

# 2023 Carver SWCD Shoreline Habitat Program



## About

2023 will be the first year the Carver Soil & Water Conservation District has cost share funding to help you convert your monoculture turf shoreline to a beautiful native habitat.

Many homeowners mow right up to the edge of their shorelines. This not only removes the most valuable areas of your property for habitat, but it can often destabilize your shoreline, making it more susceptible to erosion from boat wakes. Adding rip-rap can help prevent erosion, but further eliminates any habitat value. Native habitat buffers are the most environmentally friendly method of securing your shoreline from erosion.

Carver SWCD Staff are available to assist homeowners in the entire process- planning, plant selection, planting plans, applications and the grant process.

Carver Soil & Water Conservation District  
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## Eligibility

- Minimum 250 square feet
- Maximum funding of \$2,500
- Minimum 10' buffer width
- Cost-share funding not to exceed 75% of total project cost
- Reimbursement of up to \$2 a square foot of new habitat
- Majority of project area needs to be turf replacement
- Must schedule site visit with CSWCD staff prior to applying
- Planting plan with project area required
- Requires 5 year agreement and 5 year maintenance contract
- *Must wait until board approves project funding before starting project. Applicants will not be reimbursed if they begin before approval*
- \$15,000 in total funds to be allocated
- Project may qualify for additional funding if shoreline stabilization is also required

## Questions?

Please Contact:

- Seth Ristow , Carver SWCD Landscape Restoration Specialist, to learn about the program, or schedule a consultation site visit (no cost to landowner)
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