

# St. Croix/Eau Claire Headwaters Watershed

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## St. Croix-Eau Claire Headwaters Watershed: Funding for Healthy Lakes Projects on Lake Properties

There is funding available to install simple water quality and shoreland habitat projects along lakeshores in the St. Croix-Eau Claire Headwaters Watershed. Projects that are eligible for funding assistance include rain gardens, native planting along shorelines, fish sticks, water diversions, and water infiltration. The funding comes from a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Midwest Glacial Lakes partnership grant that provides up to \$1000 per project. The projects are intended to be simple enough that most typical lakeshore properties would benefit from one or multiple projects. There are people available to give guidance, visit sites, and provide technical assistance for landowners interested in utilizing the funding assistance to improve their properties. Landowners are encouraged to use guidance available from the website to assess their own properties and think of ideas to control erosion and runoff or improve habitat before requesting a site visit with one of the program leaders. More information will be distributed through lake associations, community meetings, and other local events. There is a brief information session about the program and available funding assistance planned for 6:00-7:00pm on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center in Solon Springs. For more information about the session, visit [www.douglascountywi.org/watershed](http://www.douglascountywi.org/watershed). For more information about healthy lakes projects, go to <http://tinurl.com/healthylakes> or contact Carrie Sanda, Watershed Coordinator, [csanda@uwsuper.edu](mailto:csanda@uwsuper.edu) or (715)394-8525.

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