

LUMBERJACK RC&D COUNCIL, INC.

GRANT INTAKE SHEET

2027-006

Use to determine if the project submission has met the initial requirements...

PROJECT NAME	Pelican Lake Shoreline Protection & Education Project
PROJECT NUMBER	2027-006
DATE RECEIVED	8/31/2026
PROJECT COUNTIES	Oneida
PROJECT PARTNERS	Pelican Lake Association, Town of Schoepke
AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 10,000.00
PRIOR FUNDING YEARS/AMOUNTS	Buffer Zone Project in 2017 \$8,854

	YES/NO
Project was received by the deadline	Yes
Project fulfills Match Requirements (25% & minimum 10% of total asked must be in cash)	Yes 32%
Project budget shows at least 10% of the amount asked for is in Cash	Yes
Project has been presented to county LCC	Yes 8/10/2026
If funded in the past, project has met all post-funding requirements and presentations	N/A
Letter of Support from each match partner	Yes
Approved to move on to Council Meeting	Yes

NOTES:

LUMBERJACK RC&D COUNCIL, INC.

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GRANT RANKING GUIDELINE SHEET

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Use this sheet to help formulate questions & determine how the project aligns with the Lumberjack Mission.

NAME: Pelican Lake Shoreline Protection & Education Project

ASKING FOR...

COUNTY: Oneida

\$10,000

PARTNERS: Pelican Lake Association, Town of Schoepke

PRIOR FUNDING years/amounts: 2017 Pelican Lake Buffer Zone Project \$8,854

Match Information (List Match Percentage)	32%
If funded in the past, project has met all post-funding requirements and presentations	N/A

MISSION Statement: Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., a multi-county, nonprofit in Northeastern WI, strives to enhance area natural resources, promote a higher standard of living and improve the quality of life for area citizens by fostering partnerships between public and private sectors and strategically investing in area natural resources.

The following statements should be considered when determining if you feel the project aligns well enough with the Lumberjack Mission Statement. Project critiques should be based on their merits and mission alignment points, not on location, past funding or whether funds are available for all projects. Members should also consider the geographic reach and sustainability of the project.

Enhances Area Natural Resources. Does this project directly enhance natural resources? Consider the area and population covered. Consider how many Lumberjack counties are covered? Lumberjack serves nine counties. Consider the diversity of natural resources benefitting from the project. Is it one, two or a range?

Promotes a Higher Standard of Living & Improves Quality of Life. Does this project directly promote a higher standard of living and/or improve quality of life? Consider the economic impact and how the project affects disposable income, wages, job creation. Consider the health benefits. Does the project lead to better air or water quality, a cleaner environment? Does the project enhance accessibility to resources that lead to healthier living?

Fosters Partnerships Between Public & Private Sectors. Consider the number and diversity of the partnerships involved in this project. Do the partners represent a good cross section of public/private entities? Consider all partners, whether they are contributing monetarily or not. (Example: A school/classroom is involved in the project but they cannot commit with a Letter of Support. This would not qualify at cash match, but would qualify as fostering partnerships.)

Council Members: Use this space to jot down comments or specific questions you have after reading the project proposal. You'll have an opportunity to question the applicant at the October Council meeting.

Title – Pelican Lake Shoreline Protection and Education Project

Submitted _ Bob Mott Town of Schoepke Mary Schmitzer Pelican Lake Association

Town of Schoepke offices- 769 Highway 45 Pelican Lake WI 54463

Pelican Lake Association – PO Box 96 Pelican lake WI 54463

Bob Mott 920-716-2528 Mary Schmitzer 920-841-6799

SUMMARY-

How does the project align with the Lumberjack Mission Statement?

