Green Lake County LCD Shoreland Restoration

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What is aesthetically pleasing? Welcome to Wisconsin!

What do you picture when you hear 'Wisconsin Lakes'?

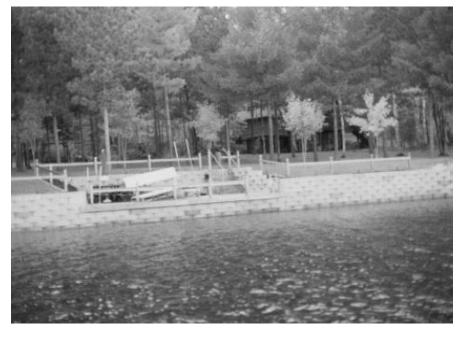


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What do we value?



We shall never achieve harmony with land, any more than we shall achieve absolute justice or liberty for people. In these higher aspirations, the important thing is not to achieve but to strive. - Aldo Leopold







- Protect and Improve Water Quality
 - Reduce Soil Erosion
 - Protect Soil Productivity

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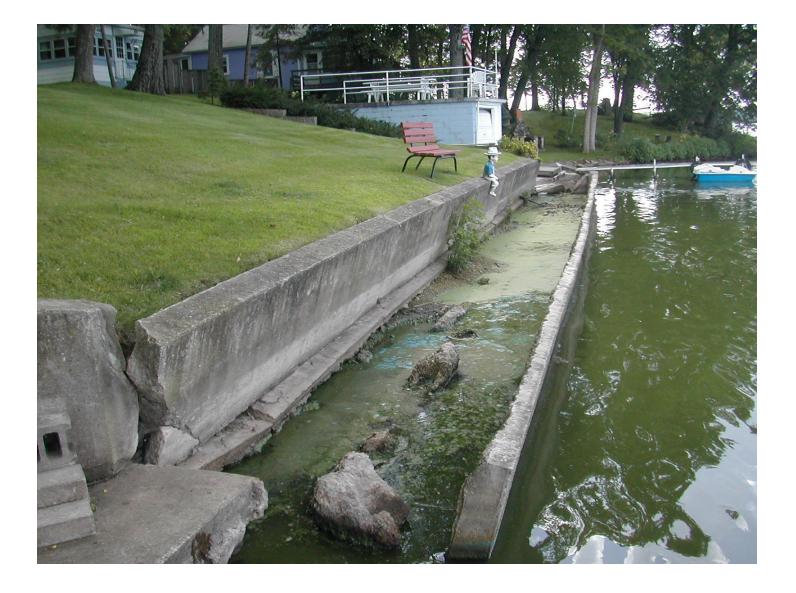
County Land & Water Plans

- Sets County Priorities for action and funding
- Green Lake County 10% of DATCP funds received are allocated for Shoreland Restoration. 90% are allocated for agricultural runoff practices. (Applies only to DATCP SWRM Funds).
- C/S rate vary, up to 50%, 10 yr contract
- Offset cash costs with in-kind donations.
- Limited funds available.

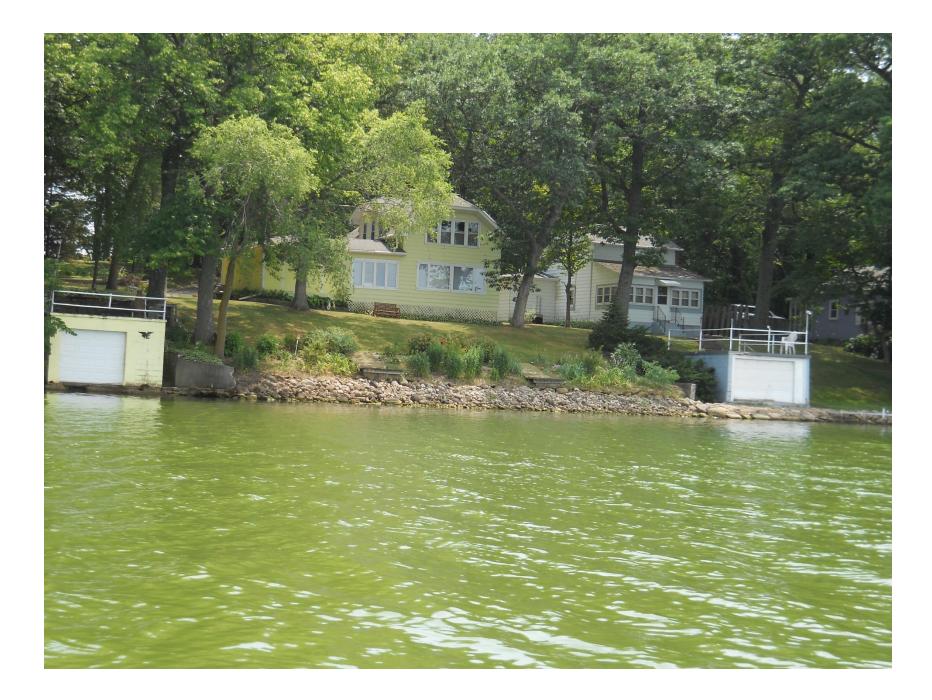
- Designs installed according to NRCS 580 (and other applicable practice standards)
- Follow Bio Tech Note 1
- Maintain for 10 years
- Maintenance Agreement
- Not Deed Recorded (unless over \$10k)
- Competitive Ranking Process

