

Be a Waterfront Winner!

2009 NYSFOLA Lakescaping Competition

You Could Win \$500

Purpose of the Competition:

- to improve the health and appearance of New York's lake shorelines
- to increase awareness of the benefits of good shoreline management
- to encourage removal of unhealthy lakefront "hardscaping"

Benefits of a Healthy Lakeshore:

Healthy plantings, rather than hardscaping and breakwalls, provide numerous benefits to the humans and wild-life that depend on a lake:

- Plant roots hold soil, reducing erosion and turbidity in the lake;
- Plant roots and organic soils help to filter out septic wastes and other groundwater contaminants;
- Plant stems and leaves provide habitat for aquatic life.
- Plantings along a lakeshore discourage geese from "unwelcome visits" to lakefront property.

Who is eligible? Any homeowner who is a current individual member of NYSFOLA or a member of a NYSFOLA member lake association in good standing. Lake associations can also apply for projects in publicly used spaces.

How to compete? Fill out one of the Lakescaping Competition forms on page 7 and attach the following information:

- one to three photos showing the "before" condition of the shoreline being renovated;
- a rough schematic showing the landscaping plans—both a cross-section and an aerial (planar) view—along with measurements of shoreline length and width;
- a list of materials (including plant types) and a budget for the project

Submit all materials by: October 1, 9009 to NYSFOLA P.O. Box 84 LaFayette, NY 13084-0084.

If you need NYSDEC approval for your project, and this is not received by October 1st, we can extend accept a late entry if we are informed of the problem.

The top two winning entries will each receive a \$500 check towards the purchase of materials. Winners will be chosen based on:

- how well the proposed plantings will reduce soil erosion through coverage or width
- use of native plantings
- extent of area improved—length and width of area covered
- attractiveness of plantings
- removal or minimization of hardscaping (breakwalls, cribbing, etc.) along shoreline
- thrifty use of resources

Winning property owners must be willing to have their lakeshore photographs available for use by NYSFOLA ("Waterworks, web site, promos, etc.). Good planting and best of luck!

Questions? Contact Rebecca Schneider by e-mail at rls11@cornell.edu or Theresa Mayhew tcm5@cornell.edu

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LAKESCAPING FOR HEALTHIER LAKES

APPLICATION FORM (please print or type):

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City, State, Zip
Code _____

Daytime phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Address of lakeshore property being entered for competition if different from above:

If I am selected as one of the winners, I consent to having “before” and “after” photographs of my lakeshore available for use by NYSFOLA, including publication in a future edition of “Waterworks”

Signature _____

Attach the following:

- 1) one to three photos of shoreline to be improved (“before” photos)
- 2) schematic showing your landscaping plans: Include a cross-sectional gradient of the shoreline and aerial view (include length of shoreline). See examples below.
- 3) list of materials (include plant types and names) and estimated budget.

Example of Required Schematics

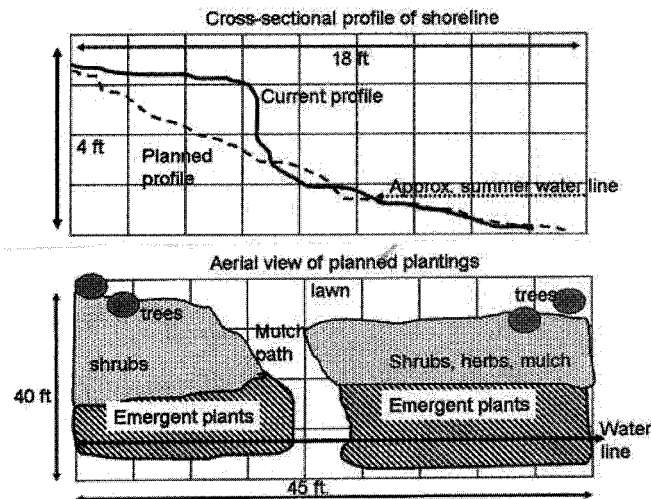


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