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Open the Door to Clean Lakes!

**Clean lakes need
healthy lakeshores!**

- **Grow native plants and trees along the lakeshore.**
- **Keep fallen trees and logs in shallow waters – fish need them!**
- **Mow tall and fertilize less to keep out pollutants.**
- **Plant a rain garden to absorb rain water.**
- **On driveways and paths, use surfaces that allow rain to soak in.**

**Healthy lakeshores
need you!**

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Make a Difference!

**Planting native plants,
trees, and flowers along
the water's edge:**

- **Protects lakes from pollution**
- **Provides habitat for bass, trout, and other fish**
- **Helps property values**
- **Prevents erosion**
- **Reduces your carbon footprint**
- **Increases aesthetic beauty**

**Learn more about healthy
lakeshores:**

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