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- Permitting Assistance
 - WDNR
 - USCOE
 - County Mitigation Compliance
 - Shoreland Zoning Compliance
 - Also, Neighbor SWM disputes

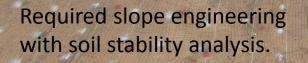


Failing Seawalls





Mass slope failure due to saturated soil conditions, and incorrect retaining wall design.



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Native plants & shrubs to stabilize slope.

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Design/Technical Assistance

- County LCD may provide technical engineering and design assistance for projects.
- Integrated, Full Site Assessment
- County LCD may approve engineering plans based on NRCS Standards (i.e. 580).
- County LCD may assist with DNR/USCOE Permits
- County LCD may assist with bid letting.

580 - Purpose

- Limiting the loss of land and its potential impacts.....
- Maintaining or restoring channel dimensions (width, depth), meander (sinuosity and meander geometry) and profile (slope, pools, riffles) allowing the channel to transport sediment and runoff without aggrading or degrading;
- Reducing sediment loads that cause degradation of habitat and water quality; and
- Improving or protecting recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, native biodiversity, and natural scenic beauty.

• **2. Waterway designation** (area of special natural resource interest, ORW, ERW) and size and type of water body (seepage lake, groundwater drainage lake, drainage lake, impoundment).

- 3. Water level fluctuation, ordinary high water mark (OHWM), water depth at 20 feet and 100 feet from shore.
- 4. Shore orientation and geometry.
- 5. Bank recession rate.
- 6. Average fetch Measured by the average of a central radial line, perpendicular to the shoreline, and two radials measured at 45 degree angles from the central radial.

• **Drainage** paths, flow patterns, runoff controls, roof gutters, impervious areas.

- 8. Bank and bed composition and stability Soil type, composition, Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) profile log, bank height, bank angle, percent of bank protected by vegetation, rooting depth and density, presence of existing erosion control practices.
- 9. Tiers of vegetation Aquatic, littoral, bank, and upland.
 Presence of invasive species.
- 10. Identification of the size and location of areas or habitats requiring avoidance (e.g., wetlands, riparian and upland areas, near shore habitat).

- 11. Aquatic/terrestrial habitat and movement corridors for wildlife in a watershed context.
- 12. Length of treatment area and accessibility for equipment.
- 13. Location and size of **access corridor**.
- 14. Number and orientation of **existing or proposed** decks, steps, piers, access points to water body, utilities, etc.
- 15. Documentation of **cultural and historical resources**.



Much like a boxer, who can take a punch without stumbling in round one, may be knocked out by the same punch in a later round, Lakes too, can only take so many hits before the effects begin to be seen.

Resistance:

Site's ability to tolerate use without disturbance.

Resilience:

Site's ability to recover from a disturbance.

Physical Influences

Erosion Source

Potential Threat to Structures/Roads

Wind-Wave Energy

Generated Wave Energy (Boats)

Water Fluctuations – Duration and Extent

Water Hydraulics

Human Influences

Costs

Permits

Use

Aesthetics

Is the protection needed short-term or long-term?

Short Term: Coir Log, Erosion Control Blanket, etc.