MISSION STATEMENT: Enhance area natural resources; promote a higher standard of living; improve the quality of life for area citizens; foster partnership between public and private sectors by strategically investing in area natural resources

- A. The Pelican Lake Shoreline Protection and Education Project enhances natural resources in several ways. The shoreline to be protected has endured years of battering by both waves and ice. Located on the eastern edge of 3500-acre Pelican Lake, the prevailing west, southwest, and northwest winds are relentless in the wearing away of the shoreline. The forces of nature undercut the shoreline and slowly erode areas with grassed slopes as well as areas developed as a Buffer Zone demonstration zone. Further up the hillside from the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) plants, shrubs, and trees have been planted since 2014 as a means of demonstrating to visitors the benefit of these plantings to filter runoff going into Pelican Lake as well as preventing erosion. The project will maintain the shoreline at water's edge where few plantings have been made.
- B. Many shoreline owners are experiencing ice shove damage to their shorelines each spring. This protection project will offer an example of a way to help lessen the damage. A tapered rock method employed by our landscaper is designed to let ice flow over the top of the rocks as opposed to digging into the shoreline. The soil pod plantings feature plants that root deeply and hold the soil from erosion. Hopefully, riparian owners find this project will lend a way to help with their own shorelines.
- C. The public sector Town of Schoepke supports all efforts to maintain the water quality of Pelican Lake. It was the first town in the county to officially support the establishment of the 70,000-acre Pelican River Forest that serves to maintain a healthy watershed for Pelican Lake and the Wolf River. It allowed the Pelican Lake

Association to employ the Lumberjack Grant funded Demonstration Buffer Zone just north of the Schoepke Town Hall on town property. On a yearly basis, the Town financially supports ILIDS surveillance cameras at 2 landings on the lake. The cameras take pictures of boats entering and leaving the lake to see no invasives are transported into Pelican or taken from Pelican Lake to other water bodies. The Town also partners with the Pelican Lake Association in paying for the purchase, placement and removal of safety buoys in the lake.

Continuing this tradition of lake support, the Town of Schoepke Board voted to fund the Shoreline Protection and Education Project with both a cash donation and INKIND work by allowing the 2 town workers to give 2 days labor as well as use of town equipment to help with the project.

The project will serve as a physical model for citizens to see as a means to help their properties as well as a model for public/private cooperation.

OBJECTIVES –

Problems, concerns, and opportunities the project will address.

The problem is the continued undercutting and erosion of the shoreline adjoining the grassed slope as well as the vegetated Buffer Zone project. A path runs on the lakeside of the buffer zone plantings and then the lakeside bank drops away to the edge of Pelican Lake.

The project includes installation of small stones to fill eroded portions of the shoreline followed by placement of 6–12-inch boulders/ riprap up to 36 inches from the OHWM (ordinary high water mark) and vegetation pods. The work involved keeps ice shoves in mind as well as wave erosion. Stones are tapered to the water edge, so ice shoves tend to ride up over the shoreline rather than gouging into it – a method favored by some county and state officials.

The landscaper preps the shoreline by removing any debris and excess existing stone. The 1-3 inch stone is placed to fill gaps or erosion voids. In the riprap soil pods are placed where deep rooted native vegetation is planted to help hold the rocks and soil. The pods will be staggered along the top 24 inches of the riprap.

This is an opportunity to educate the public as well as preserve the shoreline.

NOTE: Riprap does not always stop ice shove damage, but the tapered approach has been successful in mitigating damage.

FORMULATION AND EVALUATION

The approach of adding riprap of assorted sizes and configurations will prevent the undercutting and erosion of the area to three (3) feet above the OHWM. Planting deep rooted plants will aid in tightening the stone as well as holding the bank's soil. The landscaper has used this approach on many area applications. Those outcomes can be demonstrated through onsite visits.

The best evaluation method will be to visually see if the undercutting and erosion is diminished. We do not claim full stoppage as Mother Nature will have her way but we believe this will significantly reduce erosion and ice damage.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Funding for this project is entirely within the Lumberjack Mission Statement. It

- A. Enhances the Pelican lake shoreline and helps preserve the integrity of the established Buffer Zone Demonstration Project (funded 12 years ago by Lumberjack.)
- B. Improves the quality of life for riparian owners by demonstrating a time-tested method of mitigating shoreline erosion and promoting an improvement of their shorelines by seeing the Buffer Zone demonstration.

