

## **Mission Statement**

Working toward the  
preservation of an  
ecologically sound  
Lake Maxinkuckee and  
its surrounding  
watershed

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NO ONE CAN DO  
EVERYTHING  
BUT  
EVERYONE  
CAN DO  
SOMETHING.

*~ Max Lucado*

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## **Healthy Shorelines**

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## ZONING ORDINANCE

It is the responsibility of each landowner to ensure that any portion of precipitation from such sources as rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water that flows over the ground surface be contained within their lot or channeled to an appropriate storm sewer, ditch, or stream. **This is to avoid runoff directly into the lake.**

### Final Review

Final review on storm water collection and release design for new construction is subject to approval of the Culver Plan Commission's Technical Review Committee or their designee for sites with 3,999 square feet or less of impervious surface. Sites with 4,000 square feet or more of impervious surface shall be subject to review by the Marshall County Drainage Board.

### Current Recommendation

Current recommendation on all L-1 properties is to have the property owner install a catch basin if their storm water goes to the lake.

***Why not install a  
raingarden!***

## Lakeside Living

### HEALTHY SHORELINES

#### ◇ CREATE A NATURAL SHORELINE

Homeowners often worry that a natural shoreline will look messy, but with proper planning, a natural shoreline can be an incredibly beautiful, low maintenance landscape feature without interfering with recreation

#### ◇ INCLUDE NATIVE & POLLINATOR FRIENDLY PLANTS

You might not immediately see the connection between birds and bugs and clean water, but it's a connection that is growing every year—literally! Pollinators are crucial to the food web and native plants are the lynchpin of that web

#### ◇ ADD MORE PERVIOUS SURFACES

Zoning requires less than 50% of your property be impervious surface. Maintaining a greater percentage of pervious surface better mimics nature and keeps polluted stormwater out of the lake



#### ◇ DON'T FEED WATERFOWL

Feeding waterfowl is one of the biggest reasons that these populations have spiraled out of control. The single most important thing *you* can do to help protect water quality and human health is to **STOP** feeding ducks, geese and swans.

## Remember.....



### Keep the Plants— They Aren't Just Weeds!

When lakeshore lots are developed native trees, shrubs and plants are typically replaced by lawns. Shorelines are "cleaned up" and the plants removed from in the lake. Once the vegetation is gone, the fish and wildlife are gone too!

### Is it a Goose or Lawn Problem?

Canada geese are grazers and that means lawns offer a perfect, all you can eat buffet! They love a gently rolling slope with short vegetation at the water's edge. It provides a clear line of vision to avoid would-be predators and provides them easy access to the water. Creating a buffer strip of tall thick vegetation typically deters geese from using this shoreline.

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