Add temporary protection until vegetation is established 6 months – 5 years

Long Term: Turf Reinforcement Mat, Interlocking Block, etc. Add long-term reinforcement to support vegetation 5 years +



Integrate Methods Mix Methods Horizontally and Vertically as

needed.

Upland
ZoneImpact ZoneToe Zone

Concept #2

Every Design is Unique (no one-size fits all) Design based on site-specific conditions

#1 Determine the Cause of the Erosion

- •Current Deflection
- •Toe Erosion
- •Boat Wakes
- Water Fluctuations
- Saturated Soils
- Ice action (sliding or plowing)

•Observe stabile shorelines.



Address the <u>cause</u> where possible, <u>not the symptom</u>

Example: Toe Erosion caused by lack of vegetation, caused by fluctuating water levels

In this case:

Vegetation with temporary erosion control may not be appropriate, due to fluctuating water levels drowning shoreland plantings (common on reservoir systems)

Getting out of the Stone Age...



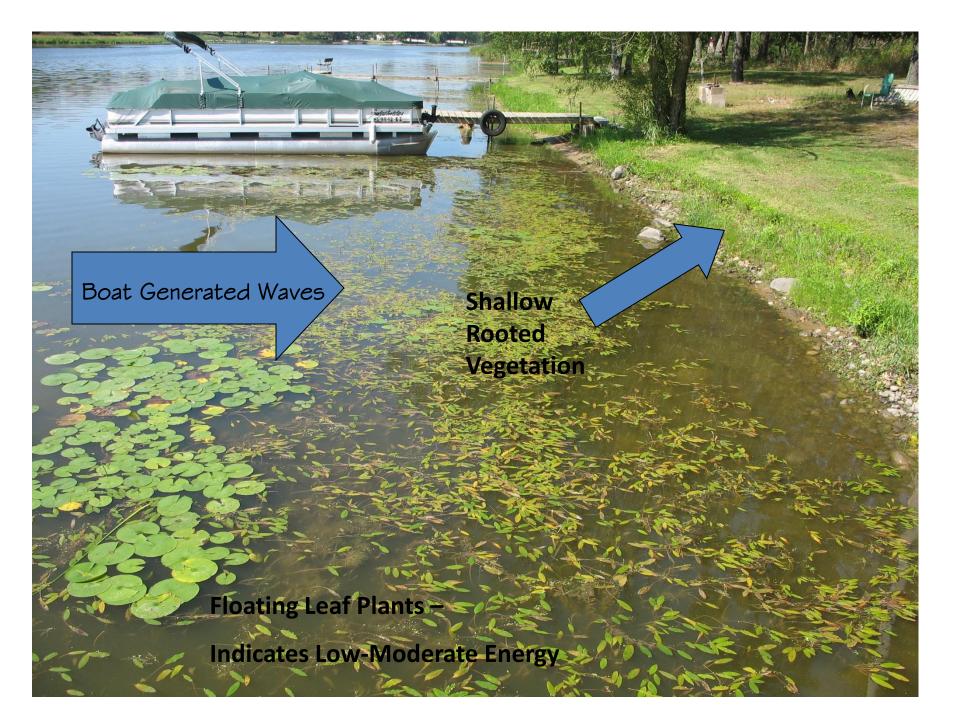
Stone has it's place, but use in limited quantities.



Reservoirs with water fluctuations in high energy areas may be a place to implement hard armor, but try to integrate woody plants and native forbs to strengthen shoreline and enhance fish/wildlife benefits.

