

Lakescaping Grant Program  
Star Lake Property Owner's Association

The Star Lake Property Owners Association (SLPOA) and its Board of Directors are committed to preserving this natural resource to include but not limited to:

- Its excellent water quality
- Its bountiful fishery
- Its natural wildlife haven
- Its ordinary and proper development

To fulfill and enhance its mission, the SLPOA offers a lakescaping shoreline restoration grant program to members with support from the East Otter Tail Soil & Water Conservation District Office. The grant program is aimed at creation of natural shoreline buffers and erosion control projects on and around Star Lake. The program promotes the use of native plants, grasses, and trees.

#### GRANT PROCESS

- To be considered, the project partner must be a current member in good standing.
- The potential project partner must submit a written application with a full description of the project being considered. The description should include a complete project location, project needs listing, and the type of native plants, grasses, or trees to be included in the shoreline restoration.
- The SLPOA Board of Directors will review the written application and project description and ask for information to move the project forward as necessary.
- If the project description is deemed to meet SLPOA requirements, the SLPOA Board will work with the East Otter Tail Soil & Water Conservation District Representatives to assist the member in completing the Conservation District's cost share and other appropriate program documents.
- The SLPOA Board retains full right to approve or deny the project application based not only on the merits of the project but also the current financial position of the Association.
- All applications are to be submitted to the attention of the SLPOA President

#### GRANT CRITERIA

- A written grant application with the project description is required to be submitted
- If approved, the grantee is expected to maintain the location for the project for a period of at least 10 years
- The SLPOA may inspect or appoint someone with the required expertise to inspect the project upon completion and annually thereafter if desired
- 50% of the grant will be paid at the time the project is approved and 50% will be provided upon completion of the project inspection and approval by the SLPOA Board of Directors.
- The grant amount can be up to a maximum of \$2000.00 per project. Partial funding of projects will be considered.
- If an approved, funded, and completed project is abandoned or radically altered before the end of the 10 year commitment period, the SLPOA will receive a prorated refund amount of its cost share amount for each year not completed (ie: if the project has existed for 6 years and radically changed, the Association will be entitled to receive 40% of the grant amount in the form of a cash refund)

- Rip Rap Rock is not encouraged for grant dollars but may be considered if erosion control is clearly enhanced by its inclusion in a project
- The project partner will be responsible for maintenance of the site

Native shoreland buffers are a valuable tool for maintaining and improving water quality and riparian ecosystems. These buffers are designed to filter pollutants from stormwater runoff, reduce erosion, and provide habitat for a variety of aquatic and terrestrial species.

Your lake association is proud to be able to offer this program to its members!

Any application or request for information on a lakescaping grant should be addressed to:  
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