

Lakescaping:

Shoreline landscaping that restores and preserves natural shorelines for today and future generations.



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Answers to Homeowner Questions about Lakescaping

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Lakescaping strives to:

- Work with existing vegetation and topography
- Minimize soil disturbance
- Encourage infiltration
- Reduce runoff and erosion
- Improve wildlife and fish habitat
- Decrease intensity of management in sensitive shoreline areas



Lakescaping goals:

- Reduce noise
- Increase privacy
- Restore habitat for fish and wildlife
- Deter geese
- Fix problem areas
- Reduce wave energy
- Increase 'curb' appeal
- Create special places
- Correct drainage and erosion issues



New England Aster



Joe-Pye Weed



Spiderwort



Canada Anemone

Why lakescape?

- To preserve, create or restore more natural shorelines
- To support native plant and animal species important to a healthy ecosystem
- To protect lakes from pollutant runoff



Swamp Milkweed



Green Bulrush



Boneset



Highbush Cranberry/Arrowwood viburnums

Why native plants?

Native plants create habitats that support our native fish, wildlife, birds and the organisms on which they depend. The use of native wetland and upland plants will allow you to create a natural environment that benefits both you and your lake.

For more resources on native shoreline plants, please visit: www.shoreline.msu.edu.

Examples of lakescaped properties

BEFORE

AFTER



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3

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