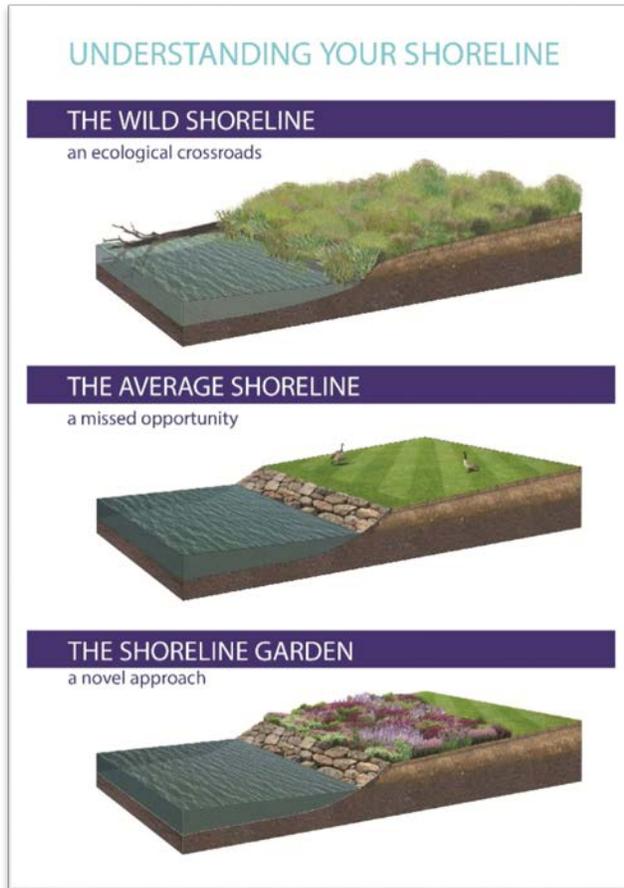


## Grants Available for Shoreline Plantings



There is a growing movement among lakeshore owners around Lake Minnetonka and across the state to go natural with their shoreline, using deep-rooted native plants to anchor the soil and catch rainwater before it enters the lake. These natural shorelines – sometimes called “vegetated shorelines” or “shoreline gardens” – add color and beauty to the shoreline, improve water quality, provide critical habitat and even help keep geese out of your yard.

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is offering grants to help Lake Minnetonka residents join this movement. The District’s Cost Share grant program can pay for up to 75 percent of a project. Applications are accepted year-round. Learn more at [www.minnehahacreek.org/cost-share](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/cost-share).

You can also learn more about planning a native shoreline in the recently-published “Lake Minnetonka Guide to Shoreline Gardens,” which shows how shoreline gardens can be adapted to meet different aesthetic sensibilities, maintenance capacities

and site conditions. The book is tailored to Lake Minnetonka property owners but applies to anyone with waterfront property. Learn more about that book at [www.urbanecosystemsinc.com/our-book.html](http://www.urbanecosystemsinc.com/our-book.html)