

## ***BLCA 2011 Healthy Lakes Mini Grants***

### **GENERAL:**

- Project must provide water quality or conservation benefits.
- Project must be located on shoreland property or directly reduce runoff to the Briggs Lake Chain (Lake Julia, Briggs, Lake, Rush Lake, or Big Elk Lake) or connected waterways.
- Project must be done in 2013 and completed by October 30, 2013.
- Any and all necessary permits must be obtained by applicant or contractor and copies submitted with receipts for final approval and reimbursement.
- Applications will be evaluated in the order received; preference is given to BLCA Members.
- BLCA will accept or reject application based on recommendation of Healthy Lakes Committee.
- Project plantings must be maintained for at least 3 years (until plants are established)
- Only plants native to Minnesota and the area may be used as vegetation materials.
- The applicant must allow on-site inspection and taking of photos by BLCA representatives.
- Applicant agrees to hold BLCA harmless from any and all claims which may arise from the project.
- The BLCA assumes no responsibility for accidents, injuries, property damage or losses which may result from the project.

### **Mini Grants**

- Only cash expenditures are eligible for reimbursement
- Invoices and copies of permits must be submitted with Request for Payment.
- Only one project per applicant.
- Maximum reimbursement: \$500.00.
- Payment will be made after project completion and inspection and all permit requirements satisfied.

### **PROJECT-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES (may vary according to project):**

#### **SHORELAND RESTORATIONS:**

- Should be a minimum of 300 square feet in area (larger if possible).
- Plants used must be suitable for the planting location based on SWCD guidelines.
- 90% of invasive plants must be removed and replaced with native species.

**RAINGARDENS:**

- Should be at least 150 square feet in area.
- Plants used must be suitable for the planting location based on SWCD guidelines.
- May be multiple raingardens in a single project.

**FRENCH DRAINS:**

- Should be designed to capture all of the runoff from a 24-hour 1 inch rainfall.
- Excess rainfall overflow should be directed away from the lake if possible.
- May be multiple catchments in a single project.

**OTHER:**

- Should directly reduce run-off to lake or stream and reduce erosion.
- Projects of this nature may require detailed site plans and agency approvals.

**PROCESS:**

- ◆ Property owner attends introductory restoration and conservation workshop [preferred but not necessary]
- ◆ Property owner gets preliminary approval and application from BLCA/Healthy Lakes for conservation project.
- ◆ Property owner submits signed application with work plan
- ◆ BLCA/Healthy Lakes accepts [or rejects] application and sets maximum mini-grant amount
- ◆ Property owner obtains permits from county and /or DNR [if required]
- ◆ Property owner and others [e.g. contractor, BLCA volunteers, Sherburne Soil and Water, etc] install project
- ◆ BLCA/Healthy monitors project installations
- ◆ BLCA/Healthy Lakes [and county, where appropriate] does final inspection