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Bioengineering Story Map and New Shoreline Resources

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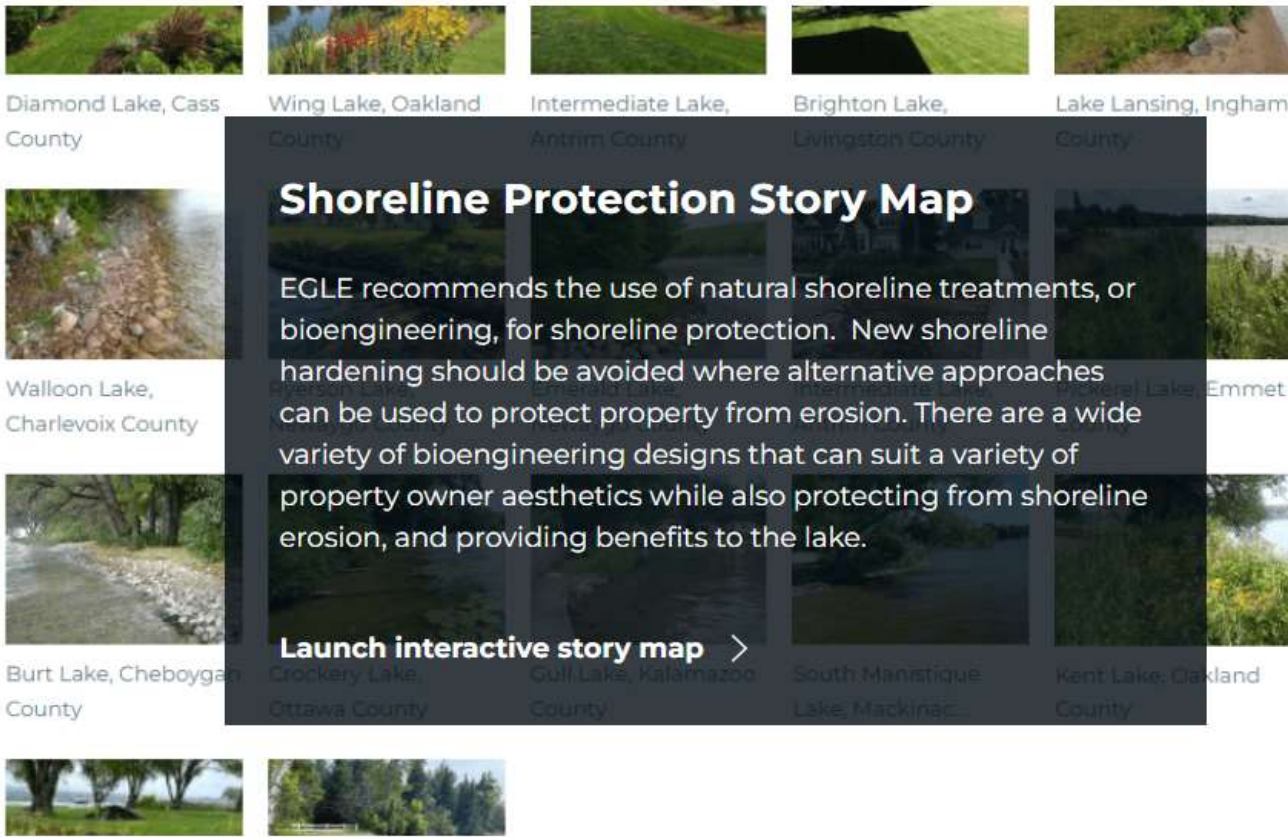


