Score the Shore

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Healthy Shorelines

(Un)healthy Shorelines


NATURAL SHORELINE (1938)
TO
DEVELOPED SHORELINE (2014)

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HISTORIC SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT (1938)

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What good is this information?

Local – lake associations

Support educational efforts

Inform lake management planning

Region/state

Assess health of Michigan's lakeshores

Research

Reporting

Shoreline Resources

MiShorelinePartnership.org

MiShorelandStewards.org

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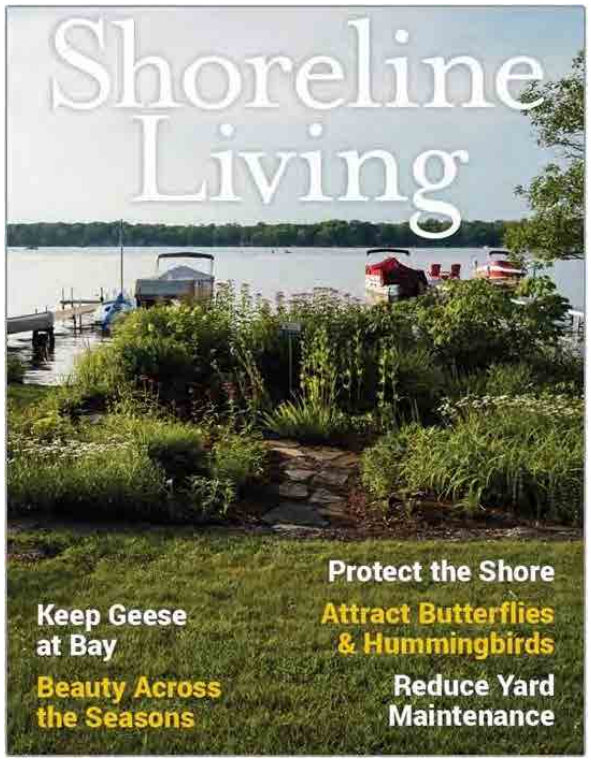

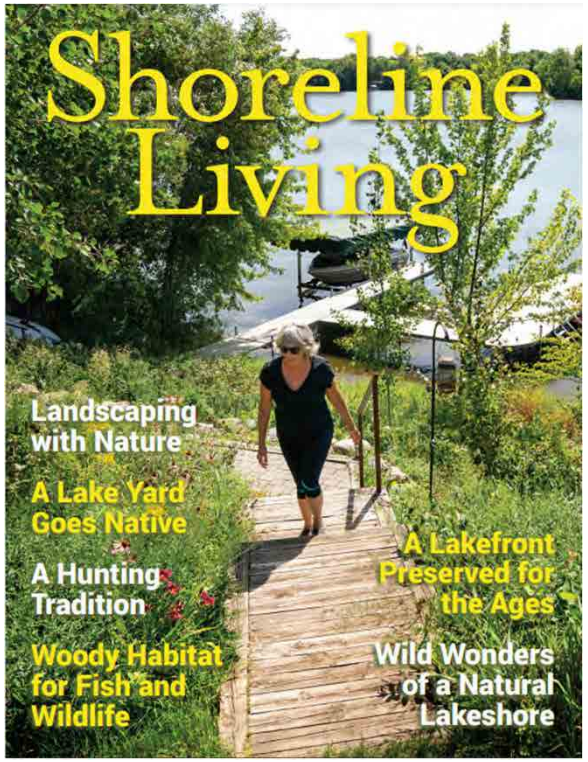

The process in a nutshell

How to talk about the results

- The survey is a valuable educational tool

- The results are not regulatory

Prepare to Score the Shore!

