

# Healthy Lakes Program



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# Status on our grant

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## **Healthy Lakes Program Committee Report - Annual Meeting, August, 2020**

*by: Peggy Lauritsen*

I am the Healthy Lakes Champion for our District. We currently are working on our second DNR grant # LPT60019 until 12-31-2021. It includes 7 shoreline restoration projects and 2 rain gardens.

On July 19, 2020, Polk County was severely damaged by tornados. Our lake was in the bullseye for a great amount of damage, with much trauma in the area. It was impossible to make progress on our HL grant during the season in 2019. Therefore, I requested an additional year extension from the DNR to complete our projects by the end of 2021.

Another difficulty this year, (due to COVID-19 influences), is the lack of availability of landscapers and a very low supply of native plants. That is delaying progress on our projects.

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# Goal: reduce algae blooms

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**SINCE 2015, We HAVE FOCUSED ON A NEW DNR GRANT INITIATIVE** aimed at reducing phosphorus that causes algae blooms on our lake.

**The Healthy Lakes Program** is a way for **PROPERTY OWNERS** to **manage runoff water** on their property, and restore shoreline buffers that improve water quality. Reducing the shoreline footage that is mowed or trimmed is part of our goal. Native plants filter runoff water before it enters the lake, reducing phosphorus loading.

**Healthy Lakes Program is key to our lake plan goals #1 and #6**

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# More info?

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shoreline issues, plantings, erosion, trees issues,  
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