# Making a More Functional Landscape

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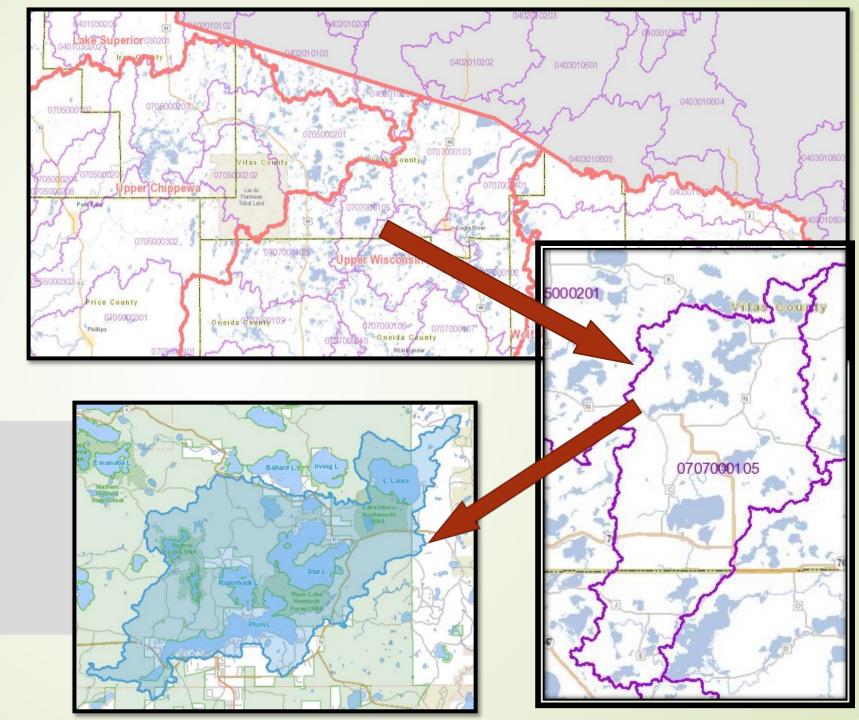
# Watersheds

#### Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUC)

Upper Wisconsin Basin – HUC 8

HUC 10

HUC 12



Watershed Management

- 1) Water Quality Standards Set Phosphorus, Nitrogen, etc.
- 2) Monitoring Data is gathered to discern if WQ standards are met Baseline Water Quality, Current Lake Plans, Modeling
- 3) Special Assessments "Zero in" on suspect waters and regions
- 4) Work Planning Management Plans are created
- 5) Plan Action & Project Implementation Management practices placed on the land
- 6) Evaluate Effectiveness of practices

### Work Planning

Work Planning -

<u>Counties</u> - Land & Water Resource Management Plans Work Planning (including BMP's)

Counties, Contractors

9 Key Element Plans
Problem area identified
Modeling
BMP's selected to meet reductions

#### <u>DNR</u>

Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's) for Larger Impaired waters

### Plan Action & Project Implementation

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Best Management Practices are placed on the land

Counties, Contractors, AND Lake Organizations

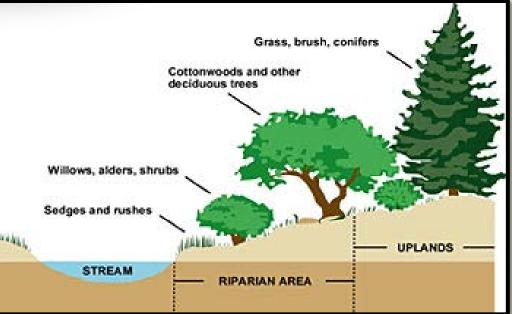
### Best Management Practices (BMP'S)