Score the Shore Paperwork

- Score the Shore procedures
- Data Forms
  - Survey Cover Sheet (only 1 needed)
  - Section data form
    - You will need to print/copy many of these
    - The digital version is be available at

      micorps.net/lake-monitoring/clmp-documents/

Equipment Checklist

- Boat
- Boating safety equipment
- Copies of Data Forms
- Copy of Procedure
- Pencils or waterproof pens
- Clipboard(s)
- GPS unit*
- Camera* (digital if possible)
- Binoculars*
- 2 Tally Counters*

*optional

Timing and effort

- No earlier than mid-June (need full leaf out, vegetative growth)
  - Northern lakes can begin later
- Length of time depends on the size of your lake (2 hours on a small lake; more on a big lake).
- 30-45 minutes per 1000-foot section while you are learning.
- 15-30 minutes per 1000-foot section once you get good at it.
- Repeat the survey every 3-5 years

Set up your shoreline sections ahead of time

- Use Google Maps to create approximate 1000-foot sections
- Google Maps can measure distance (right click on map, “measure distance”)

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- Ride around the lake to associate your map with GPS coordinates and/or shoreline landmarks.
- DON'T USE PEOPLE'S NAMES FOR LANDMARKS.

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- Other methods are fine if you have different technology or different ideas…
- The important thing?
  - Do it ahead of time!

The Scoring Process

General Process

- Your team: One driver, at least two others
- At least three passes of a 1000 foot section
  - ~100 yards from shore
  - ~20-30 yards from shore
  - ~100 yards from shore
- Team answers questions on every pass
  - Every member gets data sheets
- Driver idles boat while team discusses questions and reaches consensus.
- One person records the final answers.
- Back at home, do the math to get your final scores.

SCORE THE SHORE

Data Form

Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program

Michigan Clean Water Corps

Lake Name:_____ County:_____

Township:_____ Lake Sampling Site (Field ID) Number:_____

Volunteer Monitor Name(s):_____

Date(s) of Survey :_____

Lake Level during survey was:_____ Average/Normal _____ Low _____ High

Does the lake have a legal lake level? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, indicate level gage reading at time of survey, if possible: _____

Did the lake level impact survey results? If so, how?

_____

Total number of 1000' sections surveyed: _____

(If the final section was substantially shorter than 1000', note its approximate length here: _____)

Were photographs taken as part of this survey? ____ Yes ____ No

Development Density		**Overall Shore Score**	
A. Total no. of all buildings/docks		A. Add all of the overall section scores:	
B. Total no. of sections:		B. Total no. of sections:	
Divide A by B for the avg. number of structures per 1000 feet		Divide A by B for the Shore Score for your lake: *(It is a 0-100 scale)*	

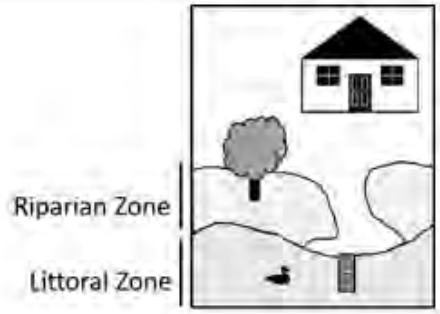
Section #: _____ Lake/County: _____ Date: _____

GPS/Landmark at Start of Section: _____

PASS 1 (Boat is 100 yards from shore):

Number of: Homes/Major Buildings: _____

Docks/Boatlifts: _____



PASS 2 (Boat is 20-30 yards from shore):

Littoral (Aquatic) Zone Characteristics and Shoreline Erosion: **Littoral Zone Raw Score:** ☐

% Emergent/Floating Vegetation ___ None (0) ____ <10% (1) ___ 10-25% (2) ____ 25-75% (3) ____ >75% (4)

% Submerged Vegetation ___ None (0) ____ <10% (1) ___ 10-25% (2) ____ 25-75% (3) ____ >75% (4)

_____ Unable to see

Is aquatic plant management evident/known? ____ No (0) ____ Minor (at docks, swim areas; -1) ____ Major (-2)

Amount of Downed Trees/Woody Debris: ____ None (0) ____ Few: 1-5 (1) ____ Several: 6-15 (2) ___ Many: 16+ (3)

Erosion along shoreline (check one): ___ None observed (0) ____ Minor (-1) ___ Moderate (-2) ____ Severe (-3)

PASS 3 (Boat back out to 100 yards from shore):

Riparian (Land Near Shore) Zone Characteristics: **Riparian Zone Raw Score:** ☐

% Maintained Lawn, Maintained/Artificial Beach, or Impervious (% of total section length):

