



Stabilize your lake or stream shoreline for improved water quality...  
**APPLY FOR A SHORELINE EROSION REDUCTION PROJECT ON YOUR PROPERTY**

COOK COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**Introduction:**

Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is accepting applications from private and public shoreline landowners in Cook County. With the help of Clean Water Land & Legacy Funds, Cook SWCD has financial and technical assistance available to assist interested landowners in shoreline erosion reduction Best Management Practices that will reduce sediment and improve water quality of the lake and/or stream adjacent to their property. Please fill out the application form attached if you are interested in applying.

**Match:**

The landowner must provide at least 25% match towards their project. Applicants can use any combination of the following as match:

- The applicant’s time for planting and maintenance of the project
- Project/planting design work
- Cash
- \$100 application fee (required upon grant award only)



**Award Criteria:**

The Cook SWCD Board of Supervisors, with assistance from Cook SWCD staff, will be selecting the grant recipients. Selection will be based on the following:

- Landowner ability to provide match
- Preference and priority will be given to bio-engineering and techniques that involve shoreline plantings and other native materials rather than hard armor techniques
- Properties within a watershed of a TMDL
- Properties on a sentinel lake and/or a lake or stream with an active association
- Projects ranking high in sediment reduction amount (Cook SWCD will assist with this determination)
- Ability of landowner to complete project maintenance for the life of the project (i.e. weeding, plant care, etc.)
- Approval by the City of Grand Marais or Cook County (if applicable)
- Your shoreline protection and conservation enthusiasm!

**Timeline:**

Applications are due to Cook SWCD by **as soon as possible, no later than August 1, 2017**. Applications can be sent by email, mail, or dropped off. Contact and address information is provided below:

**Contact:**

Michaela Clingaman  
 Cook SWCD  
 411 West 2nd Street  
 Grand Marais, Minnesota 55604  
 (218) 387-3651  
 michaela.clingaman@co.cook.mn.us

**Important Dates:**

**SHORELINE & VEGETATION WORKSHOP**..... August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Grant application deadline ..... September 15, 2017, 4:00 pm  
 Notification to grant recipients ..... On or near October 15, 2017  
 Site visit by Cook SWCD staff and engineer to grant recipients’ properties ..... Fall 2017 - Spring 2018  
 Site survey and project design (if applicable, provided by Cook SWCD) ..... Fall 2017 - Spring 2018  
 Construction ..... 2018 (possibly Fall 2017 if design is “shovel ready”)



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**Anyone who is interested in a shoreline erosion reduction project is encouraged to apply.**

If we have an overwhelming amount of good applications (more than this grant can support), it will provide us with an opportunity to apply for future grants to continue this program. For additional information about this program, please contact the Cook SWCD office at 218-387-3651.

**General Information:**

Property owner(s) contact information:

NAME (FIRST / LAST)

STREET ADDRESS

PO BOX

CITY / STATE / ZIP

( )

DAYTIME PHONE #

( )

EVENING PHONE #

EMAIL (will only be used for correspondence regarding this application)

Property Address of proposed project:

STREET ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

**Requirements:** (please circle)

YES / NO	Does your property have shoreline on a lake or stream in Cook County?
YES / NO	Are you willing and able to provide maintenance to your shoreline project? This includes bi-annual weeding, removal of debris, replanting if needed; not a tremendous amount of work, but it would be approximately 20 hours per year.
YES / NO	If awarded this grant, are you able to pay the \$100 application fee? This fee will go towards the construction of your shoreline erosion reduction project.
YES / NO	Are you willing to sign a contract stating that you will keep and maintain the project on your property for 10 years?

**Additional Information:**

1. Attach a brief summary of your project. Include items such as the following:
  - Description and location of erosion concern
  - Erosion length and height
  - Photos, from each end of site, parallel to the shore, or from the water

2. Describe how you will contribute your 25% match requirement.

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*Native plants are required for restoration projects because they do not require fertilizer and are more tolerant to climate, soil, and water conditions. Not to mention, they also attract local wildlife.*