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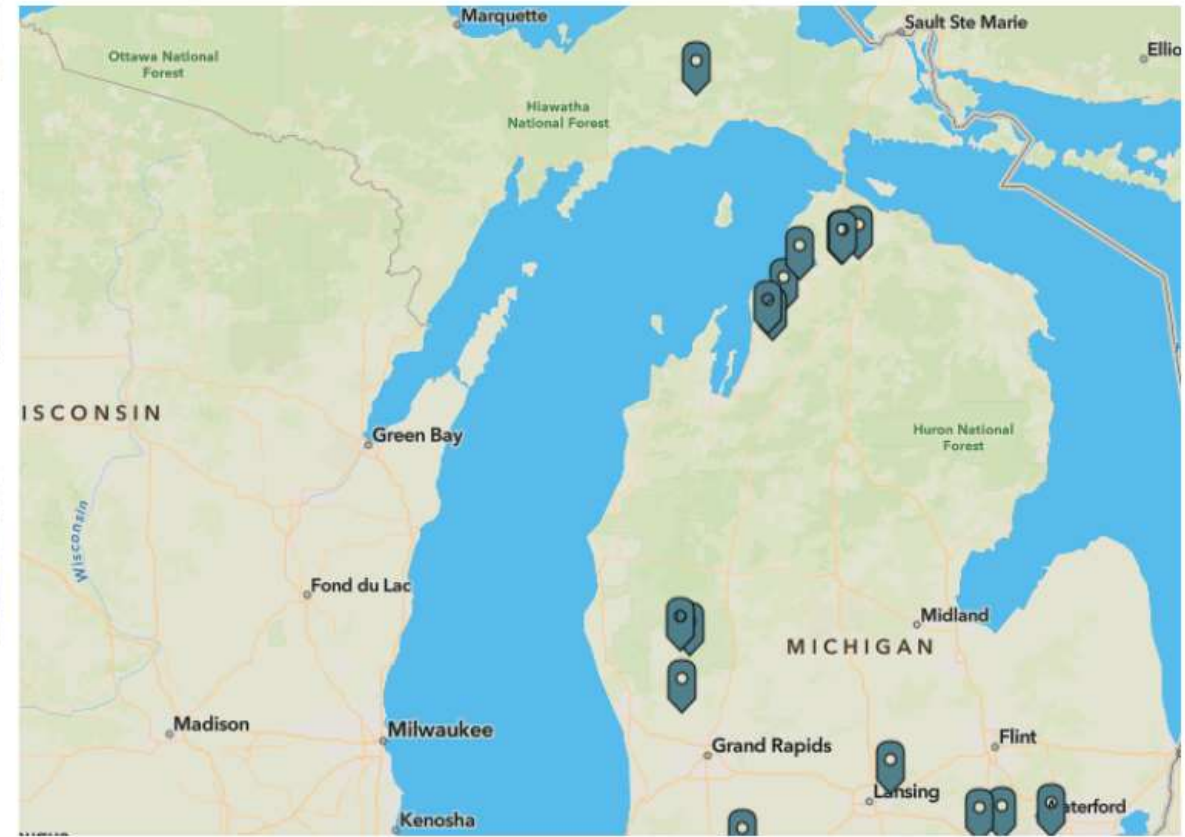