_____ None (0) _____ <10% (-1) _____ 10-25% (-2) _____ 25-75% (-3) _____ >75% (-4)

% Unmowed Vegetation Belt (any vegetation other than lawn; % of total section length):

_____ None (0) _____ <10% (1) _____ 10-25% (2) _____ 25-75% (3) _____ >75% (4)

Average Unmowed Vegetation Belt Depth:

_____ None (0) _____ < 10 ft. (1) _____ 10-40 ft. (2) _____ > 40 ft. (3)

Shoreline Erosion Control Practices: **Erosion Control Raw Score:** ☐

Vertical Artificial: _____ None (0)_____ <10% (-1) ____ 10-25% (-2) ___ 25-75% (-3) ____ >75% (-4)

Types of Vertical Structure (check all that apply)_____ Seawall _____ Boulders /Rock Walls

_____Other - describe:

Sloped Artificial: _____ None (0)_____ <10% (-1) ____ 10-25% (-2) ___ 25-75% (-3) ____ >75% (-4)

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_____ Other - describe:

Bioengineering (e.g. coir logs, branch bundles):

___ None (0) ___ <10% (-0.5) ___ 10-25% (-1) ___ 25-75%(-1.5) ____ >75% (-2)

GPS/Landmark at End of Section: _____

Final Scoring

These equations transform your raw scores into a 0-100 scale. You should round to the nearest whole number. Remember to multiply before you add.

Littoral Zone Raw Score (from other side): _____ x 6.2 + 31.3 = ☐ **Littoral Zone Final Score**

If "Unable to see" submerged vegetation use this: x 8.3 + 41.5 =

Riparian Zone Raw Score (from other side): _____ x 9.1 + 36.4 = ☐ **Riparian Zone Final Score**

Erosion Control Raw Score (from other side): _____ x 11.1 + 100 = ☐ **Erosion Control Final Score**

Add the Scores Above = ☐

Divide the Score Above by 3 = ☐ **OVERALL SECTION SCORE**

Comments or Concerns for this Section:

Docks

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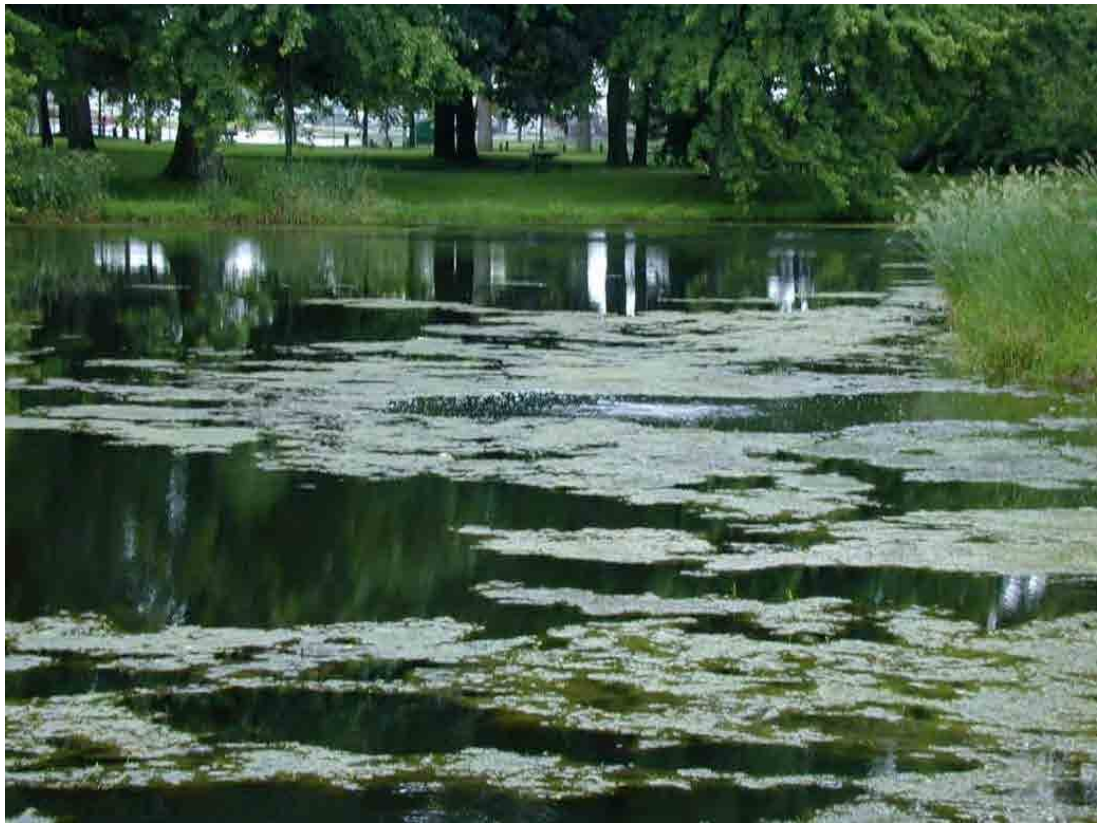
Emergent/Floating Vegetation? - YES



