Shoreline Considerations

Lakeshores are ecological ecosystems that need to include many elements, including land vegetation along with submerged trees and emergent water plants to support the health of the lake. Unfortunately, most of Loon Lake's shoreline has been developed with lawns, stone break-walls and trucked in gravel beaches. How can we help return some of what nature intended?

First, leave what nature has provided. If you have Lilly Pads, reeds or other immersive plants, please protect them. You can clean out a boat path and swimming area while letting an area of vegetation survive. If your break wall has a crumbling area, consider planting it instead of replacing or use smaller rocks. This will allow turtles, nesting and hibernating reptiles and other small creature access.

If a fallen tree or branch has blessed your shoreline, consider leaving it. Shoreline woody structures prevent erosion and improve water clarity. They attract fish. Coarse woody structure provides cover, feeding, nesting and

basking area for birds, turtles and oth wildlife.

Lawns require mowing, fertilizin and weed treatments, all of which ar polluting to the Lake and just a small area of grass can be replaced with flowering plants and decorative gras This will help with absorption of nutri and pollutants as well as providing habitat. It will also discourage geese like an unobstructed view to the wat

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