

FTLPOA SHORELINE BUFFER GRANT PROGRAM

A shoreline buffer is a vegetated strip of land along your lake shoreline that consists of a mix of native aquatic plants, grasses, wildflowers and/or shrubs and trees. This means that your lakeshore would not need to be mowed and would remain in a natural state. The benefits to the lake of a shoreland buffer include: filtering of pollutants from runoff on your land, helping to prevent shoreline erosion by holding soil in place, also you may have less mowing and it can help deter geese from coming onto your property. Both the lake and the property owner will benefit from buffers.

The Fish Trap Lake Property Owners Association encourages all property owners to consider installing shoreline buffer strips. To this end, FTLPOA is utilizing our Endowment with the Initiative Foundation to offer grants to provide financial assistance to property owners to install buffers on their property. Each year, we will allocate \$2,500 from our Endowment to provide for five (5) grants of \$500 each. Only one \$500 grant will be allowed per property owner. Grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis and approved grant projects must be completed by the end of the calendar year in which approved or funds will be forfeited. Grants are only available for new projects and are for buffer strips only. Rip rap and other shoreline restoration or construction projects do not qualify, but buffers in conjunction with these projects will be considered for grant funds.

Grant funds will be approved and paid out after the completion of the following steps:

1. Contact Morrison County Soil and Water Conservation District (320) 631-3553 and tell them you want to place a buffer on your shoreline. They will work with the property owner to develop a written plan; this will include a site visit to the property and they will make specific recommendations for types of plants. They will take the layout and specific topography of the site into consideration. They will also let the homeowners know where they can go to select and purchase plants as only specific sellers carry the native plants that would be required. It is also highly recommended that applicants also consider installing pollinator friendly plants.
2. Mail the completed FTLPOA Grant Application form and a copy of the written plan from Morrison County Soil and Water to FTLPOA for consideration. The Association will notify applicants if their grant is approved and funds will be earmarked and held until completion of the project.
3. Complete the project and submit a request to receive grant fund payment. FTLPOA representative(s) will do a site visit to determine if the project is completed per original grant application proposal. Grants funds will be sent to the homeowner upon certification of completion. Funds will be paid to the homeowner directly and not to any third parties.

Homeowners are also advised that they should make certain to contact the Morrison County Land Services Department (320) 632-0170 to assure any possible required permits and/or fees be taken care of.

FTLPOA SHORELINE BUFFER GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant(s) _____

Home Mailing Address _____

Lake Property Address _____

Contact Phone _____ Email _____

Attach a copy of the Soil and Water District written project plan to this application and mail it to the FTLPOA at the address below. When your application is received and reviewed, you will be notified if your grant application is approved by your preferred contact method indicated below.

Please indicate your preferred method of contact: Phone or Email (circle one)

When project is completed notify FTLPOA to schedule an on- site inspection and arrange for funds to be disbursed.

I (we) certify that the information contained within this grant application is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and, if awarded grant funds, I (we) agree that any funds that are not used to complete the proposed project by the end of the current calendar year will be forfeited.

Applicant's Signature Date

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Mail to: FTLPOA - Grant
 P.O. Box 85
 Cushing, MN 56443