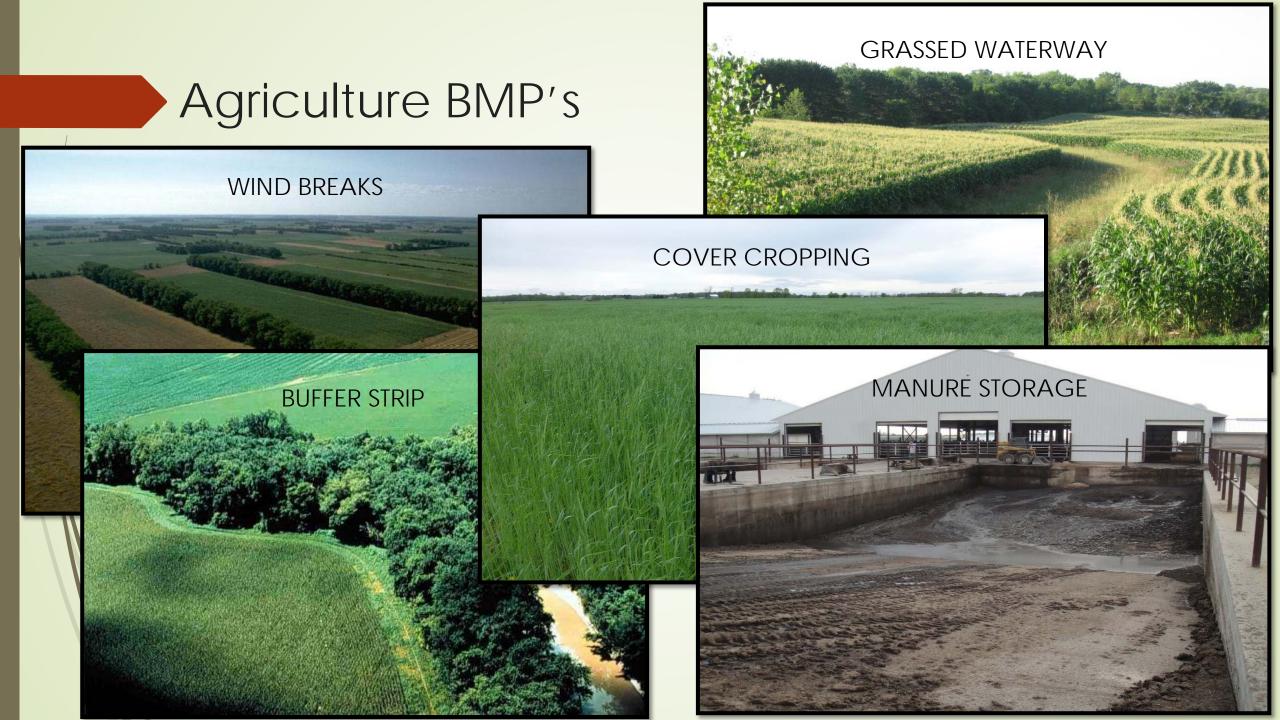
Techniques considered to be the most effective and practical means of abating nonpoint sources of pollution to a level compatible with state standards
 Financial Assistance