Mary Schmitzer director of the Pelican Lake Property Owners Land Use Committee and Bob Mott– Chairman of the Town of Schoepke will lead the project.

The Town of Schoepke will donate \$ 600.00 cash and an estimated \$ 1240.00 INKIND with two (2) Town of Schoepke workers contributing two (2) eight hour days of labor as well as use of town equipment.

The Pelican Lake Association will also contribute \$ 600.00 cash and provide four (4) workers for six (6) hours for two (2) days. That would amount to \$ 720.00 INKIND (15.00/hr x 4 workers x 6 hours/day for 2 days = \$ 720.00.

PROJECT OUTLINE AND TIMETABLE

Spring 2027

Assemble workers.

- Clean shoreline of debris possibly removing a large stump of a long dead pine (consultation with Oneida County Land and Water Department)
- Haul small rocks to shoreline and fill eroded gaps in the shoreline

- Haul 6-12 inch rock to shoreline and taper from 3 feet above the OHWM to the water's edge
- Install vegetation pods 24 inches above the OHWM
- Plant deep rooted plants in vegetation pods

PLA volunteers and Town of Schoepke workers will assist in various stages of the project

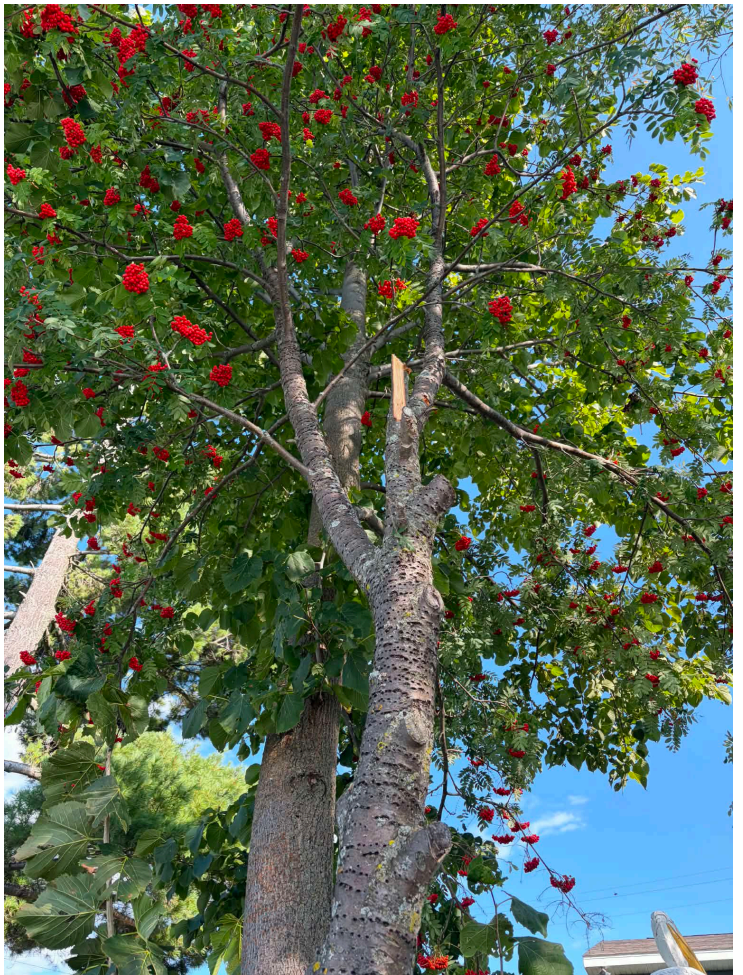
Roadblocks

Weather related holdups on this job or delays to other contractor jobs that would delay his getting ton this job. Other than that we do not see any holdups.