RipRap Failure due to improper design and installation

No filter to prevent piping thru stone and installed at 1h:1v



















Sturgeon Spawning Project / Erosion Control/ Buffer



Fluctuating Water Levels





Restoration Areas





Poor Quality Vegetation











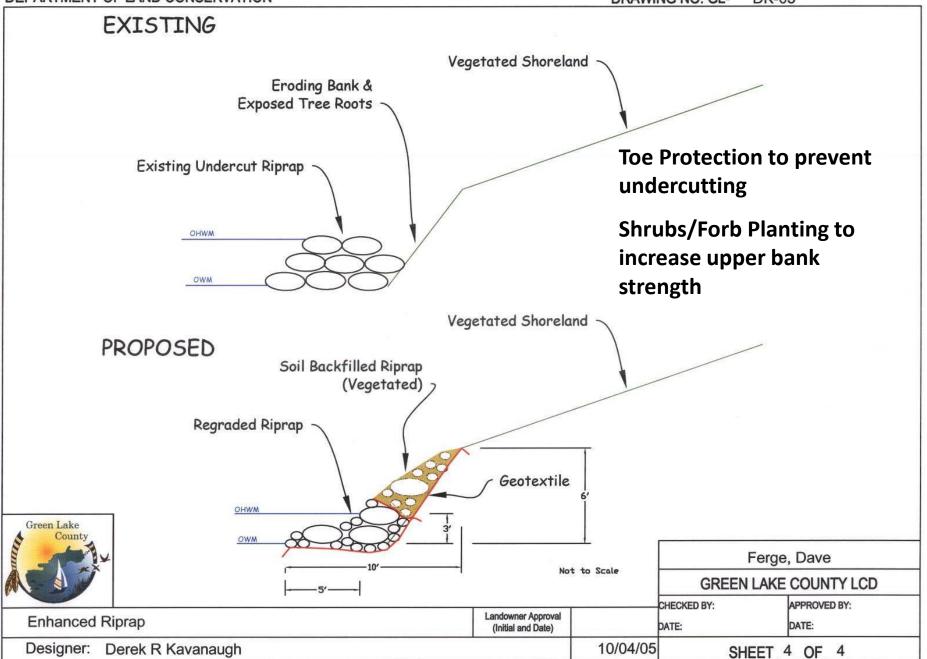








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Fluctuating Water +/- 5 feet

