



We want to recognize **YOU** for protecting Michigan's inland lakes.



Become a MI Shoreland Steward!

- 1** Take the **online questionnaire** to determine if your lakefront property qualifies as a gold, silver or bronze stewardship level.
- 2** Learn **important tips** on how you can protect your lake and improve your shoreland.
- 3** Once you complete the questionnaire, you can print a stewardship certificate. If you want to **let everyone else know you're a MI Shoreland Steward**, purchase a sign to display in your shoreland.

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The **MI Shoreland Stewards program** is a statewide program developed to recognize lakeshore property owners who protect their lake through good shoreland management practices.

What are Best Management Practices?

Best management practices (BMPs) are actions that you can take to reduce your impact on your shoreland property. Shoreland best management practices help to protect water quality and the lake ecosystem through restoring natural characteristics and improving problem areas.

Buildings and other hard surfaces should be minimized.

Prevent dirty stormwater from getting to the lake

Keep shoreline stable by not clearing native plants

Minimize lawn

Pick up animal waste

Reduce chemical and fertilizer use

Prevent erosion

Protect wildlife habitat by leaving woody structure and native aquatic plants

Maintain a naturally vegetated lot with trees, shrubs and wildflowers

Maintain septic system

Use bio-engineering for shoreline erosion control

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