BUDGET

See attached sheet





LUMBERJACK BUDGET FORM

Project Name: Pelican Lake Shoreline Protection & Education Project

Starting Project Date
1/1/2027

Ending Project Date **1**
12/31/2027

Income (SPECIFY)		Cash	Other Funding Sources/Match (Cash & In-Kind) 2,3	Total
LOS ✓	YOUR Request of Lumberjack RC&D	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
☒	Town of Schoepke - Cash		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
☒	Pelican Lake Association - Cash		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
☒	Town of Schoepke - 2 workers for two 8-hour days each @ \$20/hour		\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00
☒	Town of Schoepke - Use of Skidsteer for 2 days @ \$300/day		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
☒	Pelican Lake Association - 4 volunteers for two 6-hour days @ \$15/hr		\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00
☐			\$ -	\$ -
☐			\$ -	\$ -
☐			\$ -	\$ -
Total Income		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,160.00	\$ 13,160.00

Percent of Match=Match Total/Lumberjack Request

32%



LJ Percent of Total = YOUR LJ Request/Total Expenses

76%

Remember: If it appears here you need a matching support letter

General Expenses (SPECIFY & include Match expenses)		
	R.Stimac & Sons Landscaping	\$ 11,750.00
	Education Materials (signs, kiosk, pamphlets)	\$ 1,410.00
	Expense Item	\$ -
	Expense Item	\$ -
	Expense Item	\$ -
	Expense Item	\$ -
	Expense Item	\$ -
	Expense Item	\$ -
	Expense Item	\$ -
Total Expenses		\$ 13,160.00
NET 4		\$ -

- 1 Lumberjack Project funds are available for one year from the date of the approval notice
- 2 Match Value must equal at least 25% of the Lumberjack Request and 10% of the request must be in cash
Volunteer Services=\$15/hour & Professional Services=current hourly wage
- 3 A Letter of Support is required for all match partners listed above & must include a description & match value
- 4 Explain a **NET** balance other than Zero (\$0.00) in the box below:

Estimate

R. Stimac & Son's Landscaping LLC, N11275 Industrial Lane, Elcho WI, United States

FOR

Mary Schmitzer

Estimate No.: 080
Issue date: Jul 23, 2026
Valid until: Aug 13, 2026

Estimate No.: 080	Issue date: Jul 23, 2026	Valid until: Aug 13, 2026	Total due \$11,750.00
Description	Quantity	Unit price (\$)	Amount (\$)
shoreline protection	1	11,750.00	11,750.00
150' of shoreline protection			
Total (USD):			\$11,750.00

Stimac & Son's will prep the shoreline, removing what we can of existing stone. We will clean up any garbage or debris we find. Once the shoreline is prepped, we will install some 1"-3" stone. The smaller stone we will be placed to fill in any gaps, or erosion area voids. Once the base layer of stone is placed we will start to add 6"-12" rip rap. The rip rap will not exceed 36" above the high water mark. The rip rap will taper nicely into the lake. In the rip rap we will integrate vegetation pods. The pods will stagger along the top 24" of the rip rap.

Material list:

1"-3" stone (1 quad axle load)
6"-12" stone (2 quad axle loads)
Vegetation pods
Vegetation of your choice

1 year warranty Stimac & Son's will come inspect the shoreline after the first winter. We will reset anything that needs to be reset. Any ice push damage will be fixed.

I was asked to attend and present a booth at langlade county's "Everything water" event in the spring of 2026. At this event I was able to speak to many folks from Onieda, langlade, forest county's zoning teams, and DNR biologists. This event was great I was able to hear many different opinions on shoreline protection. In leaving this event I walked away with some great knowledge and great ideas to better serve my customers.