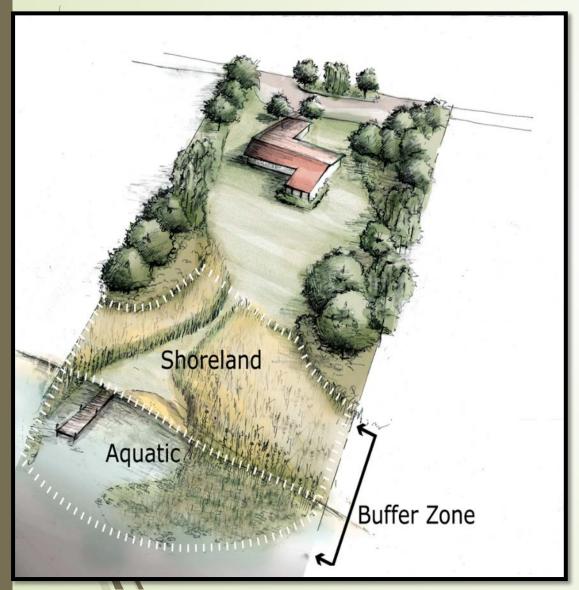
# Best Management Practices



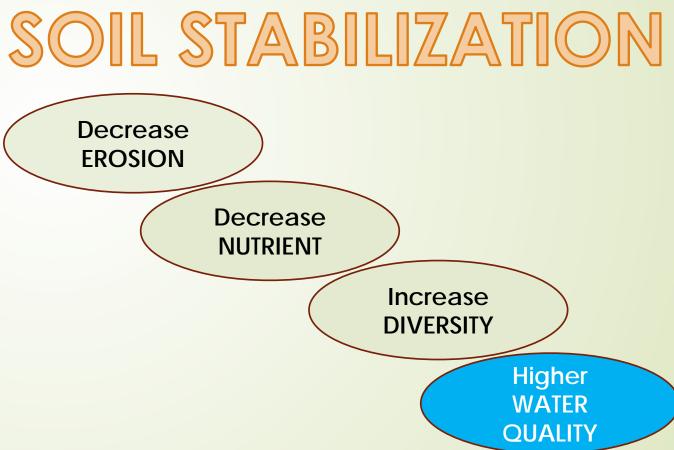




### Riparian OR Shoreland BMP's



Why are buffers so important?



### Riparian BMP 1

#### Native Plant Buffers





### Riparian BMP 2

## **Raingardens** (Capturing Rainwater / Stormwater )

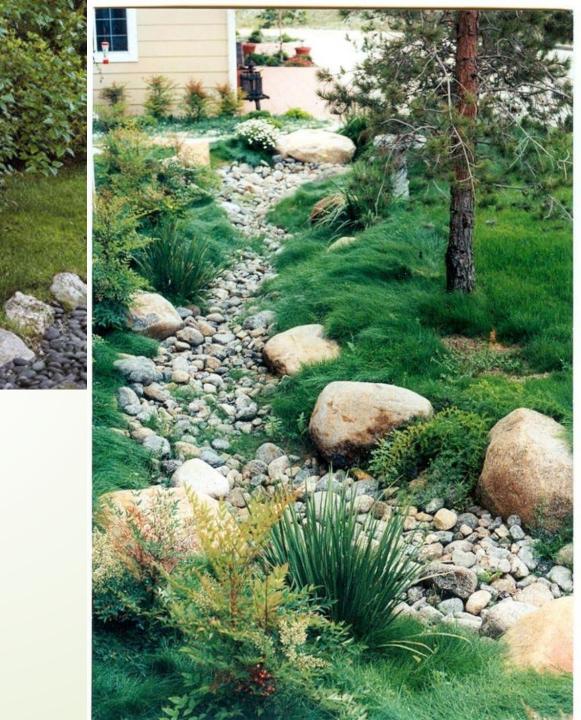
Just like a regular planting, but able to absorb rainwater and breakdown pollutants



### Riparian BMP 3

#### Water Diversion





### Riparian BMP 4



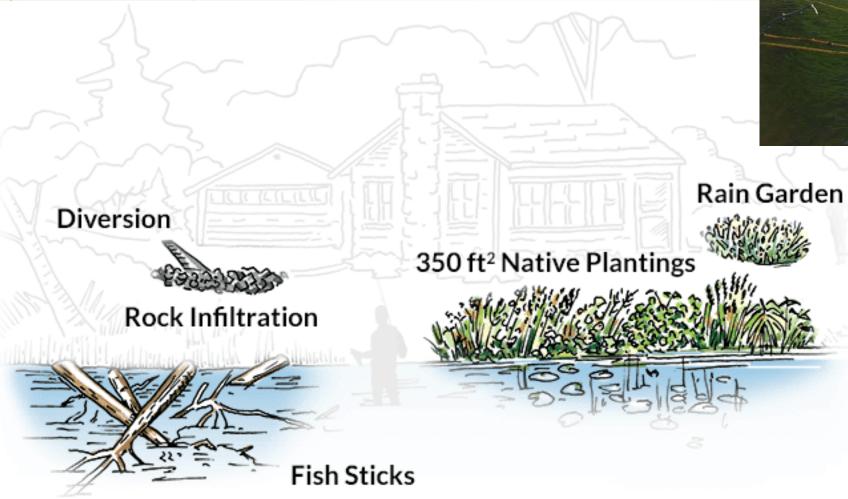


### Financial & Technical Assistance

- County Land & Water Conservation Departments
   STAFF EXPERTISE
   COST-SHARING PROGRAMS
   BEST KEPT SECRET
- Department of Natural Resources HEALTHY LAKES GRANTS
- Landscape Contractors
   TECHNICAL EXPERTISE for Planning & Installation

### Healthy Lakes Practices

http://healthylakeswi.com/best-practices





### **Questions?**

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