

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 Saturday, February 18th from 1:00 to 4:00PM. at the Washington County Public Agency Center (333 E. Washington St., West Bend, WI 53095). You will learn the science behind natural shorelines and the benefits you can enjoy with a restored native shoreline buffer. Shoreline plant selections, design considerations, regulations, and permitting will also be discussed.

This workshop will offer three presentations covering the following topics:

- The Science Behind Natural Shorelines
- Plant Selections Appropriate for Shoreline Restoration & Conservation
- Layout and Design Considerations for Shoreline Improvements
- Overview of Shoreline Regulations & Permitting

Shoreline restoration, as the name implies, is the practice of restoring an ecologically healthy transition between the land and water. In addition to attracting wildlife, natural shorelines create a buffer with native plants that 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. 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.

Any questions about this workshop can be directed towards Amanda Schmitz at amanda.schmitz@washcowisco.gov or (262) 483-9687.

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