

**Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA) “Restore The Shore” Resource List to Enhance Your Individual Waterside Efforts for Your Natural Shoreland Habitats – version 2:**

We live in the heart of the waters here in Minnesota. Our lakes, wetlands, streams and rivers face challenges, ranging from invasive species to pollinator decline, and threats to our water quality. Healthy waters begin on our lands. As a private landowner, your planting, care and feeding of the biodiverse native vegetation in the shoreland zone increases the natural aesthetic, provides wildlife habitat and helps water quality. You’re a model for your neighbors as attitudes change Waterside!

- 1) HC COLA Website has great resources for planning resilient yard projects to “Restore the Shore” and planting for “Pollinators” also:

<http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/more-resources.html>

<http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/score--restore-your-shore.html>

- 2) You may choose to invite a trained / volunteer **shoreland advisor** to visit with you / your family by walking with you on your lakeshore lot, listening to your ideas and sharing insights potentially for your mini-watershed to prevent runoff, erosion and promote water quality. **To reach out for a “shoreland advisor” in your lake area, please email [hccolamn@gmail.com](mailto:hccolamn@gmail.com). Indicate your lake / county, and email address.** Potential shoreland advisor email addresses for your lake/county will be provided to you from the HC COLA shoreland advisor list. You will first visit by email about your ideas. Then you may mutually agree to get together on your lakeshore property for a short walk through. You are in control of when / if you share your address / phone number. Social distancing and masks are required during the pandemic. There is no charge.

Perhaps your project is something you will want to visit with the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (HC SWCD) to gain their expertise and investigate any funding assistance that may be available. <http://www.hubbardswcd.org/>

- 3) A comprehensive DNR site with very useful subpages:  
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/index.html>
- 4) For specific problems: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/rys/sl/commonproblems.html>
- 5) Itasca County 2018 Shoreland Guide to Lake Stewardship (similar to the 2011 Hubbard County version but with active links and updated pictures and more):  
<https://itascawaters.org/assets/2018%20Files/The%20Itasca%20country%20shoreland%20guide%202018.pdf>
- 6) Peter Pierson’s “Restoration” story for HC COLA “Voices on the Water” on the changing shoreline at the family cabin will entertain you & provide ideas!  
[http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/cola-pierson\\_piece\\_1-restoration.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/cola-pierson_piece_1-restoration.pdf)