

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.



www.mishorelandstewards.org



The **MI Shoreland Stewards program** is a statewide recognition 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 to help protect water quality and the lake ecosystem. The best management of shoreland is to retain the natural characteristics of your property and not overdevelop. Restoring the natural characteristics and improving problem areas are also needed management practices to help protect Michigan inland lakes.

Buildings and other hard surfaces should be minimized.



Reduce chemical and fertilizer use

Maintain septic system

Minimize lawn

Prevent dirty stormwater from getting to the lake



Maintain a naturally vegetated lot with trees, shrubs and wildflowers.



Pick up animal waste

Use bio-engineering for shoreline erosion control

Keep shoreline stable by not clearing native plants

Prevent erosion



Protect wildlife habitat by leaving woody structure and native aquatic plants



To learn more about reducing your impact on your shoreland property, visit www.mishorelandstewards.org