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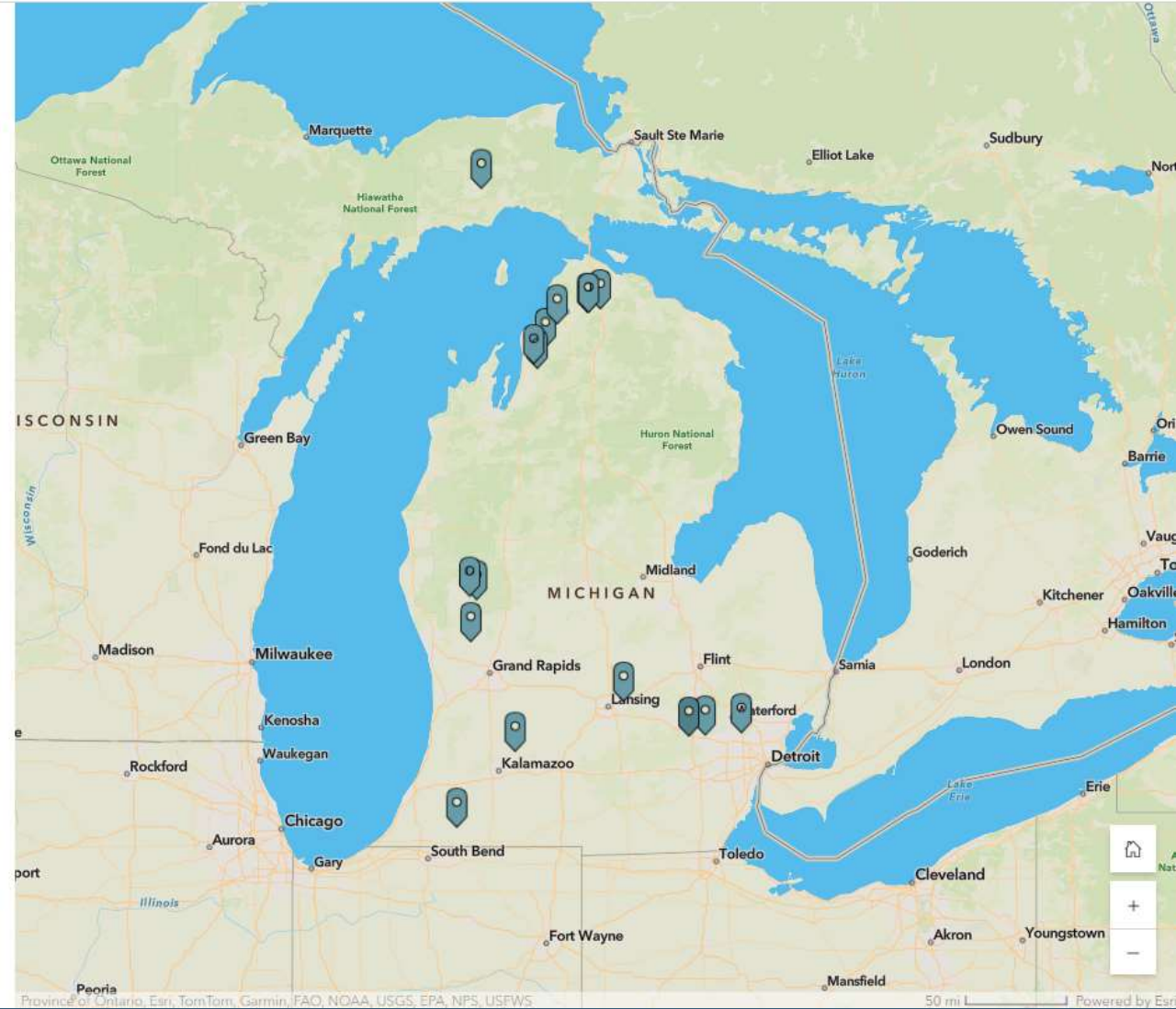
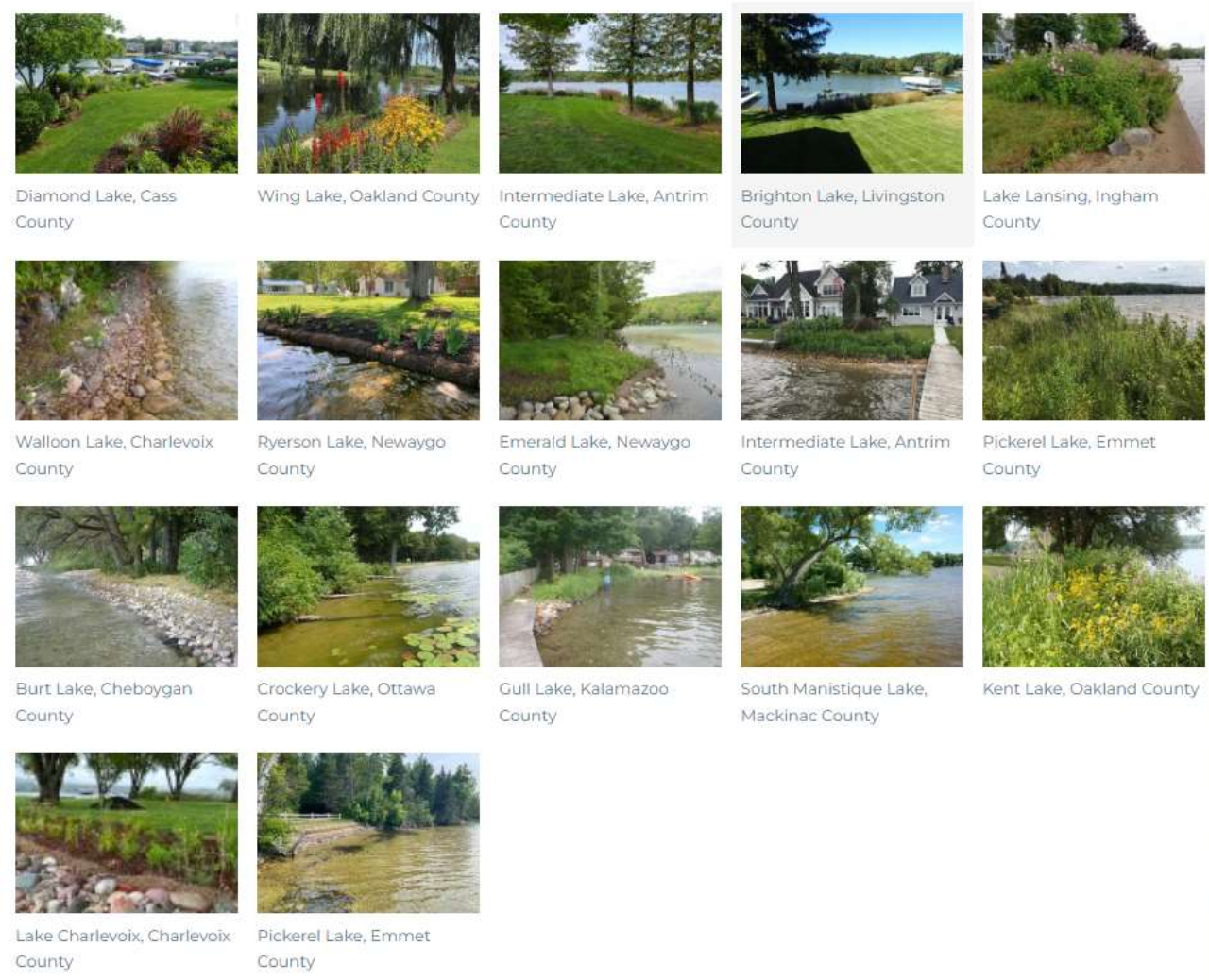


