

Property Evaluation Form For Waterfront Stewardship Award

The following evaluation and recommendations are based on commonly accepted Best Management Practices. The intent of this program is to improve or maintain the property. In most cases, award properties will exceed the minimum shoreland zoning or local regulations. This evaluation covers only areas that were visually inspected and is based on site conditions apparent at the time of inspection.

Evaluator (if different than owner)			Date	
Property Owner(s)				
Mailing Address			Email Address (Optional)	
City	State	Zip	Phone ()	
Town	Road		Name of Lake or River	
County			Fire # or Site Address	
Permission to post name and waterbody on the DNR web site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Waterfront Stewardship Award Status			Score	Suggested Improvements
SECTION 1 Driveway and Parking Areas				
SECTION 2 Structures & Septic Areas				
SECTION 3 Yard & Recreation Areas				
SECTION 4 Shoreline Area				
SECTION 5 Entire Lot Area				
TOTAL POINTS				

Please look out for violations of environmental law. We can not give a Waterfront Stewardship Award unless the violation is fully remediated. This program should not be linked to enforcement action. Final decisions on qualifying properties will be made by the DNR sponsored review committee. Make a copy and return original with pictures of the property to DNR, Attn: Shoreland Team Leader, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707.



Section 2: Structures and Septic System

Criteria	Ranking System	Points
Roof runoff is infiltrated or directed to a water quality treatment mechanism such as a rain garden	0 = None 1 = Some 2 = Most 3 = All	
*Septic system free of woody vegetation	0 = much vegetation 1 = some vegetation 2 = threatened by encroaching vegetation 3 = free of woody vegetation	
*Septic system regularly pumped and maintained	0 = >5 years 1 = every 4 to 5 years 2 = every 3 to 4 years 3 = every 2 to 3 years or less	
*No evidence of septic system malfunction	0 = significant evidence of malfunction 1 = minor to moderate evidence or no knowledge of system design 2 = possible evidence 3 = no evidence of malfunction	
Property on public sewer	9 = YES 0 = NO	
Home heating oil tank or exterior toxic chemical storage (like gas, pesticides..) does not pose a threat	0 = exterior tank or toxic chemical container is leaking, or rusty and not covered and below roof ridge 1 = exterior tank not covered and below roof ridge 2 = exterior tank has valve cover 3 = exterior tank is completely covered or there is no exterior tank or toxic chemicals	
Total Available Points = 15	Total =	

Recommended Action(s): _____

Section 3: Yard & Recreation Areas

Criteria	Ranking System	Points
Soil erosion is not occurring on site	0 = > 10% eroding 1 = between 10 and 20% 2 = between 1 and 10% 3 = no erosion	
Stormwater flow is directed to a vegetated buffer or stable vegetated area	0 = None 1 = Some 2 = Most 3 = All	
Use of fertilizer is minimized/ if necessary non-phosphorous fertilizer is used (fertilizer containing phosphorous is used only for new lawns)	0 = Areas fertilized yearly 1 = Areas fertilized occasionally as needed 2 = Areas fertilized yearly with non-phosphorous fertilizer 3 = fertilizer is never used	
Lawn is maintained at proper level and clippings are mulched	0 = Never 1 = Sometimes 2 = Mostly 3 = Always	
% of natural vegetation preserved	0 = < 20% 1 = between 20 and 50% 2 = between 50 and 80% 3 = > 80%	
Duff layer is maintained in buffer	0 = None 1 = Some 2 = Most 3 = All	
Soil compaction minimized	0 = None 1 = Some 2 = Most 3 = All	
Cultivated areas are properly mulched	0 = None 1 = Some 2 = Most 3 = All mulch no cultivated areas	
Recreation areas are defined and limited	0 = None 1 = Some 2 = Most 3 = All	
Paths are stable and do not convey channelized runoff	0 = None 1 = Some 2 = Most 3 = All	
Buffer or other BMP is properly sited downslope of altered areas including drainage ditches and effectively filters stormwater	0 = None 1 = Some 2 = Most 3 = All	
Total Available Points =33	Total =	

Recommended Action(s): _____

Section 4: Shoreline Areas

Criteria	Ranking System	Points
Buffer is properly sited along shoreline	0 = None 1 = Some 2 = Most 3 = All	
Buffer contains three tiers of vegetation	0 = no tiers 1 = 1 tier 2 = 2 tiers 3 = 3 tiers or all possible for site	
Buffer is not receiving concentrated flows	0 = all flow is concentrated 1 = most flow is concentrated 2 = most flow is sheet flow 3 = all flow is sheet flow	
Duff layer is maintained	0 = None 1 = Some 2 = Most 3 = All	
Buffer effectively functions at filtering stormwater	0 = width and density of vegetation ineffective 1 = width and density of vegetation marginally effective 2 = width and density of vegetation mostly effective 3 = width and density of vegetation very effective	
Shoreline is stable	0 = mostly unstable 1 = moderately unstable 2 = mostly stable 3 = totally stable	
Shoreline is natural, the use of unvegetated riprap/concrete is minimized or appropriate	0 = 100% unvegetated 1 = between 33 and 99% unvegetated 2 = between 0 and 33% unvegetated 3 = Totally naturalized shoreline or appropriate.	
Pathway and dock area designed to compliment buffer	0 = Effectiveness of buffer is totally compromised 1 = some of buffer still functioning 2 = most of buffer still functioning 3 = Design of pathway and dock totally compliments buffer	
Beach or swimming access is stable and well designed	0 = No 1 = Somewhat 2 = Mostly 3 = Yes	
Total Available Points =27	Total =	

Recommended Action(s): _____

Section 5 Entire Lot Area

Criteria	Ranking System	Points
% of impervious surfaces	0 = > 20% 1 = between 10 and 20% 2 = between 5 and 10% 3 = < 4%	
% of lawn, and cleared areas	0 = > 30% 1 = between 15 and 30% 2 = between 15 and 7% 3 = < 7%	
Paths or road through undeveloped land	0 = numerous eroding roads 1 = a few eroding roads 2 = 1-2 well stabilized paths 3 = no paths	
Condition of undeveloped land	0 = recently cleared or graded with little vegetation 1 = several recently cleared or graded plots 2 = a few disturbed areas 3 = mature native forest.	
Conservation Easement on land	0 = no 1 = considering 2 = In process 3 = Yes	
Total Available Points =15	Total =	

Recommended Action(s): _____