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Does a beach count as “Erosion”?

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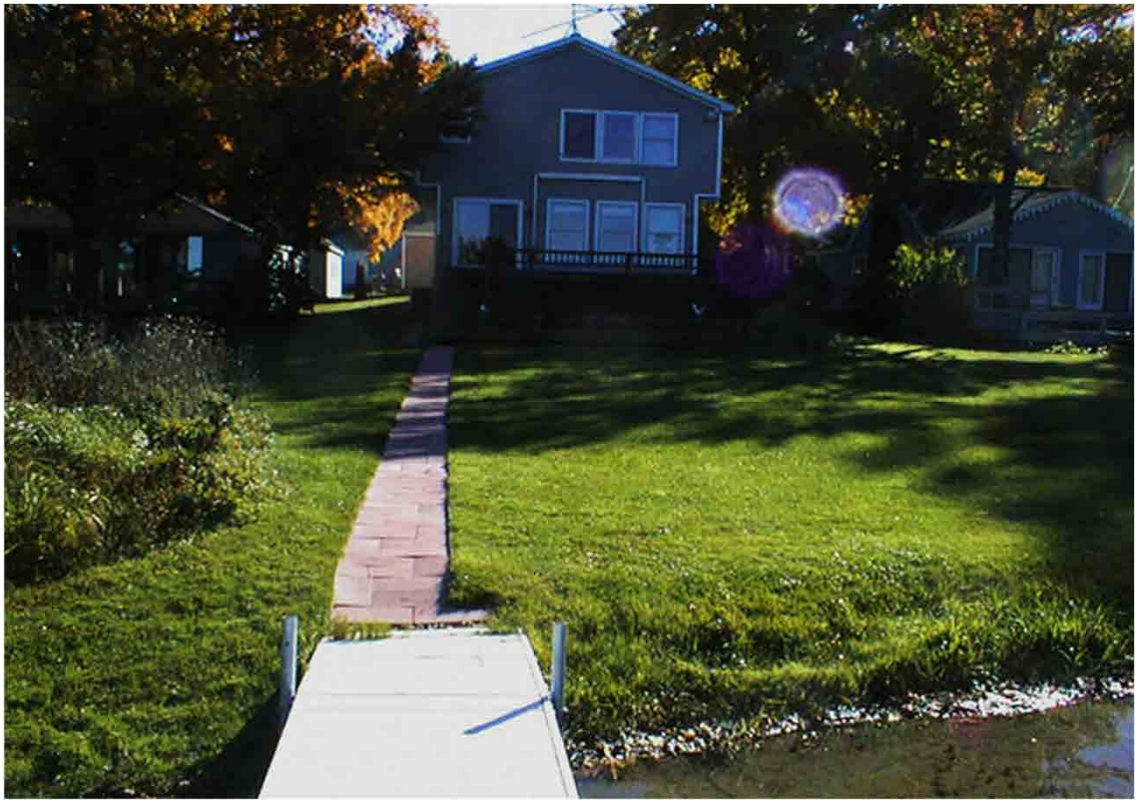