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Bioengineered Shoreline Protection on Inland Lakes

Examples of some best management practices for shoreline protection on inland lakes of Michigan





Diamond Lake, Cass County

Picture Description: The first and second pictures show the installed bioengineering project in 2021. The third image is the plans submitted with the permit application. The last picture shows this shoreline in 2017 before bioengineering was installed.

Design: Lower-energy bioengineering

Installation date: 2017

Estimated wave height classification: Lower energy (0 - <1ft.) [Link to assessment](#)

Consultant/Contractor: Upstream Waters Landscape, then North Star Landscape Design & Installation

Total cost: ~\$277 per linear foot. Included in that cost was the demolition and removal of the existing concrete seawall

Materials list:

Plant list: *Carex bricknelli*, various sedges, lilies, and vegetated coir mats, in addition to mixed upland plantings of native and hybrid plants.

Yearly maintenance activity: Weeding and plant trimming

Yearly maintenance cost: Approximately \$1,500

More information:



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Ryerson Lake, Newaygo County

Picture Description: The first and second pictures show the installed bioengineering project in 2021. The third picture is the plans submitted with the permit application. The last picture shows this shoreline in 2019 before bioengineering was installed.

Design: Bioengineering

Installation date: 2020

Estimated wave height classification: Lower energy (0 - <1ft.)

Consultant/Contractor: Homeowner installed

Total cost: \$19 per linear foot. \$600 for the coir log, \$150 for the plants total for the 40 feet of shoreline.

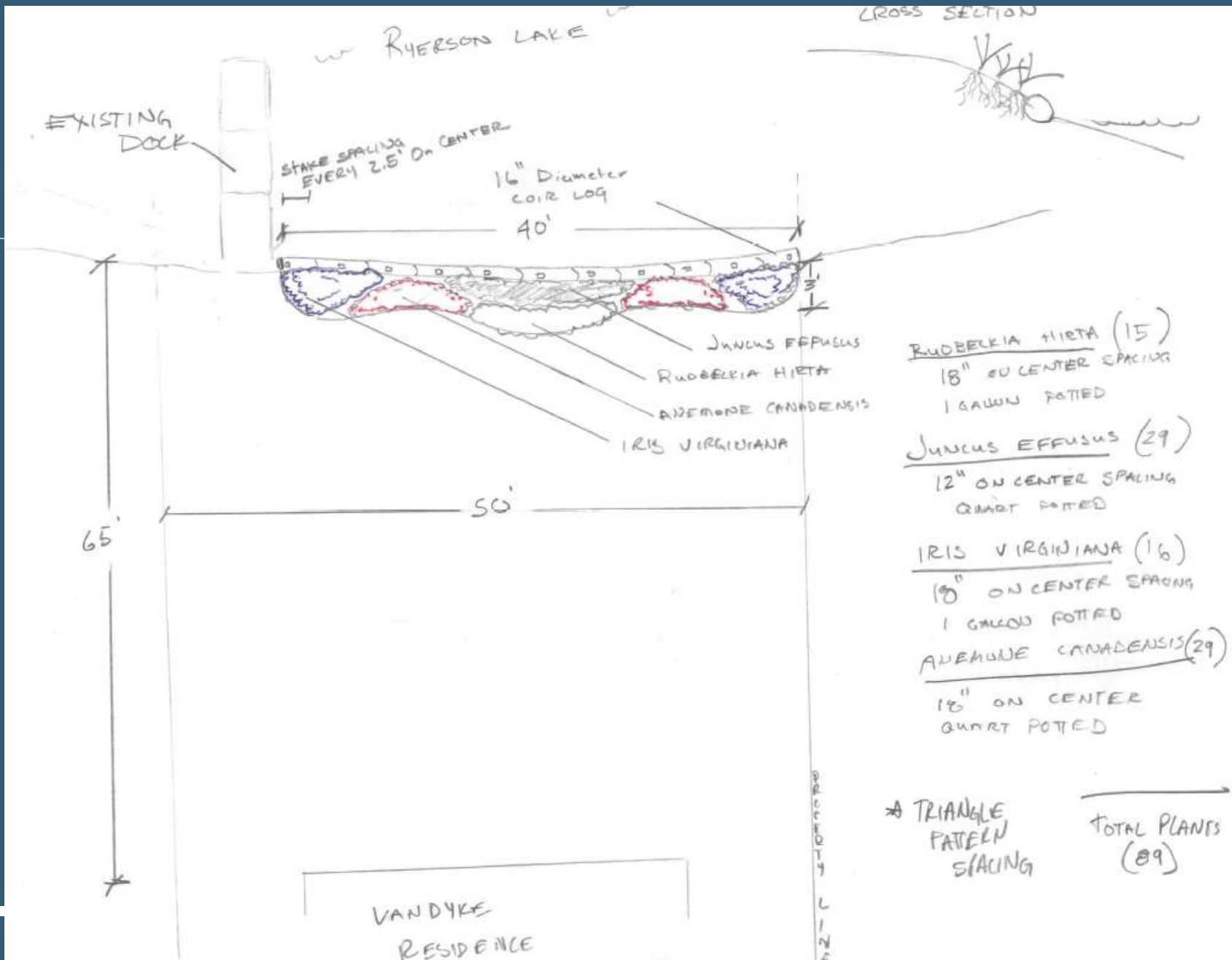
Materials List:

