Washington County
Planning and Parks Department

Native Shoreline Restoration Workshop

If you are a lakefront property owner looking to improve your shoreline, make sure you are properly educated before you start. Attend the free Native Shoreline Restoration Workshop on Sunday, July 28, 2013 from 12:30 to 4:30 P.M. at Ackerman's Grove County Park on Little Cedar Lake (4875 CTH Z, West Bend) in the large shelter building. You will learn how to choose the right native plants for your site, the costs involved, and the many benefits you can enjoy with a restored native shoreline buffer. Zoning staff will also be on site to discuss shoreland regulations and permits that you may need before starting your project. The event is hosted by the Washington County Planning and Parks Department.

Have a one-on-one discussion with a shoreland specialist and ask any questions you may have about native plants and shoreline restoration projects. Three presentations will be offered twice during the workshop as follows:

12:45 & 2:45 – Impervious Surfaces: Cause and effects
1:15 & 3:15 – Shoreline Buffers: Developing a plan, plant selection, & planting specifics
2:00 & 4:00 – Shoreland Regulations and Permitting

As much as a native shoreline can attract wildlife, creating a buffer with native plants can help stabilize shorelines, reduce erosion and improve water quality. There can be as much as 500% more diversity of plant and animal species along a natural shoreline compared to upland areas. Shoreline restoration, as the name implies, is the practice of restoring an ecologically healthy transition between the land and water. Restoring a shoreline with native plants is also easier to maintain. Native plants are superior to non-native plants because they are more suited to the specific site conditions found along your shoreline.

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