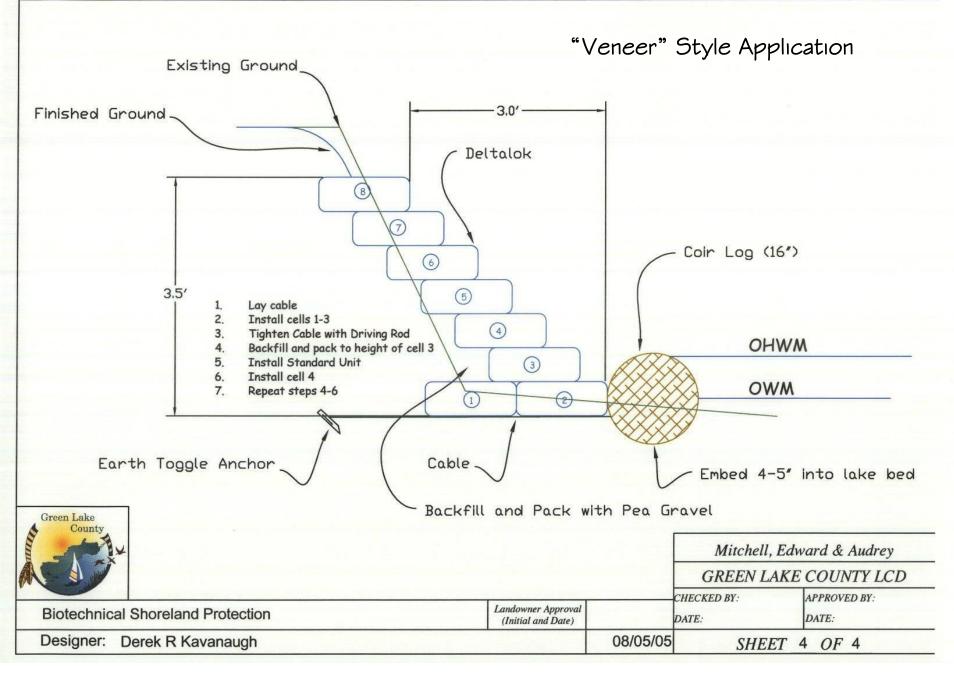




Toe Erosion causing Bank Slumping

Vertical Bank held by Tree Roots

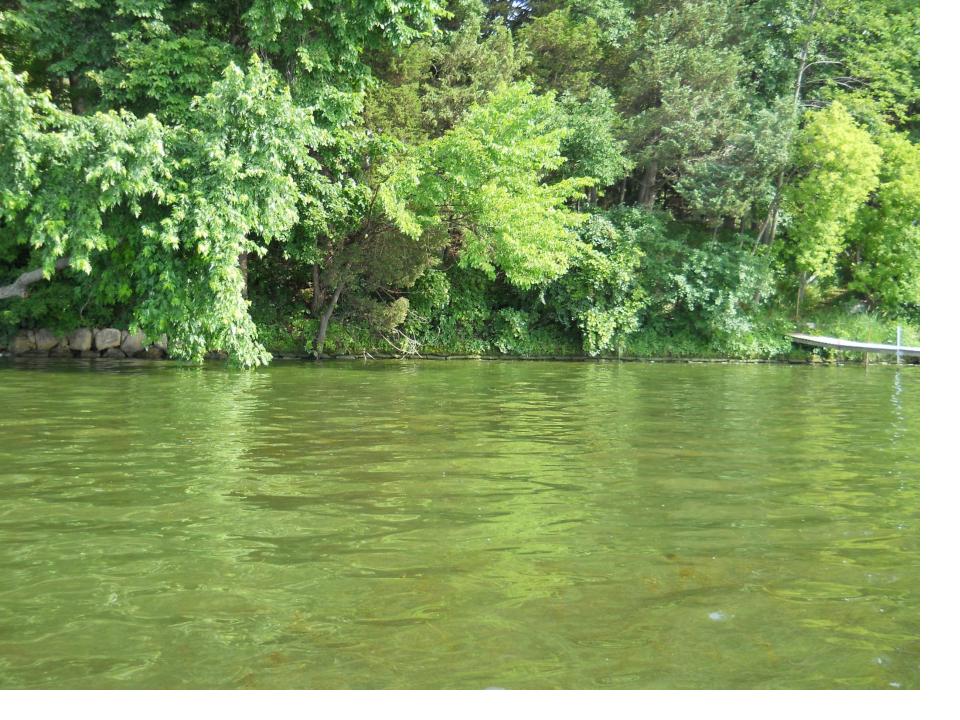
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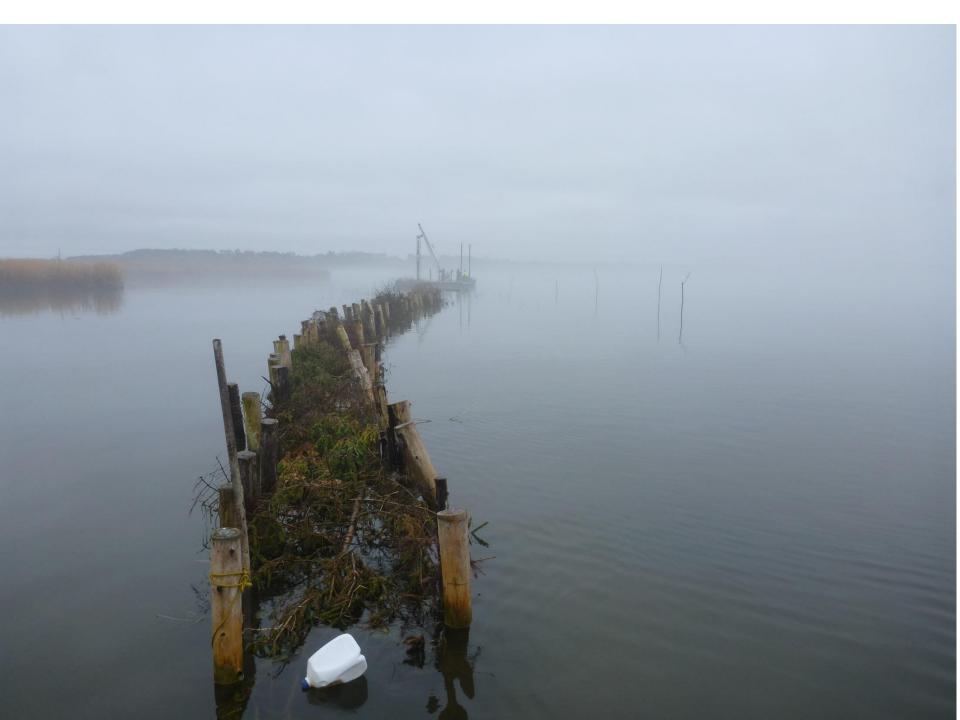
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Lack of Vegetation







Do it for the frogs.







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