Issued by, signature:

 Robert Stimac

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United States

TOWN OF SCHOEPKE

Bob Mott - Chairman

Charles Moore - Supervisor / Kelly Kraetsch - Supervisor

Julie Taylor - Clerk / Veronica Duvall - Treasurer

August 13, 2026

Letter of Support for 2027 Lumberjack Grant

The Town of Schoepke board fully supports the application for a \$10,000 Lumberjack R,C,and D grant.

In 2014-2015 the Pelican Lake Association transformed an area of grassed hillside owned by the Town of Schoepke into a demonstration Buffer Zone project. A barren hillside just north of the town hall in Pelican Lake was transformed into a buffer for Pelican Lake. Native flowers, shrubs and trees were planted and cultivated. A large sign depicting Pelican Lake and the gardens was erected to attract visitors who can pull off Highway 45 and visit the display. A path was developed leading to the lake shore. The intention was to get both Pelican Lake riparian owners as well as those having lakeshore property on other lakes to install buffer zones to filter water entering lakes and rivers as well as prevent runoff.

The shoreline over the years has been undercut from wave action sited on the east shore of 3500-acre Pelican Lake. Predominantly West, Southwest and Northwest winds provide forces on the shoreline that erode the shoreline and show a need for protection.

After looking at 4 estimates for the work ranging from \$ 14,000-\$ 17,000, Bob Stimac and sons, a local landscaper from Elcho impressed with both his detailed answers to questions regarding the shoreline protection as well as the threat of ice shoves on the lake. (bid - \$ 11,750.00)

A tapered placement of rocks and soil pods with accompanying plantings will prevent further shoreline deterioration.

The Town of Schoepke will provide \$ 600.00 in cash as well as use of 2 town workers and town equipment for 2 days of the project. This inkind donation will amount to \$ 640.00 in wages and \$300.00 / day = \$ 600.00 for equipment use. The total of \$ 1240.00 Inkind and \$600.00 cash = and investment of \$ 1840.00 in total from the Town of Schoepke.

Motion to provide this support passed 8/11/2026

The Town of Schoepke Board

Chairman Bob Mott

Supervisor Charles Moore

Supervisor [Signature]



August 20, 2026

Re: Lumberjack Application for Shoreline Project of Pelican Lake at Town of Schoepke shoreline,

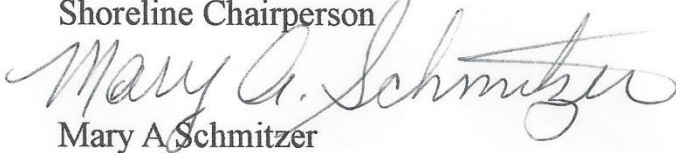
The Board Members of the Pelican Lake Association have met many times in the past 2 years and up to now regarding the necessity to preserve our shoreline for the people of our community and not only those that visit our area. We support this project 100 Percent. We are loosing our shoreline, as roots appear from trees, that we could loose if not repaired. We also agree to continue long term in the continued care and maintenance of the shoreline.

Our plan is to provide not only beauty, but on the buffer provide many Native Plants and deep root plants to preserve the shoreline on the buffer area. We plan on a Signage/Kiosk Board, that will provide educational information along with pamphlets that will benefit from us being a leader is preserving shorelines.

Pelican Lake Association pledges to provide at least 4 volunteers for at least 6 hour work days with a value of \$15.00 per hour in amount of \$720.00. An additional amount of cash in the amount of \$600.00 toward this project. This would be a match of 1,320.00.

We thank you for reviewing our request and look forward to being able to complete this project in 2027.

Pelican Lake Association
Shoreline Chairperson


Mary A. Schmitzer

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
Monday, August 10, 2026 Minutes
Oneida County Courthouse, County Board Room and Virtually by ZOOM

Committee Members: Chair Robb Jensen, Linnaea Newman, Dan Hess, Collette Sorgel, and Chris Schultz.

Others Present: Michele Sadauskas, Karl Jennrich, Jeremy Irish, Bob Mott, Mary Schmitzer, Levi Rhody, Kathleen Cooper, Eric Rempala, Tracy Hartman, and Jessica Young. CJ Kraft, Dan Butkus, and Jonna Jewell on Zoom.

