

FUNDING AVAILABLE

The East Polk SWCD offers up to **50% cost share**. Funding will cover any approved expenses of your shoreline restoration or rain garden project. Proposed projects will receive design plans, and cost estimates prior to installation. The shoreline restoration and rain garden program provides technical assistance to meet your satisfactory needs. Our projects are intended to minimize cost, reduce ecological impacts and guarantee an aesthetically pleasing restoration area for you.



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EAST POLK SWCD

SHORELINE RESTORATIONS & RAIN GARDENS



PROMOTING STEWARDSHIP OF
POLK COUNTY'S NATURAL
RESOURCES

APPEARANCES

DO NATIVE BUFFERS AND RAIN GARDENS HAVE A WILD AND MESSY APPEARANCE?

No! Rain gardens and native buffers do have a natural look to them rather than a manicured appearance. You can keep your native plantings looking neat and attractive by keeping the edges well defined. Taller plants often have a more disarrayed appearance. However, shorter plants will create a cleaner look for your rain garden or shoreland buffer.



OUR PROGRAMS

SHORELINE RESTORATION

The shoreline restoration program is not only designed to keep the quality of our lakes in good standard, but also has the ability to help protect and preserve your lake property. Every property has different characteristics and with that comes different impacts on their lakeshore, such as:

- Erosion
- Wave action undercutting banks/shorelines
- Hazardous runoff entering lake waters

Depending on elevation and soils, a 10-30ft native buffer would be installed, if Erosion is occurring a coir log would also be installed to stabilize the shoreline.

RAIN GARDEN

The rain garden program is dedicated to improving lawns and filtering run-off debris. We provide designs that function to minimize and help prevent the following:

- Dead spots or brown patches on lawns
- Standing water and temporary flooding

Rain gardens also function as natural pollinator gardens and attract wildlife such as butterflies and hummingbirds.

OUR PARTNERS

PRAIRIE RESTORATIONS

In 2019, the East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District partnered with Prairie Restorations, located in Hawley, MN. Since then, they have helped dozens of local landowners plan and install native buffers and rain gardens around Union and Maple lake.

WHY WORK WITH US?

Prairie Restorations works with the landowners directly. Their team consists of seasonal biologists, ecologists, and landscapers, who are all very passionate about protecting and restoring native landscaping. Their mission is to produce and provide the most ecologically appropriate seeds, plants, products and services, and to utilize their team to restore and manage native plant communities.

Working with East Polk SWCD and Prairie Restorations greatly benefits you! All planning and installation will be completed by a team of dedicated professionals, making the process easier on landowners.