



Watershed Stewardship Grant Requirements for **SHORELINE AND WETLAND BUFFER PROJECTS**

If you are doing a **shoreline or wetland buffer project**, review the following statements. Do not submit your application if you do not agree with these statements. Reach out to the grant program coordinator if you have questions.

- I will use 100% native plants in their natural (wild) form.** The District defines native plants as native to the region between central Minnesota and central Iowa. Cultivars (cultivated varieties) of native plants are not permitted.
- I have a planting plan that states what plants will go where in my project area.** Plants do best where site conditions meet their sun exposure and soil moisture needs.
- I will not irrigate plants after the initial establishment period of two years.** Native plants are hardy and shouldn't need irrigation once established.
- I will only use herbicides sparingly and only where appropriate.** Herbicide use, including active ingredient and mix strength, must be outlined in the project proposal.
- I will not use insecticides or fungicides.** These products harm soil micro-organisms, insects, songbirds, and other wildlife.
- I have provided an aerial map showing the area of work including square footage (or length/width).** Include relevant landmarks on your property. We need to know WHERE work will be performed in relation to the shoreline/wetland as permits may be required.

Aerial maps are available online:

- Hennepin County Natural Resources, <https://gis.hennepin.us/naturalresources>, or Hennepin County Interactive Maps, <https://gis.hennepin.us/Property/Map>
- Carver County Property Information, <https://gis.co.carver.mn.us/publicparcel>