Plant list: *Rudbeckia hirta*, *Juncus effusus*, *Iris virginiana*, *Anemone canadensis*

Yearly maintenance activity: Small amount of weeding

Yearly maintenance cost: No maintenance





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- RUDBECKIA HIETA (15)
 18" ON CENTER SPACING
 1 GALLON POTTED
- JUNCUS EFFUSUS (29)
 12" ON CENTER SPACING
 QUART POTTED
- IRIS VIRGINIANA (16)
 18" ON CENTER SPACING
 1 GALLON POTTED
- ANEMONE CANADENSIS (29)
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★ TRIANGLE
 PATTERN
 SPACING

TOTAL PLANTS
 (89)







Intermediate Lake, Antrim County

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Design: Biotechnical

Installation date: 2018

Estimated wave height classification: Moderately higher energy (>1.5 - ≤2ft.). [Link to assessment](#)

Consultant/Contractor: David Spieser, Habitat Landscape LLC

Total cost: Information coming soon!

Materials list:

Plant list: *Schizachyrium scoparium* ('The Blues' cultivar), *Schoenoplectus*, *Carex*, *Iris*, *Baptisia australis*, *Amsonia taebernaemontana*, *Rhus* cultivar ('Gro Low')

Yearly maintenance activity: Information coming soon!

