Lake Steward: Healthy Shorelines, Healthy Waters



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Water Quality Begins Here



Can we make this the norm?











Tangible recognition Relentless positivity



What must they do?

- Establish a shoreline buffer
- Capture water runoff
- Minimize fertilizers/pesticides
- Maintain the septic system
- Pick up pet waste



"You put a Lake
Steward sign in
front of a forested
shoreline and
people
take notice."

Dorothy Whitmer, GCOLA



Christa Johnston

Bringing Lake Steward to Wisconsin



Pilot Project: Moen Chain Oneida County



Best practices info and grants

- 38 counties
- 205 lakes and streams
- 1,101 properties
- 1,921 best practices

Thank You!



Questions?