

Friends of Big Birch Lake Award

The Award is to recognize a Big Birch Lake property owner who employs the use of native vegetation and mostly natural materials to landscape their lakeshore property in a manner that not only complies with local shoreland regulations, but goes further to protect the shoreline's environmental integrity in a way that can potentially improve water quality. Entries and nominations will be accepted on any Big Birch Lake lakeshore property or adjacent property that affects the water quality of Big Birch Lake. The winner of this award will receive a prize and be recognized at the BBLA Annual Meeting. The winner will also receive recognition in the local print media.

Eligibility: property must be located on or impact the water quality of Big Birch Lake – Stearns and Todd County, Minnesota.

Entries will be accepted from any homeowner, lake association, local government unit or other interested party. Entries must be postmarked by July 15, of the award year. There are no award entry fees.

To nominate a project worthy of recognition either submit a completed application or simply complete the first part of the application, and the Friends of the Big Birch Lake Award Committee will contact the nominee to see if they wish to be considered for the award.

Judging Criteria:

1. Compliance with shoreland standards for setbacks, vegetation maintenance, percent of impervious surface density, etc.
2. Use of native vegetation and natural materials in plantings/landscaping.
3. Maintenance of aquatic vegetation.
4. Degree of natural vegetation (especially in shoreland area, but may include upland vegetation if applicable).
5. Aesthetics
6. Minimal impact solutions to problems encountered.
7. Other environmental factors such as energy-efficient designs, minimization of light pollution, use of pervious pavement and earth-friendly materials or certified lumber.

Judges will be a panel selected by the Big Birch Lake Association. No more than one award will be made annually. Please direct questions to Kent Trulson, 320-285-2078 or ktrulson@good-sam.com

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Must be mailed by July 15, of the award year to be considered

Check One: Entry (*complete application*) Nomination (*complete at least first half*)

Property Location (address): _____

Owner's Name: _____

Owner's Telephone # _____

Brief Property Description (why nominated): _____

Nominated By (name and telephone, if applicable) _____

*****For nominations only, you may stop here. For complete entries, please fill out the remainder of the application.**

Please describe in detail the property. The information provided should address the judging criteria. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Please describe the vegetation that is either on the shoreline of the property or was used for a lakescaping project.

Please check the following materials that are being submitted. *Note: some are required.*

- Photograph of the property from the lake (required).
 - Photo of lakescaping project (if applicable).
 - Photograph of lakeshore before lakescaping project (optional).
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I, the undersigned certify the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge, and I agree to allow photographs and drawings to be displayed or published for the purpose of showing examples of lakescaping.

Name(s)

Date

Mail to: BBLA, P.O. Box 342, Grey Eagle, MN 56336