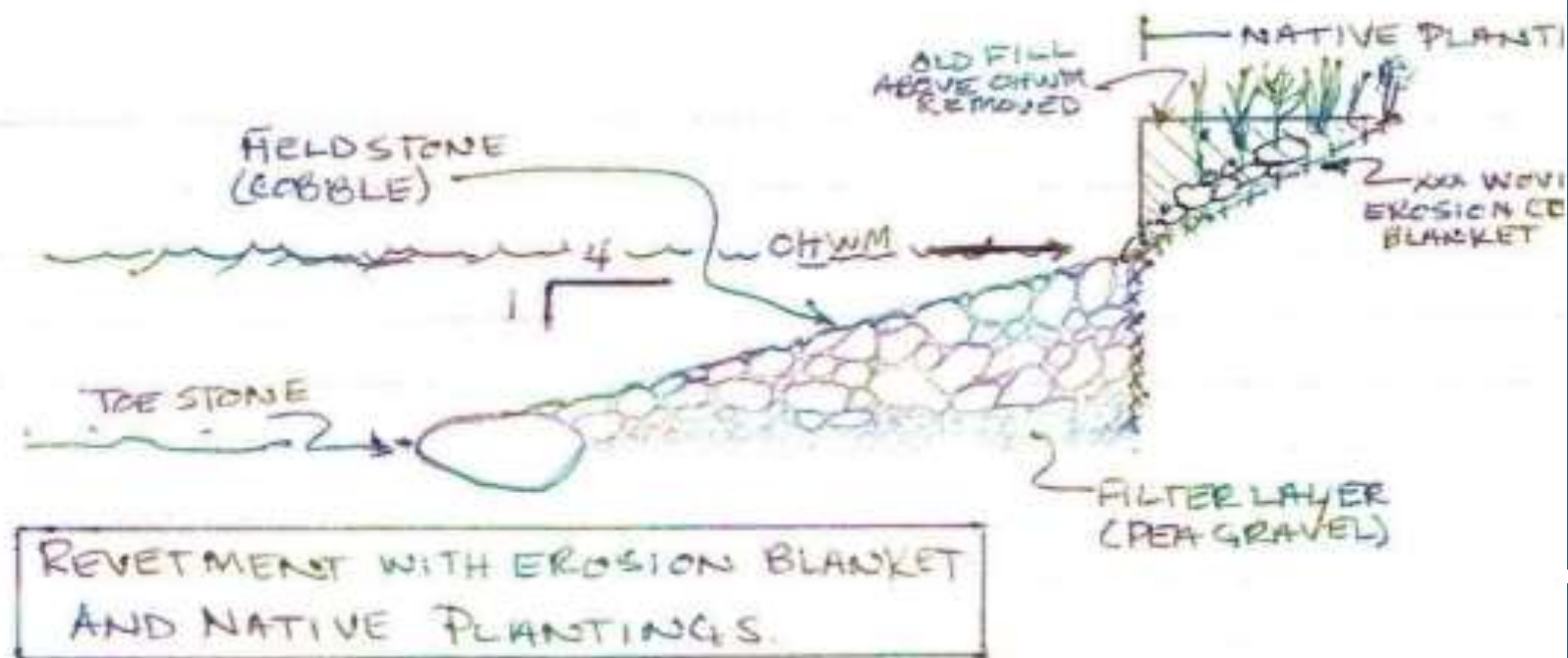
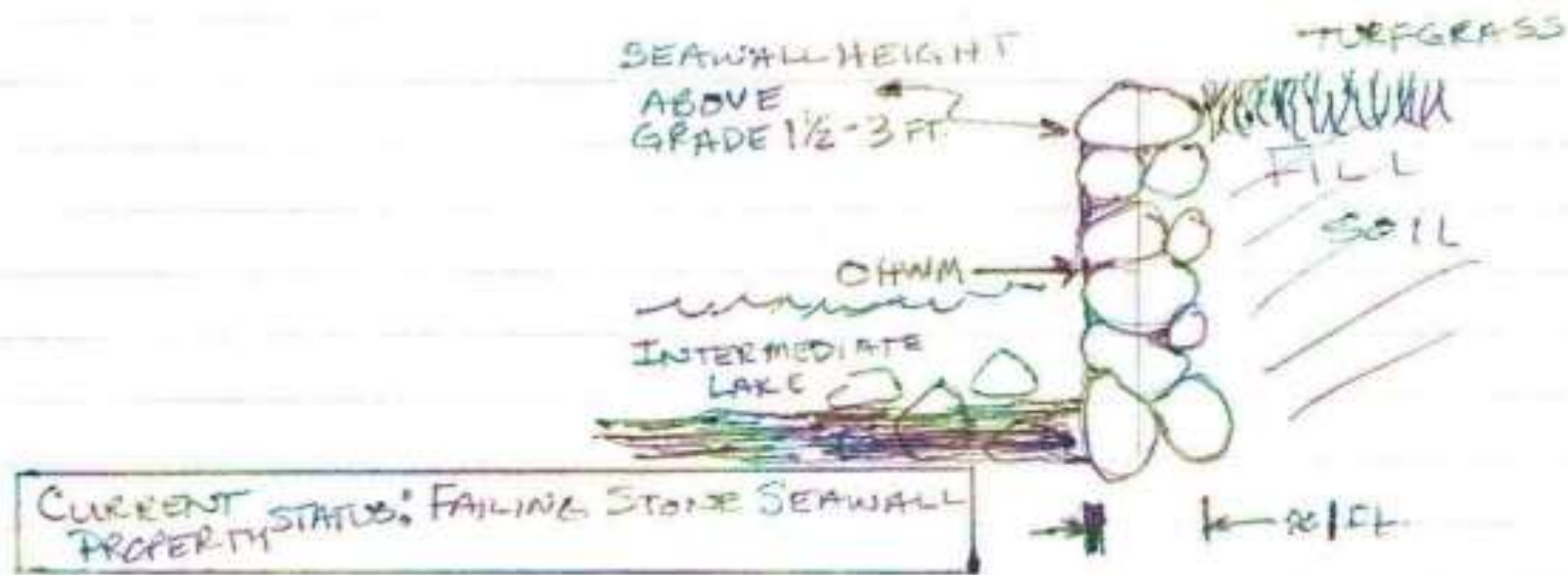
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More information: Estimated nutrient load reduction as a result of this project is 16.2 tons of sediment, 13.8 pounds of phosphorus, and 27.6 pounds of nitrogen.