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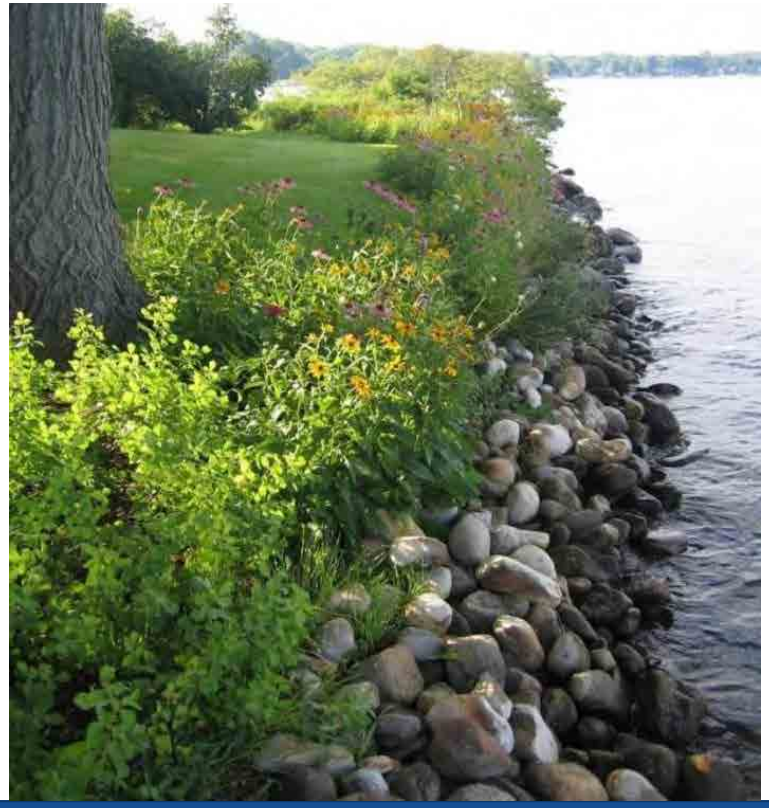

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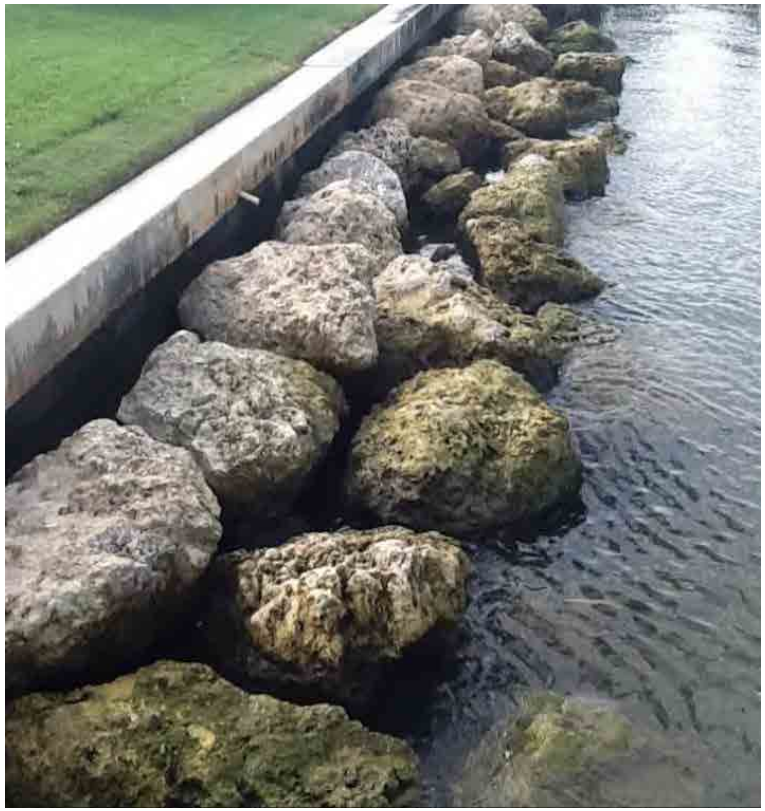

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Sloped or vertical?

