

DNR to give grant to improve shoreline areas

The Washburn County Land and Water Conservation Department will be applying for a grant this fall to assist landowners interested in improving their shoreline health, habitat, and potential erosion problems.

Under the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Healthy Lakes program, grant funding can cover up to 75% of costs per practice and is capped at \$1,000 per project.

Landowners would need to contribute a 25% match. The prepping, digging, and planting volunteer hours can count toward the landowner's portion of the project

cost. Shoreline restoration projects generally cost around \$1,000 to \$1,300. The practice must remain in place for 10 years to protect the lake or river shoreline.

To apply for the grant, county staff need to recruit landowners now and do site visits to gather information for the grant application.

For info: Contact Lisa Burns by October 1 at lburns@co.washburn.wi.us or 715.468.4654 to set up a site visit and discuss the program.

People are encouraged to pass this on to anyone who might be interested in taking part in the grant program.