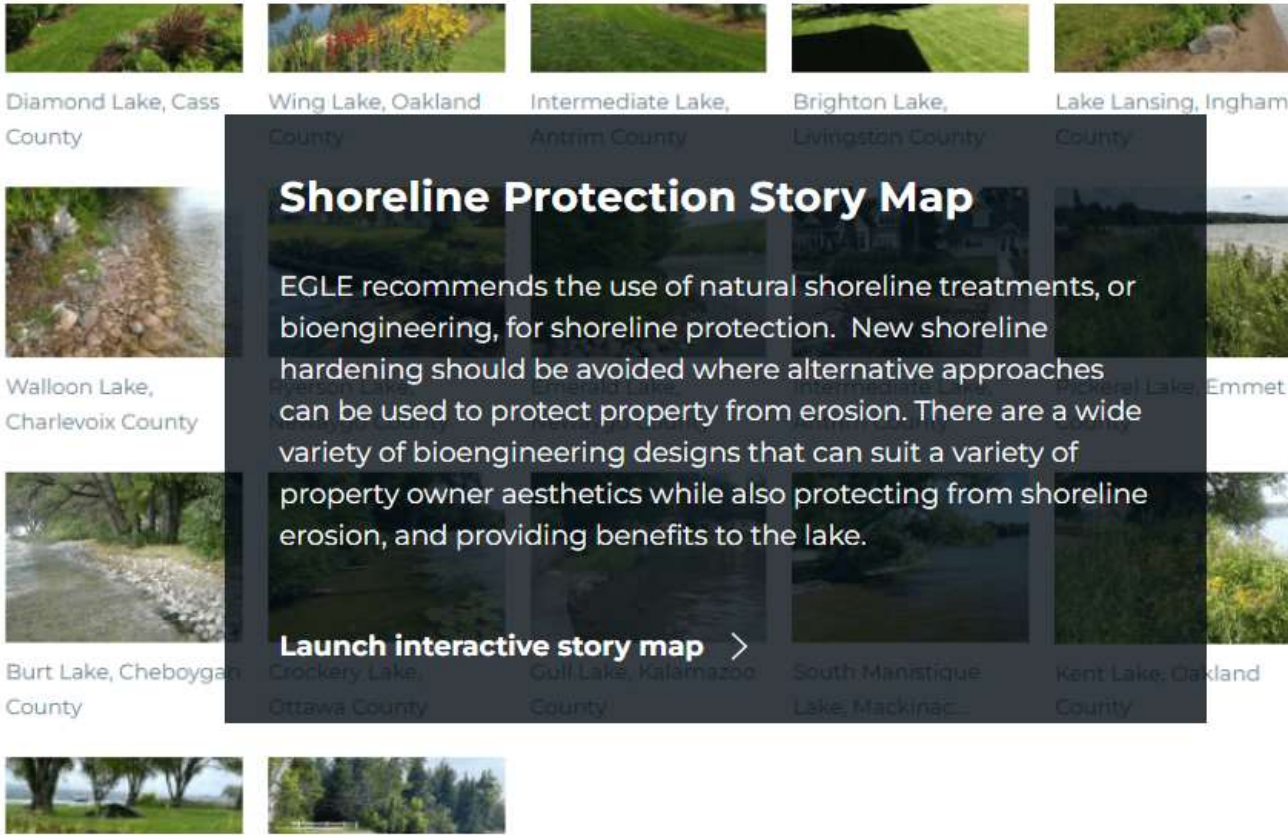


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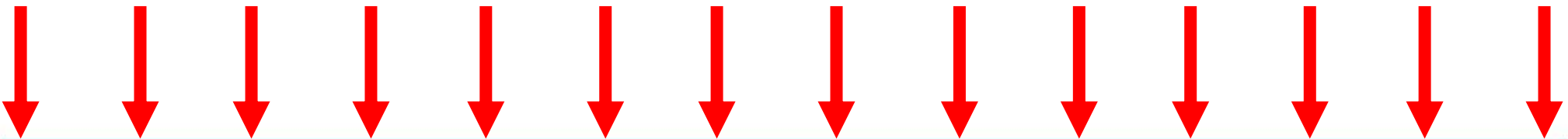
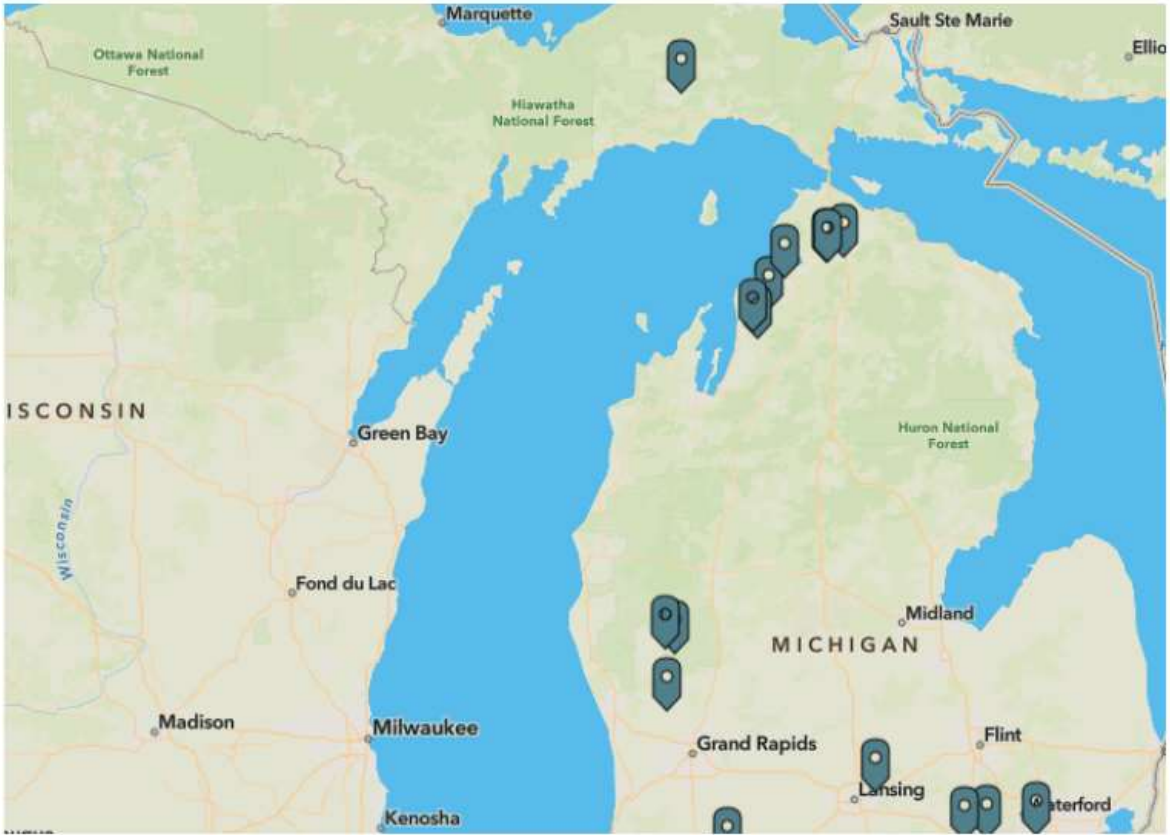
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EGLE Bioengineering Survey



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WE'D LOVE TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR
PROPERTY!!!

We would like to use information about your shoreline bioengineering project for promotional and educational purposes such as including it in the [Bioengineering Storymap!](#) Please use this form to provide information on your inland lake bioengineering project.

Please use one form per property or project.



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A background image of a lake with a forested shoreline in the distance under a blue sky. The water is dark blue with some white foam from a wake in the foreground.

Inland Lake Shoreline Energy Assessment Instructions

This manual provides instructions and explanation on the Inland Lake Shoreline Energy Assessment Tool



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This shoreline assessment was built to aid inland lake homeowners, contractors, consultants, and other interested parties in evaluating shoreline energy potential on inland lake shoreline properties. Included in the shoreline assessment are some questions that can be used to inform shoreline protection design.

It is recommended this shoreline assessment be completed on a desktop computer and not on a mobile device. This must be completed in one sitting and cannot be saved.

