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DNR Shoreland Habitat Grant

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Douglas County Project Guidelines:

The focus of these projects must be on reestablishing vegetation for fish and wildlife habitat and funds cannot be used for rock riprap stabilization or permanent wave breaks.

Grant Amount. Approved Shoreline Habitat projects will be eligible for 75% cost share reimbursement not to exceed \$3500. The landowner's contribution must be a cash match.

Eligible Expenses. Funds can be used for materials needed to reestablished native vegetation along shorelines including: native trees, shrubs, plants and seeds, temporary biodegradable toe protection and erosion control fabric, mulch, herbicide to treat invasive species on site, labor to design, install and maintain project, temporary biodegradable wave breaks and temporary fencing for keeping out foot traffic or herbivores (geese/muskrats) from the site.

Project Size. Projects on private properties will have at least 75% of the frontage restored with an adjacent buffer zone that is at least 25 feet deep/wide.

Vegetation. Projects should not destroy existing, desirable habitat or native vegetation along the shoreline. Only local, native species may be included within the project area. No exotic species or nursery-derived cultivars of natives may be used. Plants included in the project should be native to the county and grow in natural, reference sites along the lake or similar nearby ecosystems.

Agreements. Funded projects require a signed agreement stating that the site will be appropriately maintained for 10 years, and allowing access to the site for project installation, maintenance, monitoring and visitation.

If projects are implemented in a manner different from the approved plan, without prior approval for the changes by the DNR Authorized Representative, the entire grant may be terminated and no future payments made.

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