



Bone Lake Management District
Waterfront Runoff Committee
Polk County, Wisconsin

August 17, 2018

Dear Bone Lake Neighbor,

We could truly use your help to improve Bone Lake's water clarity!

No doubt, over the last several years you have read in our Bone Lake Newsletter and in recent years on-line pleas to owners, to help improve the clarity of the lake, and therefore, the values of our properties.

This letter is also being sent to you because your property, and those of approximately one hundred Bone Lake properties (out of approximately 500 total), has been identified as likely to have a high potential for runoff into the lake. This is due to the steep slope and or streams on your lot. Any runoff coming into the lake from your property contains phosphorus which is the nutrient for algae growth that impacts our water clarity,

We currently have a Wisconsin DNR grant which would pay from 75% to 100% of the cost of a runoff reduction practice on your property. Enclosed are examples of some of these practices. Our grant currently has approximately **\$80,000 unused balance** that is due to **expire December 2018**.

The Bone Lake Management District will provide you with all the support needed to help **you decide** what to do and how to manage any appropriate installation on your property. Cheryl Clemens, our consultant, will meet with you to review the different possibilities to reduce runoff on your property. There is no obligation or cost to you as a result of her visit.

As mentioned, our grant is expiring this year and we do not know if we will be able to extend it for another six months to a year. However, by replying to us that you are interested in learning more, we could possibly get your reduction practice installed yet this year or the work could be included in a request to extend our grant for another year and conduct the work on your property next year.

The water clarity has been great, so far, this year – partially due to the runoff practices installed to date but mainly due to Mother Nature with the late ice out. To help our water clarity in future years, please consider a free, no obligation visit by Cheryl. Please return the below tear off if interested

Thank you for your consideration!

The Bone Lake Waterfront Runoff Committee, *Alex Chorewycz, Chair*

Yes. I am interested to learn more to how we can reduce runoff on our property.

Name _____ Telephone number _____

Bone Lake address _____

Mailing address _____

Email address _____

Please return this tear-off section to Mary Chorewycz, 2086A Bone Lake Drive W, Milltown, WI 54858

***Native plantings** improve wildlife habitat, slow runoff water, and promote natural beauty. Our grant requires a minimum 350ft² area planted to native flowers, grasses, trees and shrubs next to the water to replace lawns, bare soil and invasive species.

