



Water Quality Improvement and a Beautiful Yard at the Same Time: Lakescaping

The Clearwater River Watershed District is proceeding with its Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study. A TMDL is a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still meet the State’s water quality standards, and an allocation of that amount to the pollutant’s sources. A TMDL is the sum of the allowable loads of a single pollutant from all contributing point and nonpoint sources.



Lakeshore contributes to the nutrient loading of lakes by erosion and lack of filtering of the runoff from the upland to the lake. Many lakeshore lots slope towards the lake. When a dwelling, driveway, patio, retaining walls, and other hard surfaces are added to that lot, much of the rain that falls flows directly into the lake. That runoff does not have time to clean itself.



The Clearwater River Watershed District can provide you with lakescaping technical assistance and a one-time \$250 incentive to help improve the quality of water that runs into the lake, while beautifying your property. When completed, the lakescaping protects the lake, provides beautiful flowers and attracts butterflies and birds.

To schedule a site visit and receive more information about lakescaping and rain gardens, contact CRWD Administrator Merle Anderson at (320) 202-0554 or merleanderson@cloudnet.com.

