

**Shoreline Stabilization Application – Lake Poinsett Water Project District**

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO CALCULATE QUALIFYING INCENTIVE PAYMENT AND TO WHOM THE PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE. PLEASE NOTE IF PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE TO SOMEONE DIFFERENT.**

**\* PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY \***

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Lake site address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of shoreline stabilized: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following to the best of your knowledge:**

Y / N            Was rock added without completely reconstructing rip rap?

Y / N            Was the entire rip rap or wall built with new fabric or footings?

Y / N            Was Recyclex “root mat” installed 1-2 inches below the dirt surface?

If yes, how many feet have Recyclex installed? \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Y / N            Was a native grass seeding used for stabilization?

If yes, how many feet? \_\_\_\_\_ ft

Y / N            Were shrubs or shrubs with trees planted to form barrier?

If yes, how many feet? \_\_\_\_\_ ft

**Potted shrubs** can be planted throughout the non-winter months if available. when choosing a shoreline shrub or tree, use the Hardiness Zones of 3 or 4 as a guide. Choose Zone 3 if shrub will be fully exposed to north or west winds. **\$4/ft incentive.**

\***Qualifying shrubs** must be planted close enough together for the species to form a solid root base when mature. A minimum of 75% coverage (ie: 75ft of 100ft lot) is required for the shrub stabilization incentive. Shrub incentive will be based on actual length of shrub row planted, NOT lot width.

Because the incentive payment is limited by either 33% of the total cost of hard practice or a fixed rate per foot of \$10-22 for those specified practices (whichever is less), **INCLUDE ANY INVOICES**, sales receipts or labor bills. In kind ‘do it yourself’ labor is also a qualifying expense to consider.

Vegetative practices are not limited to the 33% rule and only subject to the payment per foot of length installed. Invoices and sales receipts are only used to verify purchase.

**Return this page to: [pantzkegina@gmail.com](mailto:pantzkegina@gmail.com) with LPWPD INCENTIVE REQUEST in the subject line**

**OR mail to: LPWPD, c/o Gina Pantzke, 242 E Lake Dr, Estelline, SD 57234-6615**

Because of the extreme fluctuations in water level of Lake Poinsett, stabilization work requires that historic level (1655.5 ft msl) of water and at least 3 ft additional wave protection height is necessary to be considered stable. Even this height does not guarantee that in extreme cases damage will not occur, but it has proven to minimize even the worst conditions when constructed properly. When a project is completed to this height (1658.5 ft) it may qualify for the maximum payment rate (\$22/ft). If either by owner choice or lack of sufficient elevation on property to reach 1658.5 ft, the LPWPD will only provide a maximum incentive of \$10/ft, knowing that the shoreline will not be stable during flood conditions and will in all likelihood, fail and need to be redone.

Projects where finished hard practice (rock or concrete) are at or above 1658.5 ft are not required to have any additional protection to lawn areas above, but are encouraged to use some of the options available for additional incentive payments.

Projects where finished hard practice (rock or concrete) are at or below 1658.5, are required to have at least one additional practice utilized in the vegetative area to provide stabilization. Practices which are acceptable are:

1. [Recyclex TRM](#) “root mat” installed under turf grass
2. Native grass
3. Row of shrubs or shrubs with trees

The incentive payment for rock or wall work is based on the type and extent of the work done, total cost, completed elevation and a maximum incentive schedule. Please answer all questions on page 1 when you feel your project is completed and submit for incentive inspection.

#### **More info:**

“Recyclex TRM” with hold down pins is available in 8”x90’ rolls from [Millborn Seeds](#), Brookings SD 888-498-7333

Some local contractors are also carrying Recyclex and will sell partial rolls. Eligible \$4ft / one 8’ pass.

A native grass mix for Lake Poinsett has been packaged to cover 1000 sq ft at [Millborn Seeds](#). In addition, a slow release fertilizer to establish new grass is available along with the “Curlex” shredded aspen blanket that is used to prevent seed from being washed out by rain during establishment. Our project recommends all these products as being helpful in getting a grassed area started. \$2/ft

Turf grasses do not qualify for incentive payment, but we do recommend if using turf grasses to include Tall Fescue as a major component to any seed mix being used for mowed lawns. Tall Fescue has a deeper root system than many of the other turf grasses. No incentive.

#### **Optional considerations for shoreline stabilization:**

1. 2010 peak elevation was 1656.5, 2011 peak elevation so far was 1657.5, nearly everything below 1658.5 was flooded at some time. Areas with 10:1 slopes above the full level of 1650.5 to 1658.5 prior to the peak level had no loss of shoreline to actually gaining material along shoreline. Areas without established protection to the 1658.5 level suffered soil erosion or had man-made structures (decks, stair, landscape block walls, patio pavers, terraces) torn apart. Areas previously protected to the standard 1657.5 had damage that ranged from very minor if the protection held to quite extensive if the protection measure failed. Given these results, it would seem prudent that if stabilization structures are to be installed that the minimum top height be 1658.5 to minimize erosion, but that 1660.5 be a desired level if erosion cannot be tolerated by the lot owner.

