

So you think you want a lake view ? PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY:

**Educational and Warning Message for Lakefront Homeowners:**



YOUR PROPERTY VALUE IS DIRECTLY DEPENDENT ON THE HEALTH OF LAKE WAUBEEKA WATER. The Quality of Lake Waubeeka water is DIRECTLY DEPENDENT ON TREES AND BUFFER VEGETATION ON YOUR PROPERTY and in our greater Watershed, which includes all of Lake Waubeeka acreage and beyond.

Under LWA Rules Section 1. Community Property, it is stated: “ LWA owns all land identified in the By-Laws other than the members lots. This includes Lake Waubeeka AND ITS SURROUNDING PERIMETER. No one may build on, alter or otherwise harm these lands without written permission from the LWA Board. **This includes the removal of trees and plantings... which could potentially compromise the lake’s shoreline.” And lake WATER.**

**THE BOARD MADE THIS RULE TO PROTECT LAKE WAUBEEKA WATER. HERE IS THE REASON WHY:**

Shoreline trees, shrubs, and groundcover plants buffer/protect lakes by acting as a sponge for storm water runoff. These buffer strips or ribbons of vegetation catch sediment and other pollution before it reaches the lake.

Trees and shrubs intercept raindrops and reduce their impact on the soil while low growing plants and the “duff” layer filter runoff. The deep tangled root system of trees and shrubs hold soil in place and absorb water and nutrients. In addition, buffer plants can enhance privacy, filter noise and wind, plus attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife. And believe it or not, these areas are very important to aquatic animals such as fish living in the shallows along the shore.

Managing your lake shoreline to protect and/or restore buffer vegetation is the most important way you can help your lake. Unbuffered storm water carries pollution, sediment, harmful nutrients and salt- all of which are HARMFUL to Lake Waubeeka.

And here is **HOW STORMWATER RUNOFF HARMS LAKE WAUBEEKA::**

If storm water runoff and sediment and other pollution reach Lake Waubeeka waters, the lake water quality will deteriorate. It is **scientific FACT** that algae blooms, invasive plant growth, reduced fish populations, turbid or cloudy water, shoreline erosion and sedimentation which fills in and reduces the size of the lake, and loss of wildlife habitat are all results of cutting your trees and bushes in your backyard.

**You will be FINED and asked to REMEDIATE any TREES and VEGETATION YOU ALTER or REMOVE without LWA BOARD PERMISSION. Any and all legal remedies may be pursued. One resident was recently fined and had to complete nearly \$10,000 worth of remediation after tree removal.**

Lake Waubeeka Board members are happy to work with you to devise a plan whereby you can achieve Lake views and protect our most valuable asset, Lake Waubeeka water quality, at the same time. We will even show you properties where there are lake views and retention of trees and shrubs on the same properties!

**Unfortunately, many homeowner's have taken upon themselves to ignore not just LWA rules but they have knowingly clear cut their backyards without regard to our Lake health, impact to their neighbors and compromised overall VISUAL community enjoyment of the natural beauty of our shoreline.**

In addition, you should never apply Fertilizers, Pesticides or Weed Killers like Round Up to your property, because they also will HARM LAKE WAUBEEKA water.

Any questions, contact LWA Board. We are happy to provide resources and information how to keep Lake Waubeeka clean and how to manage your backyard and shoreline to preserve our lake.

