

CONSERVATION PAYS...

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ABOUT US

The Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department offers technical assistance to design and implement conservation practices to all county landowners free of charge. Financial assistance may be available through various federal, state and other county programs.

ON YOUR
SHORELINE



SHORELINE CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Native Buffers: Buffers provide many benefits to a shoreline, including erosion prevention, water quality improvement, natural scenic beauty, and privacy from boaters and neighbors.

Wave Reducing Timbers: An excellent tool to protect land and water quality that also provides aquatic habitat. Log and root wad revetment, fish sticks and tree drops.

Vegetated Rock Riprap: A combination of rock riprap and vegetation can improve the overall performance of the rock.

Geotextile Bags: Combines the best principles of two approaches in order to provide a permanent vegetative solution that will stabilize and protect in the most challenging of conditions.



HOW DOES CONSERVATION PAY?

Shoreline erosion impairs water quality by reducing the amount of suitable habitat and foraging areas available to fish and other wildlife. Shoreline erosion can reduce property values and overall aesthetics of the shoreline. Stabilizing and vegetating eroded shorelines can increase property values and reduce sediment in the lake. Installing habitat structures can provide much needed cover and foraging areas for fish, reptiles and amphibians. Permanent vegetation that includes wildflowers can support pollinators and other wildlife species.



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Conservation will ultimately boil down to rewarding the private landowner who conserves the public interest.

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-Aldo Leopold

