



## The LRPD Runoff and Shoreline Improvement Reimbursement Program

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The Lake Redstone Protection District has a program that will reimburse property owners for work they do to reduce 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 **\$6000 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. Property owners can only be reimbursed once for runoff and shoreline improvements.

The LRPD reimbursement application should be completed as soon as possible after the work is completed, but no later than November 1st of the year the work was performed so that approval can occur at the November LRPD Board meeting. Note that 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. The DNR and Sauk County programs specify the primary methods that landowners will likely use to reduce/stop runoff into the lake. Those methods form the foundation for the LRPD program as well. See their websites for more information on each method.

- Diversion of water
- 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

Note that methods that only reduce shoreline erosion, such rip-rap, do not qualify for reimbursement by the LRPD. This is because LRPD reimbursement is for methods that reduce runoff into the lake.

In addition to the DNR and Sauk County specific methods, the LRPD will also consider reimbursement for other methods to 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) an on-site inspection, advice to determine best methods, and will help manage the project. Sauk County will also work with the DNR on your behalf to obtain the DNR reimbursement. Contact Mitch McCarthy [mitchell.mccarthy@saukcountywi.gov](mailto:mitchell.mccarthy@saukcountywi.gov) (608-477-3192)
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 form titled “LRPD Runoff and Shoreline Improvement Program Reimbursement Application.” This needs to be done as soon as possible after the work is completed, but no later than November 1st of the year when the work is completed. The form is found on the LRPD website.
5. The LRPD will evaluate ALL applications for the year at the November Board Meeting and determine which of the applicants qualify for reimbursement. If the total reimbursement requests exceed the budgeted amount for the year, the awarded amount will be prorated to meet the annual budget.
6. Once approved, the LRPD will mail a check in December to the property owner.

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