock mulch and work conducted prior to submission of Applicant proposal.
- Any governmental permitting requirements unrelated to Applicants proposed restoration project, such as but not limited to, approved variance stipulations.

Shoreland Restoration Budget for Awards

- Applicants will compete for a combined potential award of up to **\$20,000**, depending on the merits of projects submitted. Multiple Applicants are anticipated.

Shoreland Restoration Awards Open House

- There will be an informational Open House on Wednesday, **June 6th**, at Moonlite Bay Family Restaurant from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Representatives from MN DNR, Crow Wing Soil & Water Conservation District (CWSWCD), Landscape Designers/Contractors and WAPOA will be there with handouts and answer questions relating to water quality and proposed shoreland restoration projects.
- WAPOA will contribute **\$100** to each registered Applicant attending the Open House that will be paid to CWSWCD for their representative (subject to their availability) to meet with the Applicant at their property to evaluate restoration possibilities.
- All interested qualified lake shore owners who attend and register at open house, and who are not presently a member of WAPOA, will receive a free one year 2018 membership (\$40 value) to WAPOA.
- Door prizes will also be drawn for Applicants that register at this Open House.

WAPOA Award Application Submittal Rules

- Project site plan and details must be submitted to the WAPOA Contact Person (shown below) by email for review on or before Friday, **July 7th**. Incomplete proposals will be returned to Applicant with option to add missing information and resubmit prior to scheduled presentation date on Thursday, **July 19th**.
- All materials are required to be bio-degradable (bio-engineered).
- All plants shall be native to the area, source identified, and all work shall be completed by **October 31st of 2018 or 2019**. This gives the Applicant two construction seasons (2018 & 2019) to complete the restoration.
- One Shoreland Restoration sign shall be placed along the shoreline facing the lake by the Applicant for two years from the start of construction and sign may be kept by the Applicant.

- WAPOA funding may not be available if another grant is also used for this project.
- A minimum of 25% cash, or in-kind Applicant volunteer labor (presently valued at \$20 per hour) match of amount awarded value (3 to 1 match), shall be provided by Applicant.
- Applicant shall be solely responsible for obtaining any required governmental permits relating to their proposed project, including the costs and/or fees associated with such permits.
- Maintenance of the funded project is the responsibility of the Landowner for a period of ten years. If the project is altered, not maintained, or replaced with sod or other non-native material, then the Applicant/Landowner shall be subject to penalty.

Shoreland Restoration Award Entries must include the following:

- Project location, address and description of the problem needing restoration.
- A description of how the proposed project will solve the problem and benefit water quality.
- Concept plan sketch to include: dimensions, native plants, materials and location. If project will include excavation, fill or reshaping the land, then Applicant shall include before and after view of the cross-section.
- Photographs of shoreline and problem areas.
- Estimated costs, identified separately, to complete the project including:
 - ✓ Native plants and other construction materials.
 - ✓ Contractor labor and/or in-kind land owner volunteer labor cash value and how it will be utilized.
 - ✓ If using a Landscape Contractor then their estimate and identify who the Contractor is.
- Estimated project start and end dates.
- Maintenance plan describing when yearly maintenance (10 years in total) will be done, who will do it, and what will be involved (e.g. weed control, repairs, plant replacement, frequent watering).

WAPOA Shoreland Restoration Awards

- Only preapproved Applicants will be scheduled for presentations of their restoration proposals (including discussion) before a panel of Shoreland Restoration Judges on Thursday **July 19th, 2018** starting at 5:00PM at the Ideal Town Hall.
- The Judges may include representatives from the MN DNR, CWSWCD, Shoreland Restoration Designers/Contractors and WAPOA Representatives.
- Awards will be based on projects that reduce stormwater runoff into the lake and align with the criteria as outlined in this WAPOA Award Program.
- **Additional applications can be submitted by email to the contact person shown below, after the initial application deadline of July 7th, however, it will depend on available funds for restoration projects at that time. The Application rules shall be the same as stated herein.**
- All Applicants will be notified on a timely basis after application.
- Upon completion, a onetime Award payment to Applicant shall be done upon site inspection, submittal of paid receipts, in-kind volunteer log (if used), before and after photos and summary of the restoration accomplishments. All required paperwork shall be submitted prior to **October 31st of 2018 or 2019**.
- Applicants shall allow WAPOA to share with others what their project entails for promotional purposes.

Additional Information/Contact Person

- Information about shoreland restoration suggestions is available at the WAPOA web site (www.wapoa.org).
- WAPOA Award Program contact person is Brian W. Olson, Director of Shoreland Management brian@terraincorp.net, 612-309-1784 (mobile).

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