

# Wisconsin Healthy Lakes Grant Program

Helps manage runoff and erosion control through 5 practices:

Fish Sticks, Diversion, Rain Garden, 350 Square Foot Native Planting & Rock Infiltration

## 2019 Grant for 350 square foot native planting

The native planting helps with erosion control and is habitat for birds, bees, butterflies and many other insects that support a healthy micro-ecosystem. Since installing this in my yard I have had the pleasure of watching many critters enjoying the garden. This also helps stabilize my shoreline as native plants and grasses have root systems up to 5 meters deep for Big Bluestem Grass versus the typical grass in lawns of 4 inches. When grouped together with other plants that have deep root systems it creates a shoreline that is better able to handle the weather and traffic on Buffalo Lake. The native planting along the shoreline also creates a barrier so chemicals that wash from our lawns do not enter the lake system which often feed the weeds in the lake.