1. Call to order and Chairperson's Announcements:

Chair Jensen called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. The meeting was properly posted and handicapped accessible and ADA compliant. A quorum was confirmed with five members present.

Chair Jensen shared several announcements. A stewardship recognition banquet was recently held at Holiday Acres, featuring an engaging speaker who provided valuable information about wetlands and wildlife. Members were also encouraged to review the latest *Counties* magazine, which includes several articles relevant to land and water issues. Among them is an article highlighting how Oneida County partnerships are helping shape the local PFAS response, including mention of Eric Rempala's involvement. Other articles address PFAS-related concerns and evolving environmental regulations in Wisconsin. Chair Jensen also reported attending a North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting, where a presentation was given on the future of solar and wind energy development.

2. Approve Amended Agenda: A motion by Hess/Schultz to approve the August 10, 2026 Amended Agenda as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes: A motion by Chair Jensen/Newman to approve the minutes of July 13, 2026 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Agenda Items #3 was moved below agenda item #5.

4. Dates/Location of Future Meetings:

Monday, September 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Oneida County Courthouse; County Board Room.

5. Public Comment:

Kathleen Cooper (Pelican Township) commended the Committee for the recent stewardship recognition banquet, noting that it was a very enjoyable event and that the speaker was excellent. She congratulated Eric Rempala on receiving the Stewardship Award, stating that the recognition was well deserved. Cooper emphasized her appreciation for the extensive work he does to protect and improve water quality in

Oneida County, describing his efforts as comparable to a full-time job. She thanked the Committee for recognizing his contributions and expressed her support for its continued work.

6. Lumberjack Grant Submission:

Sadauskas informed the Committee that Lumberjack RC&D is accepting grant applications, with a submission deadline of September 1. As part of the application process, applicants seeking funding for projects within Oneida County are required to present their proposed projects to the Committee. The purpose of the presentation is to make the Committee aware of the project and to document the presentation in the meeting minutes. Committee approval of the project is not required as part of this process.

a. ILIDS Presentation – *CJ Kraft*

CJ Kraft, representing the Lake Julia Association and serving as a member of its Board, presented information regarding a proposed grant application to Lumberjack RC&D for the installation of an Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor (ILIDS) system at the Lake Julia boat landing. Lake Julia, identified by the Wisconsin DNR as Julia Lake, is a 400-acre lake located east of Three Lakes and spanning both Oneida and Forest Counties.

Kraft explained that the ILIDS system is designed to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). The solar-powered system is installed at a boat landing and is activated when a trailer enters the area, providing an audible reminder for boaters to remove debris and drain water from boats and trailers before launching. The system also informs users that activity is being monitored, helping to encourage compliance with AIS prevention measures.

The Association is pursuing the project due to increasing concerns about the spread of aquatic invasive species and the challenges of maintaining adequate staffing through the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program. The ILIDS system would provide a consistent monitoring presence for approximately 16 hours per day throughout the boating season, from April through October.

Kraft stated that the total cost to purchase, install, and operate the system for its first year is estimated at just under \$20,000. The Lake Julia Association is applying for a \$10,000 Lumberjack RC&D grant and, if awarded, has sufficient funds budgeted for 2027 to cover the remaining project costs. The Lumberjack RC&D grant awards are expected to be considered in late October, and, if approved, installation of the ILIDS system is planned for April of the following year. The presentation was provided to inform the Committee of the proposed project as part of the grant application process.

Sorgel asked whether the Lake Julia Association would be able to proceed with the project if it received less than the full \$10,000 grant amount, noting that many applicants may be asked to accept reduced funding due to limited grant funds available. Kraft responded that the Association's current budget is based on receiving the full \$10,000 grant award. He stated that receipt of the full amount would allow the project to move forward as planned. If a smaller award were received, the Association would likely need to seek additional financial contributions from lake residents through a special assessment or donation effort, the outcome of which would be uncertain.