Seawall or riprap?

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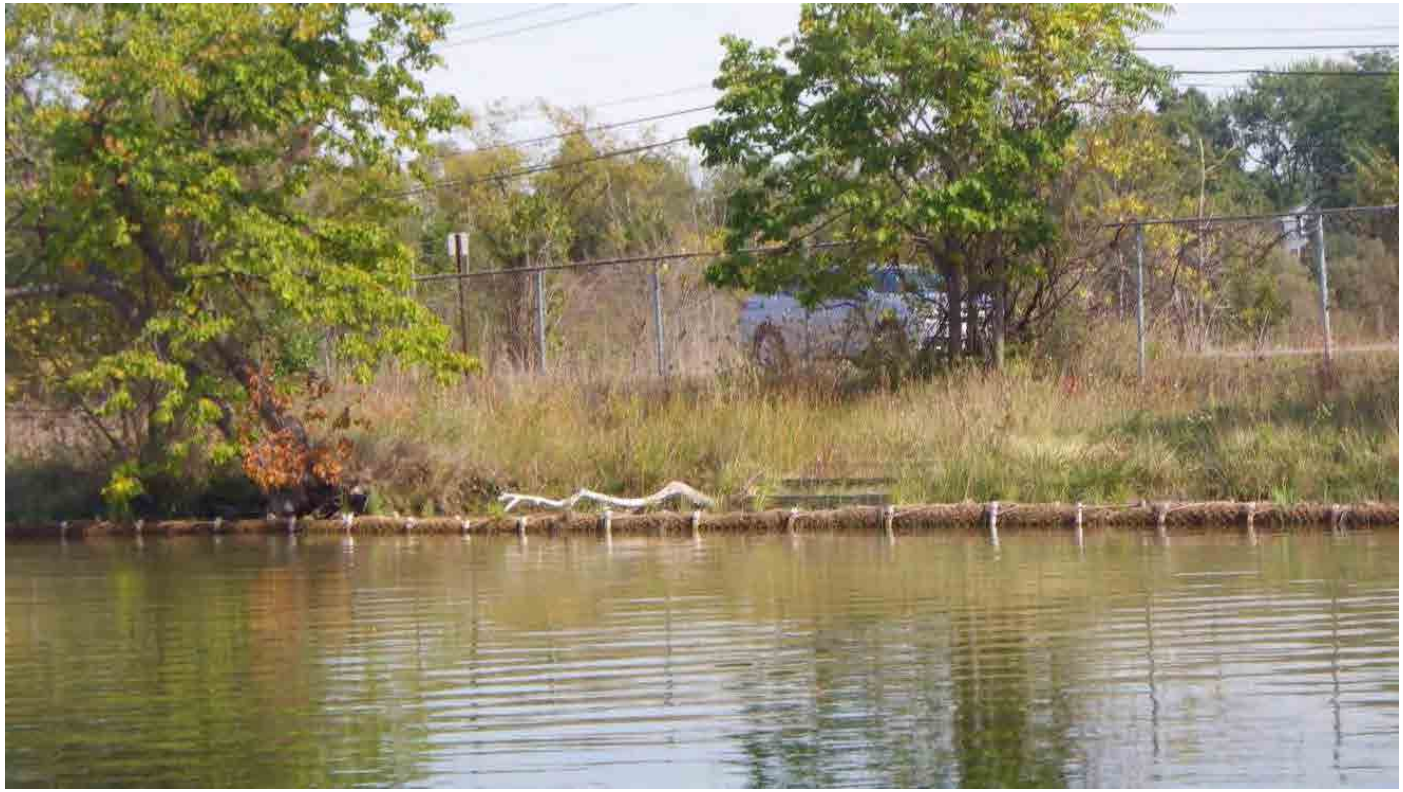
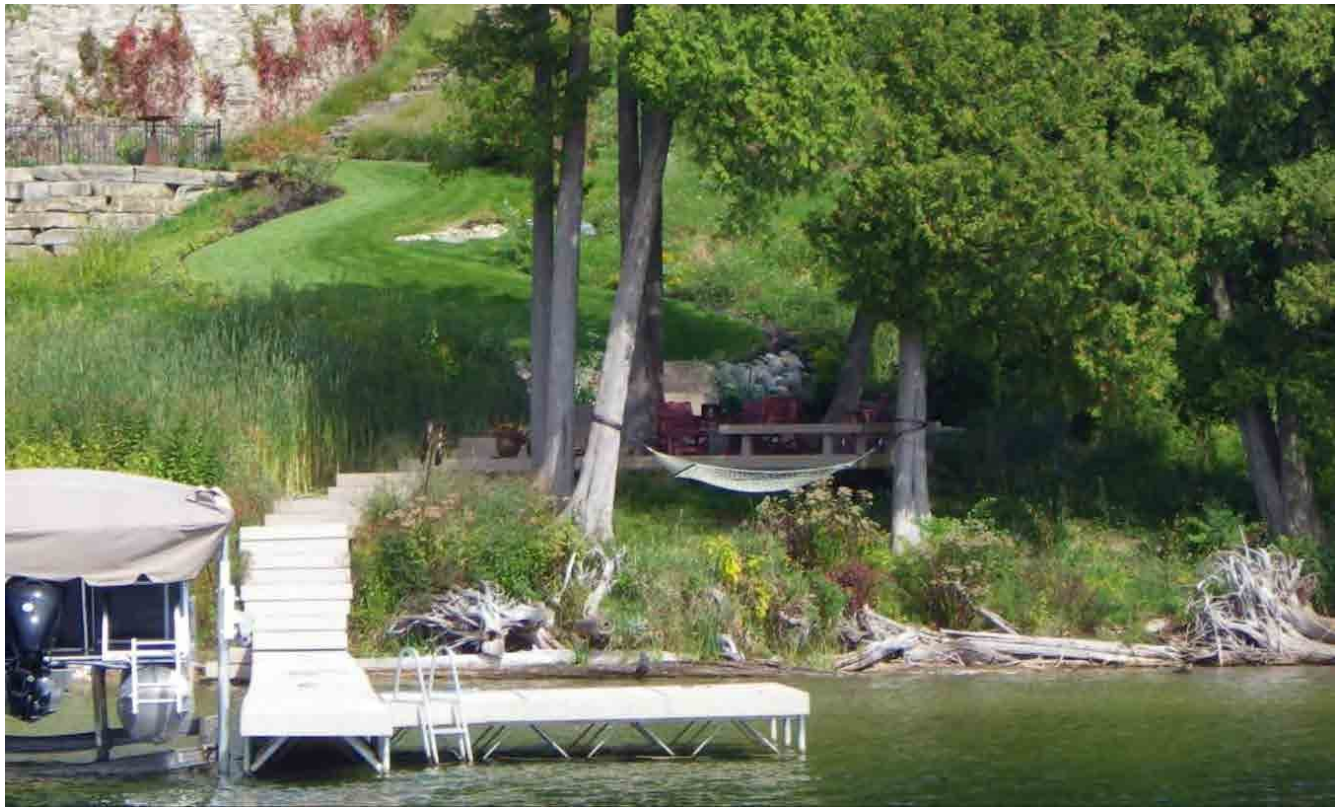


Placed Stumps and Branch Bundles



What about stuff like this?

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Take useful photos

- TAKE lots of pictures
  - Be aware you can only upload 3 per section to the MDE
- Delete blurry photos
- Location is essential
  - Label with section number

Submit Your Data

- Enter your data into the MDE
  - Follow the instructions for data submission on our website, www.micorps.net
  - Because of programming limitations– you need to enter all your lake sections at once. DO NOT close your browser until it is done.
  - You can upload 3 photographs from each section– each one no bigger than 5 MB.

Submitting Your Data

Whether you enter data into MDE or not, be sure to:

Send complete report to MiCorps, either through mail (copies) or email (pdf). Addresses are on data form.

- Survey Cover Sheet
- All Data Forms
- Survey Map
- No Photographs- if you want these included in the long-term record, you need to enter them yourself into the MDE

Questions?

To learn more about the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program, visit:

MiCorps.net

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