



Sy Lake Shoreland Restoration and Education Training

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The Sy Lake Advancement Association plans to show its membership the advantages of natural landscaping by doing. This INRP-funded project will involve lake association members in planning and implementing a shoreland naturalization project, working with a professional consultant.

Plans include an outreach and education component, followed by visits to other successful restoration sites. Project organizers expect that the gradual replacement of urban turf-grass with natural landscaping will enhance water quality and wildlife habitat, and reduce maintenance and conflicts over lake water levels.

MID PROJECT REPORT

Project is still in the planning stages. We have been in contact with Betsy Galbraith of NES Ecological, the firm working with us to accomplish our project. Betsy has recently sent us a plan for our review, and a tentative date of May 14, 2005 has been selected for planting. Results can begin to be measured this summer.

Our plan is to begin involvement of our lake neighbors in the very near future by mailing of a flyer explaining the project as it stands, explaining the plan sent to us for approval recently, and requesting help in our spring planting as an educational tool in showing our neighbors how they, too, would be able to initiate a restoration project on their properties. Our hope is to have a presentation in place for our Association meeting which will take place within the next few weeks. We will be excited to share pictures with the Association members that were taken this fall at the Pigeon Lake, English Lake, and Wilke Lake projects showing the progression of the projects as they were started in different years during a 3-year period. We will be able to share our expectations based on our site visits as well as to share pictures showing the beauty of planned plantings as an alternative to barren shoreline as it appears on our lake at present.

At a Glance...

Project:

To provide first hand experience in the benefits and methods of shoreland restoration by the implementation of a shoreland naturalization project on Sy Lake.

Grant Recipient:

Sy Lake Advancement Association

Amount Awarded: \$2,400

Funding Cycle: 2004



Sy Lake Advancement Association members plan and implement a shoreland naturalization project.