

## DO IT YOURSELF

Check out the fact sheets, example documents, and FAQs available on the website to find out how to install a Healthy Lakes & Rivers practice in your backyard ([healthylakeswi.com](http://healthylakeswi.com)).

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## PARTNER WITH OTHERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND SAVE MONEY

The Wisconsin DNR is offering cost-share grants for Healthy Lakes & Rivers practices through lake and river organizations and local governments.

Grants will cover:

- Most of the installation expense
- Some technical assistance

If you are interested, contact your:

- Lake or river organization, or
- County land and water office

Even if your organization or county does not currently have a grant option, they can use your interest to support future applications and they may have additional resources to help you protect your lake or river.

# GET UP TO \$1000 PER PRACTICE!

# [healthylakeswi.com](http://healthylakeswi.com)

# Get Started!

[healthylakeswi.com](http://healthylakeswi.com)

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*Improve habitat and water quality with simple and inexpensive projects for your shoreland property.*

*Let's make healthy lakes and rivers together!*



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# HOW WILL YOU IMPROVE YOUR LAKE OR RIVER?



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## 1 FISH STICKS

### CREATE FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT.

Fish Sticks are feeding, breeding, and nesting areas for all sorts of critters – from fish to song birds. They can also prevent bank erosion – protecting lakeshore properties and your lake. (Not eligible on river properties.)



Mark Bugnaski



## 2 NATIVE SHORELINE PLANTING

### IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT, NATURAL BEAUTY AND PRIVACY, AND SLOW RUNOFF.

Native shoreline plantings include grasses, wildflowers, shrubs, and trees. Choose a template based on your property and interests – from bird/butterfly habitat to a low-growing garden showcasing your water view.



Bill Foley



## 3 DIVERSION\*

### PREVENT RUNOFF FROM GETTING INTO YOUR LAKE OR RIVER.

Diversion practices move water to areas where it can soak into the ground instead. Depending on your property, multiple diversions may be necessary.



Jim Griffin



## 4 ROCK INFILTRATION\*

### CAPTURE AND CLEAN RUNOFF.

Rock infiltration practices fit in nicely along roof drip lines and driveways and provide space for runoff to filter itself. They work best if your soil is sandy or loamy.



Bill Giese



## 5 RAIN GARDEN\*

### CREATE WILDLIFE HABITAT AND NATURAL BEAUTY WHILE CAPTURING AND CLEANING RUNOFF.

Rain gardens multi-task - they improve habitat and filter runoff while providing a naturally beautiful view.



Paul Skawinski



IMPROVE HABITAT AND NATURAL BEAUTY ~ SLOW, DIVERT, CLEAN AND FILTER RUNOFF

\*Eligible for shoreland properties within 1000 feet of a lake or 300 feet of a river.