Shoreland Revegetation - Getting Started

Vegetation survey: Survey your vegetation to determine unwanted nonnative species and desirable native species. Contact your local watershed district or the DNR for assistance.

Site design: Map your property, including property lines, buildings, and existing vegetation. Determine lawn and beach areas you wish to revegetate. Choose local, native species based on your site conditions and personal preference.

Site preparation: Remove unwanted vegetation through burning, tillage, or use of herbicides. For beach areas, erosion control blankets and wave-breaks may work to protect young seedlings.

Seeding and planting: Seeding with native prairie or wetland species can take place in spring or fall. Seedlings can be planted from late May to freeze-up, however, summer planting may need frequent watering. A DNR permit is required for planting aquatic vegetation.

Learn: Read the Gervais Lake bulletin, “Sustainable Landscapes and Management for Shorelands” which includes native landscaping ideas.

For a healthy and thriving shoreland community, choose plants according to zones along a line from the upland to the shoreline.

### Zone 1 Upland
- Am. highbush cranberry
- serviceberry
- anise hyssop
- prairie onion
- thimbleweed
- columbine
- lead plant
- butterfly milkweed
- aster
- tufthead
- purple prairie clover
- purple coneflower
- prairie smoke
- common ox-eye daisy
- alum root
- blazing star
- bergamot
- gray-headed coneflower
- little blue stem
- goldenrod
- Indian grass
- prairie dropseed
- Culver’s root
- heartleaf alexanders
- Amelanchier alnifolia
- Viburnum trilobum
- Echinacea angustifolia
- Monarda fistulosa
- Andropogon gerardii
- big bluestem

### Zone 2 Wet Meadow
- red osier dogwood
- sweetflag
- swamp milkweed
- New England aster
- bottlebrush sedge
- tussock sedge
- tufthead
- spike rush
- Joe-pye weed
- boneset
- bottle gentian
- sneezeweed
- blue flag iris
- tunk’s cap lily
- cardinal flower
- great blue lobelia
- green bulrush
- wool grass
- prairie cord grass
- blue vervain
- prairie ironweed

### Zone 3 Emergent
- Alisma plantago-aquatica
- Sparganium americanum
- Juncus effusus
- Pontederia cordata
- Sagittaria latifolia
- Scirpus acutus
- Scirpus validus
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