



## The Runoff and Shoreline Improvement Reimbursement Program

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The Lake Redstone Protection District has a new program that will reward property owners for reducing runoff into the lake. A property owner can apply for LRPD reimbursement as well as DNR and/or Sauk County reimbursements. The total potential reimbursement from all three sources can be **\$5500 or more**. However, total reimbursements cannot be for more than the property owner incurred in cost.

The maximum reimbursement for a property owner in the LRPD program will be \$2000. Reimbursement is limited to 50% of the actual cost incurred by the property owner. The program is on a “first come, first served” basis until the budget is exhausted for the year. Property owners can only be reimbursed once for runoff and shoreline improvements.

The latest that an LRPD reimbursement application can be made is November 30th of the year the work was performed so that approval can occur at the December LRPD Board meeting. Note unlike the LRPD program, the due dates for both the DNR and Sauk County programs are in November of the year preceding when the work is planned to be done. See their sites for the exact November dates.

The “Wisconsin DNR Healthy Lakes Program” <https://healthylakeswi.com> and the “Sauk County Lakeshore Assistance Program” <https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/landconservation/lake-shore-assistance-program> methods for shoreline improvement are listed on their respective websites and summarized below. These are what will be used to evaluate applications for the LRPD program as well. See their websites for more information on each method, and how their respective approval and reimbursement processes work.

- Diversion
- Rain Garden
- Vegetated buffer (350 Sq. ft. minimum)
- Bioengineering with natural fiber products (e.g. natural fiber rolls and logs, blocks, and mats)
- Rock Infiltration
- *Wave-reducing natural timbers*
- *Rock riprap with bioengineering techniques*
- *Fish Sticks*

Note that methods that only reduce shoreline erosion, such as the latter three methods italicized above, do not qualify for reimbursement by the LRPD. This is because LRPD reimbursement is for methods that reduce runoff into the lake.



Process to Apply for and Receive Reimbursement from the **Lake Redstone Protection District**. See the DNR and Sauk County websites (links above) for information on their criteria and processes.

1. Property owner does research on the three reimbursements available and decides which method(s) and reimbursement program(s) they will likely want to pursue. Note that Sauk County offers (and requires) on-site inspection, advice to determine best methods, and will help manage the project!
2. A courtesy email should be sent to [lrpd.board@gmail.com](mailto:lrpd.board@gmail.com) before any work begins. This could contain a photo of the current situation, what is planned for improvement, and when. The LRPD Board may have some ideas and feedback for you.
3. Property Owner makes improvements.
4. Property Owner sends “before” and “after” pictures and copies of expense receipts, to [lrpd.board@gmail.com](mailto:lrpd.board@gmail.com) along with a completed brief form titled “LRPD Runoff and Shoreline Improvement Program Reimbursement Application.” This needs to be done by November 30<sup>th</sup> of the year when the work is completed. The form is found on the LRPD website.
5. The LRPD will evaluate the application at the next monthly Board Meeting and determine if the applicant qualifies for reimbursement. When the budgeted amount of \$10,000 is gone, no more applications will be accepted for that year.
6. The LRPD will mail a check to the property owner.

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