Mott advised that if the proposed ILIDS system includes a raised concrete base or other fixed structure, it should be clearly marked and made highly visible to help prevent accidents and improve public safety.

b. Town of Schoepke Shoreline Project – *Bob Mott*

Bob Mott, Chair of the Town of Schoepke, and Mary Schmitzer, Land Use Committee Chair for the Pelican Lake Association, presented information regarding a proposed shoreline restoration project on Pelican Lake that will be submitted for consideration under the Lumberjack RC&D grant program.

Mott reported that the Pelican Lake Association represents approximately 400 members and a 3,500-acre lake. The proposed project would restore and stabilize approximately 150 feet of shoreline located north of the Schoepke Town Hall in Pelican Lake. The area was originally developed as a shoreline buffer demonstration project in 2014-2015 with funding from a Lumberjack RC&D grant. The Town donated the shoreline area to the Association to demonstrate how native vegetation and shoreline buffers can improve water quality by filtering runoff and reducing erosion. Located along Highway 45, the site has served as a visible example for riparian property owners and visitors interested in shoreline conservation practices. The proposed restoration would include the installation of riprap and soil stabilization measures to preserve the shoreline both adjacent to and south of the existing demonstration buffer. The project area would extend from a grass-covered shoreline section near the buffer to a nearby culvert along Highway 45. In addition to addressing shoreline erosion, the project would continue to serve as a demonstration site showcasing shoreline protection and native planting techniques for waterfront property owners. Four cost estimates had been obtained for the project, ranging from approximately \$11,700 to \$17,000. The Association believes the bids reflect comparable scopes of work. The project is expected to be submitted as a 2027 grant application to Lumberjack RC&D.

Schmitzer provided additional details regarding the proposed Pelican Lake shoreline restoration project. She described the shoreline area north of the public dock and noted that the site shows significant erosion and deteriorating shoreline conditions. The shoreline has not been substantially restored or maintained for many years and contains remnants of older shoreline protection materials, including rocks located both below and slightly above the waterline.

Schmitzer explained that the goal of the project is to restore and stabilize approximately 150 feet of shoreline through the installation of riprap and shoreline protection measures extending above the ordinary high-water mark, along with the establishment of a restored buffer zone. She noted that the original buffer area experienced substantial erosion and is in need of repair. Native plantings would be incorporated into the restoration to improve shoreline stability, reduce runoff, and enhance wildlife habitat. Currently, the area contains primarily weeds.

The project proposal includes contributions from the Pelican Lake Association, the Town of Schoepke, and volunteers who would assist through cash and in-kind support. The proposed work, as outlined by the project contractor, would include installation of rock and soil stabilization materials as well as native vegetation intended to benefit pollinators, birds, and other wildlife.

Schmitzer emphasized that the project would not only address shoreline erosion and runoff concerns but would also serve as a public demonstration site for shoreline restoration practices. The location is publicly accessible and includes a parking area, shoreline garden, and viewing area established through a previous conservation grant. The restored site would provide educational opportunities for residents, visitors, and shoreline property owners interested in learning about effective erosion control techniques, native plantings, and shoreline protection methods. She noted that interpretive signage is planned to explain the project and promote conservation practices.

c. LWCD Presentation – *M. Sadauskas*

Sadauskas presented a proposed Lumberjack RC&D grant application focused on protecting and promoting dark skies as a natural resource in northern Wisconsin. The project would build upon ongoing educational efforts, including the Northwoods Lights Out events held annually in June and August, which raises awareness about light pollution and the benefits of preserving natural darkness.

The proposed one-year project would seek \$10,000 in grant funding, with the majority of the funding designated for a coordinator position to lead outreach and education efforts. The project's focus would be on helping homeowners, businesses, lake associations, and communities understand the importance of dark skies and encouraging voluntary adoption of responsible lighting practices.