

How does your shoreland measure up?

You can find out by taking the Wisconsin Shoreland Evaluation Survey. This free, online, interactive survey virtually walks you through your property from the upland area, through the buffer or transition zone, and into the water to learn about opportunities for habitat restoration, runoff and erosion control, and other ways to care for your lake or river. It's a smart survey that will lead you down a different path, depending on your answers, and gather a score* as you go. Using this tool is entirely voluntary – you can decide to register for an account or take the survey anonymously. If you register for an account, you can save your results and come back after you have implemented best practices to improve your score. You can also decide whether you would like to share those results with a local partner organization (e.g. lake group, municipality, regional lake organization, etc.). Your responses will not be used for regulatory purposes, no matter how you decide to complete and share the Shoreland Evaluation Tool.

We believe the Tool will help:

- Raise awareness of shoreland health.
- Serve as a private alternative to a site visit.
- Direct shoreland property owners to information about Healthy Lakes & Rivers best practices. <https://healthylakeswi.com/>
- Normalize the process of self-evaluating a property.
- Enable waterbody-scale outreach campaigns and data collection summaries.

*Scores are based on science, and most “Protection Level” properties will have little to no human disturbance.