

## DO IT YOURSELF

Check out the fact sheets, example documents, and FAQs available on the website to find out how to install a Healthy Lakes practice in your backyard ([healthylakeswi.org](http://healthylakeswi.org)).

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## PARTNER WITH OTHERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND SAVE MONEY

The Wisconsin DNR is offering cost-share grants for Healthy Lakes practices through lake organizations and local governments.

Grants will cover:

- Most of the installation expense
- Some technical assistance

If you are interested, contact your:

- Lake organization, or
- County land and water office

Even if your lake organization or county does not currently have a grant option, they can use your interest to support future applications and they may have additional resources to help you protect your lake.

# GRANT DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1

[healthylakeswi.com](http://healthylakeswi.com)

# Get Started!

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*Improve habitat and water quality with simple and inexpensive projects for your lakeshore property.*

*Let's make healthy lakes together!*



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# HOW WILL YOU IMPROVE YOUR LAKE?



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## 1 FISH STICKS

### CREATE FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT.

Fish Sticks are feeding, breeding, and nesting areas for all sorts of critters – from fish to song birds. They can also prevent bank erosion – protecting lakeshore properties and your lake.



## 2 NATIVE PLANTINGS

### IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT, NATURAL BEAUTY AND PRIVACY, AND SLOW RUNOFF.

Native Plantings include grasses and wildflowers with shrubs and trees. Choose a template based on your property and interests – from bird/butterfly habitat to a low-growing garden showcasing your lake view.



## 3 DIVERSION

### PREVENT RUNOFF FROM GETTING INTO YOUR LAKE.

Diversion Practices move water to areas where it can soak into the ground instead. Depending on your property, multiple diversions may be necessary.



## 4 ROCK INFILTRATION

### CAPTURE AND CLEAN RUNOFF.

Rock Infiltration practices fit in nicely along roof drip lines and driveways and provide space for runoff to filter itself. They work best if your soil is sandy or loamy.



## 5 RAIN GARDEN

### CREATE WILDLIFE HABITAT AND NATURAL BEAUTY WHILE CAPTURING AND CLEANING RUNOFF.

Rain Gardens multi-task - they improve habitat and filter runoff while providing a naturally beautiful view.



IMPROVE HABITAT AND NATURAL BEAUTY ~ SLOW, DIVERT, CLEAN AND FILTER RUNOFF