

Shoreline Buffer Restoration

2008 Survey Preliminary Results

(13/41 responses 32% return rate as of 04/28/2008)

After you expressed interest in the Burnett County Shoreline Incentives Program, we evaluated your shoreline against program standards. Following this evaluation, you received a site plan or explanation of what would need to be done to meet program standards.

We appreciate your interest in the program, and would like to find out if you carried out the recommendations. If you did not, we would like to know why. The purpose of this inquiry is to improve our services to Burnett County property owners.

Thank you for your time. **Please answer one of the questions below.**

I completed recommended planting and management practices for shoreline buffer restoration, but decided not to participate in the program for the following reasons:

-0- ___ I didn't want someone inspecting my property in the future.

-0- ___ I was concerned about the potential impact on property sales.

-0- ___ I don't like government programs.

-0- ___ I didn't need the financial assistance.

Other:

- I have not yet completed the recommendations.

- I wanted more open shoreline for the amount of land I was putting in your program.

- The recommended buffer zone was too deep. I would have wanted a little more lawn for leisure. Our whole frontage would have to be encompassed.

- The past few summers have been very dry and I am waiting for some rain so I don't have to water as frequently.

- I did take advantage of a secondary plan offered in 2007. Additional work will be done in Spring 2008.

I decided not to complete the recommended shoreline buffer restoration for the shoreline incentives program because:

23 % ___ The required 35-foot buffer is too deep.

31% ___ I didn't have the time to deal with it.

15% ___ I did not want to sign the covenant.

23% ___ It would have cost too much.

0% ___ I did not understand what to do.

23% ___ The property tax incentive (\$50 annually) was not enough (how much is enough? \$25% of total)

8% ___ The enrollment payment (\$250) was not enough (how much is enough? \$ _____)

0% ___ Other

- At this time, it would have cost too much and didn't have time. Eventually, we feel it is worthwhile but can't get to it for some time.

- Re: Tax Incentive - Enough? 25% of total

- But we're now VERY interested.

- Buffer too deep for some of the property. I didn't get a cost estimate. Tax incentive \$100-150. There was no distinction made between the two adjoining properties, one with buildings & one vacant and natural. Needed to meet with knowledgeable representative onsite to get questions answered - took long time, didn't know when they were coming and wasn't home at the time.

- The previous owner installed a 4' high 25' long retaining wall at the foot of the trees. If I remove the wall, the trees will fall in the lake. And you wouldn't give me the incentive when my natural shoreline edge is 200' & 90' deep except for the retaining wall - go figure.

- Devils Lake is down quite a bit and there is some shoreline damage this spring from ice heaving up the shore.

- I am still interested but probably not in the next few years unless more technical help with planting and maintaining plants is available. I am only there 2-3 wks/yr.

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I am still interested in completing the buffer restoration project.

Please contact me:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number(s) _____