

How Does Your Shore Score for lake health?



Trees or shrubs overhang water
+1 point

Native plants, trees, and shrubs protect shorelines from erosion and provide habitat for aquatic and terrestrial wildlife.

Vegetated buffer along shore
+1 point

Native plants filter stormwater runoff so less pollution enters the lake, and their roots protect soil from erosion.

Aquatic plants along shore
+1 point

Aquatic plants reduce shoreline erosion by absorbing wave energy.

Aquatic Plant Types

- Emergent
- Floating-leaved
- Submergent

A healthy lake has three types of aquatic plants.

Logs for wildlife
+1 point

Logs and branches provide underwater habitat for wildlife. Young fish hide from big fish, turtles bask in the sun, and aquatic insects feed on the wood.

Limited use of lawn chemicals
+1 point

What greens up your lawn, greens up the lake. Limit or eliminate use of fertilizers and pesticides.

What we do on land impacts lake health.

If everyone contributes, small actions will make a big difference in lake health!