

Post Lake Residence,

Langlade County is seeing heavy precipitation and record high water levels this year. This means more runoff and erosion of the lakeshore. In addition, last year's July storm destroyed many trees along waterfront property. Removal of trees near the water's edge intensifies the erosion issue.

Today I reach out to you as your Shoreland Specialist for Langlade County to share with you a grant program that focuses on simple ways to improve fish habitat, integrate native plantings, divert and clean runoff water and promote natural beauty. This is the Healthy Lakes program.

Healthy Lakes' goal is to protect and improve the health of our Wisconsin lakes by increasing lakeshore property owner participation in habitat restoration and runoff and erosion control projects. Five best practices were identified for the initiative. These include fish sticks, 350 ft² native planting, diversion practices, rock infiltration practices and rain gardens. These practices are intended to be simple, relatively inexpensive, and easy to implement.

Lakeshore property owners can receive grant funding up to \$1,000 per project. The Healthy Lakes funding is not intended for large, complex sites with substantial runoff or erosion problems where engineering design is more appropriate.

This year, White Lake and Sawyer Lake in Langlade County will be installing 11 Healthy Lakes projects and hundreds of other projects will be installed around the state of Wisconsin. I hope to add Post Lake P&R District to my growing list of participants. For more information, visit the Healthy Lakes website at healthylakeswi.com

The deadline for the 2021 grant application is September 2 of this year. If you wish to be a part of this program, contact me ASAP so that we can schedule a free consultation at your lake residence this August.

Blessings,

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