2. The majority of field rock rip rap structures held and are still in place. Those that did fail had at least one of the following deficiencies (listed in order of importance):

- a. fabric was not used under rock
- b. fabric was placed in vertical position rather than horizontal position
- c. fabric was not lapped the minimum 3 ft or had been torn from other activity
- d. rock was sloped less than the minimum 3:1 – or more preferred 4:1 slope
- e. the base or first rock layer used was less than the 14 inch minimum diameter or approximate 50#

The only difference or advantage with fractured, quartzite or granite rock is that the minimum slope could be 2:1 slope as all other requirements are exactly the same. Some sites survived having the deficiencies (a-d) by overkill with rock in excess of 4 ft thick, but unless the rock still has the minimum weight, they still fall apart.

A good rip rap job that doesn't cut corners is still a good solid design but needs to accommodate the highest elevations of water.

3. Vertical walls as stabilization (poured concrete, steel or concrete block) must be built with sufficient footings and are only good if at least one of the following are also included:

- a. the down splash area is stabilized by rock (not sand) with fabric, poured concrete or cement joined block
- b. the down splash area is grassed with sufficient built in surface inlet drains
- c. sloped rock are placed in front of the wall to break the forces of the waves.

4. Monster concrete block is currently being used but are only acting as wave breakers and not stabilization components. There are some designs and installations where blocks are erected by offsetting and creating something like a 28% back slope or 6" back for every 18-24" up, but while making the wall slightly more stable it will result in great water splashing up and over and require the protected down splash area. These may be advantageous in high bank areas near deep water, but would not be the solution where homes are close to the water to begin with although they may be promoted just for those sites.

## Information for Vegetation Practices

**Root mats:** This refers to a product made of non-biodegradable material that is covered completely with 1-2 inches of soil and seeded. The purpose of the product is to allow the individual grass plants and roots to grow through and become one large connected unit of deeply anchored protection.

A trade name product "Recyclex TRM " is an example. Recyclex is made from shredded plastic pop bottles sewn into a plastic grid. For more information on 'Recyclex', click on the following link:

<https://americanexcelsior.com/erosion-control/>

**Native South Dakota grasses:** Grasses which have survived here for 1000s of years without care of man. Acclimated to our temperatures and moisture conditions. Basically all common native prairie grasses have roots 5 ft or more deep regardless of leaf height versus the 2-3 inch roots of turf type grasses.

**Short native grasses:** Buffalo Grass, Blue Grama – these grasses only reach 4-6 inches leaf height but have 5 ft or deeper roots. Blue Grama establishes the easier of the two from seed, but the Buffalo Grass will fill in and

mat the fastest after started. Buffalo Grass plugs are often used because of this. A combination planting of these two species is acceptable. Once established, extremely low maintenance.

**Medium height native grasses:** Side Oats Grama, Little Bluestem, Green Needle Grass – reach a height of 8-15 inches leaf height. These SD natives are commonly easy to establish. Side Oats' unique seed head produces subtle color of miniature flowers in June, while Little Bluestem turns red for winter color. Green Needle Grass is a cool season grass and will bring green earlier than most native grasses. All three grasses are favorites of seed eating small birds.

**Tall height native grasses:** Big Bluestem, Indian Grass, Switch Grass – These three grasses were the anchor grasses of the Tallgrass Prairie which surrounded Lake Poinsett. With a leaf height of 3 feet and roots of 8-10 feet deep, these grasses prevented the prairie from erosion of any kind. Soft leaves turn from light green to reds and tans followed by sturdy seed stems and intricate seed heads at eye level in September and October.

**Shrubs:** Shrubs capable of Zone 3-4 winter hardiness are acceptable for shoreline stabilization. Trees can also be included within shrub rows. Lot owners should decide the qualities they would prefer when selecting shrubs. Mature height, color and texture of foliage, flowering or fruiting habits, deciduous or coniferous, suckering or non-spreading all need to be understood before purchasing. Conservation Districts carry several dozen varieties as bare root plantings, but normally these are only available for April or May planting, then Districts shut down their operations. Ordering these shrubs takes place in the fall for the following year planting. Retail nurseries generally have potted shrubs available for late Spring, Summer and early Fall planting. Quality nurseries specialize in fewer varieties of improved cultivars at high prices. Make certain of the winter hardiness from either retail or online sources of improved varieties. A good reference for hardy shrubs and trees for this area can be found at: <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/trees/handbook/ndhand-1.htm>

Incentive Rates for Stabilization Practices per Lineal Foot of Shoreline Stabilized						
Type of grass or erosion	Grass Seed No Root Mat	Grass seed and 8 ft wide root mats	Grass seed and shrubs; no root mat	Grass seed, 8ft wide root mats and shrubs	Shrubs Only	
Turf grass planted on previously eroded lawn	Not eligible for stabilization incentive	Option A \$4	Not eligible for stabilization incentive	Option B \$8		
Native grass planted on previously eroded lawn	Option C \$2	Option D \$6	Option E \$6	Option F \$10		
No erosion to lawn site, convert to native buffer stabilization	Option G \$2				Option H \$4	
Hard Stabilization Practices	****	To receive Hard Practice Incentive funds: Must choose an acceptable Option from above choice of acceptable options depends on finished elevation of hard practice.				
	Complete Rebuild with fabric	Repair w/fabric &/or rock & previous cost shared sites				
Finished hard practice elevation minimum 1658.5 ft (2011 maximum static flood level was 1657.5)	\$22/ft shoreline rebuilt	\$10/ft of shoreline repaired	Available Options ->	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
Finished hard practice elevation below 1658.5 ft	\$10/ft shoreline rebuilt	\$10/ft of shoreline repaired	Available Options ->	B, D, F		