

# Try a Healthy Lakes and Rivers Best Practice!

Healthy Lakes & Rivers includes 5 simple and inexpensive best practices that improve habitat and water quality on your shoreland property. Do-it-yourselfers can do all these practices, but there is also Healthy Lakes & Rivers grant funding assistance that the LLPA can apply for on your behalf.

## What are the Practices?

### Fish Sticks

Fish Sticks are feeding, breeding, and nesting areas for all sorts of critters – from fish to songbirds. They can also prevent shoreline erosion – protecting your lakeshore property and Long Lake.

### Native Plantings

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

### Diversions

Diversion Practices move water to areas where it can soak into the ground instead of running off into the lake.

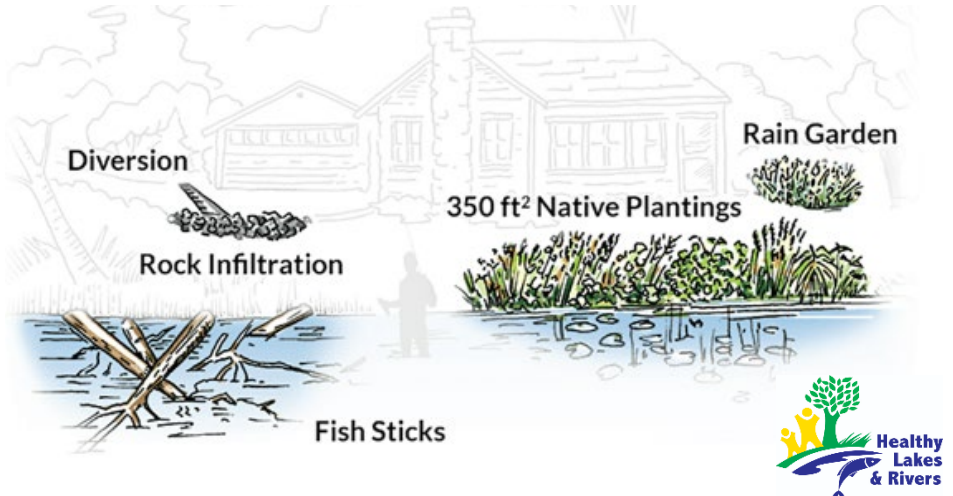
### Rock Infiltration

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.

### Rain Gardens

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

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In 2023, the LLPA did a shoreline habitat assessment to determine the health of Long Lake's shoreline. In the map below, red areas indicate properties with multiple runoff and shoreline concerns. If your property looks like it might be in red or orange in the map below, you might want to consider a Healthy Lakes project.

Alternatively, you can use the NEW Shoreland Evaluation Tool to identify habitat restoration, runoff, and erosion control projects for your property.

You can find the new Shoreland Evaluation Tool to score your shore and find out what practices might be best for you here:

<https://survey.healthylakeswi.com/>

Interested in learning more about what you can do to reduce phosphorus coming into Long Lake?

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Interested in learning more about Healthy Lakes Best Practices?

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