

Northeast Kingdom Lakeshore  
Buffering Program

## NEKLB



▶ The Orleans County Conservation District created NEKLB to bring awareness to the important role that lake and pond front owners play as stewards of waterfront property. It is up to us all to ensure water quality of all our local waters. Every effort makes a big difference!

Thank-you!



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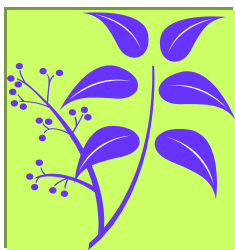
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**Let us plant your  
waterfront to protect our  
water!**

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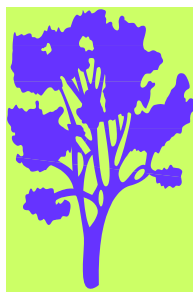
The Northeast Kingdom  
Lakeshore Buffering  
Program NEKLB is a  
unique opportunity for  
the Orleans County



Natural Resource Conservation District  
OCNRCD to be able to supply private wa-  
terfront landowners with quality native  
shrubs and trees to be planted along lake  
and pond waterfronts anywhere in Or-  
leans County. This is a cost-share pro-  
gram, where the OCNCRD will pay 80% of  
the cost of the plants. The District will also  
be available to help with the planting  
plan, and the planting.

## Why is this important?

Many property owners over the years  
have witnessed the  
increasing rate of  
eutrophication of  
lakes and ponds  
throughout the  
state. Eutrophica-

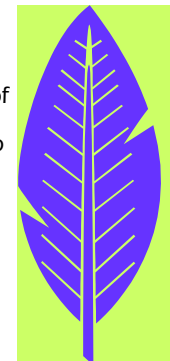


tion is a process whereby water bodies,  
such as lakes, estuaries, or slow moving  
streams receive excess nutrients that  
stimulate excessive plant growth. This  
enhanced plant growth, often called an  
algal bloom, reduces dissolved oxygen  
in the water and can cause other or-  
ganisms to die. Nutrients can come  
from many sources, and in the case of  
lakes and ponds, most come from sub-  
urban lawns and runoff from driveways  
and parking lots, in addition to the fer-  
tilizer applied to agricultural fields, and  
golf courses.

## How will this help?

Vegetative buffers of native trees and  
shrubs have countless benefits, all of  
which enhance and improve upon the  
value of your land as well as the prop-  
erty of your neighbors and the health  
of your lake or pond.

NEKLB can minimize  
the cause and effects of  
nutrient loading in two  
ways: through active  
restoration with the  
plantings, and out-  
reach & education.



Vegetated banks are  
more aesthetically pleasing, attract wild-  
life (especially birds), maintain a cooler  
temperature, improve fish habitat and  
swimming suitability, and enhance bio-  
diversity of your backyard!



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