

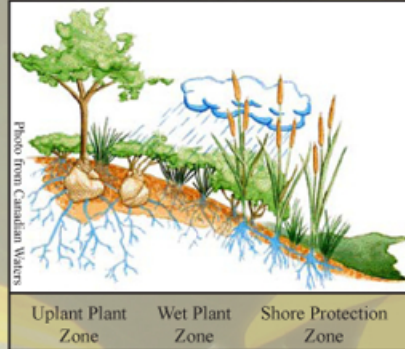
*Environmentally Friendly*

# *Native Landscape Solutions*

*A World of Possibilities...*

## *Lake Shore, Stormwater Pond, and Streambank Plantings*

Eroded shorelines often result from planting turf grass to the water's edge. Turf creates a "hard surface" allowing 55% of rainfall to run off, washing away valuable soil. Ecologists, water quality specialists, and lake managers all agree that a naturally-vegetated buffer is critical for the health of a waterbody. Shoreline plantings are beautiful ways to filter run-off, protect the shore, and provide habitat.



Shoreline plantings create a transition zone between the water's edge and your lawn. Understanding different plant species is necessary for planting success. Never plant invasive or prohibited plants along the shore.

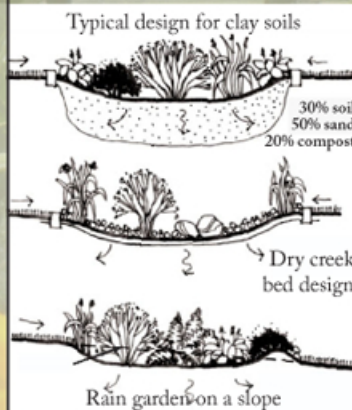
**Do not release any water garden plants or fish into Minnesota waters. They may become nuisance invaders that can cost millions of dollars to control.**

## *Rain Gardens*

Rainwater gardens are an attractive solution to saturated lawns, damp swales, and wet rights-of-way. Rain gardens filter pollution, conserve water, reduce flooding, create habitat, and help keep Minnesota's waters clean.

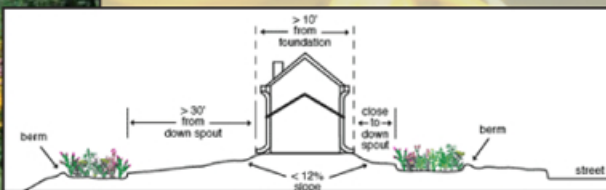


## *Rain Garden Design Options*



## *Management of Native Plantings*

Native plant communities require less long-term care than traditional turf-grass and ornamental landscapes. However, initial maintenance is critical for establishment of the plant's extensive root system. Careful application of herbicides, timely mowing schedules, controlled burns, and physical removal of exotic plants are the most effective management methods.



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