

## Restore your Shoreline? Four reasons why:

First and foremost: shoreland restoration protects our lakes and streams from nutrients carried in runoff. Surface nutrient reduction will reduce growth of invasive aquatic plants such as Eurasian Water Milfoil and algae as it increases water clarity. Shoreland restoration is good for you and for the next generation who will one day be the new caretakers of our lake environment.

Second: Shoreland restoration can increase property value by making your waterfront more attractive both to you and to birds and mammals who will spend more time there while reducing any unwanted geese visitors. This makes restoration projects very attractive.

Third: It's easy. In fact, it is easier to maintain a natural appearing waterfront than the traditional lawn that has been 'manicured right down to the

lake'. You will have more time to enjoy your the beauty of your property as you spend less time with lawn chores.

And finally, the fourth reason: by restoring your waterfront you are setting a good example. Soon others will join in with their own restoration projects, thus beautifying the lake, decreasing the chance of invasion by exotic aquatic species, increasing water

clarity and further increasing your property values. Everybody wins, including your family, your neighbors, the birds, fish, mammals and your lake or stream. Think of this as part of your legacy!

*(This article is based on studies done in New Hampshire, Minnesota and northern Wisconsin.)*

