



Application for Shoreland Stewardship Projects

Property Owner/Applicant:

Contact Telephone Number:

Email address:

Lake Property Address:

Name of Lake:

Township & County:

Project Choices: (Check which apply) Native Plantings Rain Garden Rain Barrel

Have you applied for any other funds through other funding sources?

Yes

No

If yes please indicate the amount and source:

List any professionals you will be working with:

Cost Estimate:

Estimate Completion Date: (project needs to be completed within 2 years)

Property Owners Agree to the following:

1. Lake Association Membership – dues up to date.
2. Describe the project with a rough draft of the property and square footage of plantings. Attach to application.
3. Provide receipts with name and number of the plantings and their locations with request for reimbursement.
4. Care for and maintain plantings for 3 years.
5. Use native plants for rain garden and shoreline projects.
6. Provide before and after photos and submit with the receipts to the Lake Association Committee.
7. Display a Shoreland Restoration Project sign provided by the Lake Association for at least 1 Year after completion.
8. Allow on-site visit of an ICOLA committee member for pre-approval and at the conclusion of the project.

Lake Association Agrees to the following:

1. Provide consultation and recommendations regarding project as needed.
2. Reimburse up to \$750 for the native plants and/or rain barrel purchase within 60 days of the completion of the project and upon submission of receipts.

Signature of Property Owner & Date: _____

Signature of Lake Representative & Date: _____



Shoreland Stewardship Project

offered through Island Chain of Lakes Association

Funded by private donations to the Lake Association

GOAL: Protect and maintain water quality while maintaining a natural shoreline with simple projects.

Funding is available for 3 projects that will protect our water quality, improve habitats, and maintain healthy shorelines.

1. Rain Barrels

Rain barrels collect and store rain run-off from roof surfaces. This water can later be used to water lawns or gardens. It reduces run-off and conserves water usage for use in landscapes. These are low cost and easy to install, and your plants will love the rain water.



2. Native Shoreline Plantings

Create a beautiful shoreline with native plantings that will create a buffer zone for run-off and create habitat for wildlife. As a bonus they will also provide a natural barrier to geese. Funding is available to reimburse you for the costs of the native plants. This includes native trees, grasses and other native perennials. You can make this a DIY project or get assistance from a professional.



3. Create a Rain Garden

Rain Gardens are low-maintenance gardens with native plants that will capture rain and snow melt. Strategically placed they will filter run-off, provide habitat, and add beauty to your property. They are a low maintenance garden that reduce runoff and thereby reduce algae blooms and weed growth in the lake.



Do it yourself or partner with others to receive up to \$750 for native plants, or the purchase of rain barrels.

Eligibility Criteria

- Property owner on Island, Chain, Clear, or McCann Lake and membership in the Island Lake Chain of Lakes Association.

Need help or have questions, or are you ready to apply?

Contact: Carol Hakala @ carolhakala@gmail.com

Resources are available for these and other practices to maintain and protect our lakes at our website, or by contacting Carol Hakala.

As a not-for-profit organization, ICOLA donations to this project can be used as a tax deductible gift.



Native Shoreline Plantings

Shoreline plantings help to re-establish a vegetative buffer zone on your lakeshore property. It can prevent or inhibit run-off; create natural habitat for birds & butterflies; and promote natural beauty on your lake frontage.

Island Chain of Lakes Association, Inc (ICOLA) will reimburse **up to \$750** for the native plants. These plants may include wildflowers, native grasses, shrubs and small bareroot trees. **Projects may be any size and may be DIY projects or contracted with professionals.**

Steps:

Refer to the [Healthy Lakes & Rivers Native Planting Guide](#) as a guide (please note however that the 350 sq foot minimum size is **NOT** a requirement for participation in the ICOLA project.) Links found below.

Assess your site for location and size of the planting

Map out your project with a simple sketch of your lot including the location and size of the buildings as well as any hard surfaces.

Questions? Contact Carol Hakala carolhakala@gmail.com or 715-353-2733

Submit your application and Map to ICOLA for approval.

Resources:

<https://erc.cals.wisc.edu/healthylakesgrants/files/2020/09/NativePlantings-HealthyLakeFactSheetSeries2020.pdf>

<https://erc.cals.wisc.edu/healthylakesgrants/files/2021/10/NativePlantCompanionGuide.pdf>



Rain Garden

Impervious surfaces (roofs, driveways, patios) can cause runoff – and this runoff is a source of pollution in lakes and streams. Native Plant Rain Gardens capture runoff before it can enter lakes and streams. The native plants have deep fibrous roots that filter water sending it deep into the soil. These sustainable gardens are beautiful, long lasting, and low maintenance.

Island Chain of Lakes Association, Inc (ICOLA) will reimburse **up to \$750 for the native plants. These plants may include wildflowers, native grasses, shrubs and small bareroot trees. This can be a DIY project, or you may contract with a provider to install it for you.**

Steps:

Refer to the rain Garden Fact sheet for steps to install a rain garden. (follow link)

<https://healthylakeswi.com/wp-content/blogs.dir/16/files/2019/02/RainGarden-HealthyLakesFactSheetSeries-1.pdf>

Assess your site for location of a rain garden.

Map out your project with a simple sketch of your lot including the location and size of the buildings as well as any hard surfaces.

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Resources:

https://widnr.widen.net/s/7zpg7qgpl8/raingardenmanual_hd

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/endangeredresources/nativeplants.html>



Rain Barrels

Rain Barrels are inexpensive and reduce the amount of water running into lakes and rivers by capturing it. Additionally, they reduce basement flooding by directing water away from home foundations and provide a source of water for irrigating plants. Rainwater can help improve the health of your gardens, lawns, and trees. This water should not be used for vegetables and other edibles or for drinking. On a 1000 square foot catchment area – one inch of rain would provide 600 gallons of rain water!

Island Chain of Lakes Association, Inc (ICOLA) will reimburse property owners for the costs of a rain barrel.

Steps:

Review the Rain Barrel resources. (links found below).

Map out your project with a simple sketch of your lot including the location and size of the buildings as well as any hard surfaces. Indicate where you will place the rain barrel.

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Resources:

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/rain-barrels/>

<https://ecologyactioncenter.org/clean-water/rain-barrels/>

https://www.eliotmaine.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4386/f/uploads/rain_barrel_factsheet.pdf