Section I: Wave Energy Information

For questions about this section, please [review these instructions](#).

Inland Lake Shoreline Energy Analysis Submission Report

Submitter Information

Full Name: **Eric Calabro**
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 Cassopolis, Michigan, 49031, Cass Count**



Unique ID: 3

Submitted: 04/03/24

Wave Energy Information

Maximum Fetch Distance: **0.24mi**
 Water Depths on Fetch Line: **9ft**
 2nd Fetch Depth: **6ft**
 3rd Fetch Depth: **11ft**
 4th Fetch Depth: **15ft**
 5th Fetch Depth: **12ft**
 Average Depth along Maximum Fetch Line: **10.6ft**

Distance to a Water Depth of 2ft:

The 2ft depth contour is less than 50ft from shoreline

Highest Level of Boating Activity:

Motor boating above no-wake speed on 200-500ft of the property

Estimated Storm-Wave Height Classification: **lower energy**

Estimated Boating Activity Wave Height Classification: **lower energy**

Wave height (ft.)	Estimated wave height classification
0 - <1	lower energy
1 - ≤1.5	moderately lower energy
>1.5 - ≤2	moderately higher energy
>2	higher energy

Estimated Wave Height Classification Comments: **No additional comments at this time**

Erosion and shoreline conditions: **No erosion apparent**

Unique ID: 3

Submitted: April 3, 2024 6:18 PM

Erosion Photos:



No erosion occurring at this property

Bank Height: **Less than 1ft**
 Water Level: **At Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM)**
 Shoreline and Buffer Vegetation: **50% or less of the area 35ft landward of the OHWM along the shoreline contains a majority of trees, shrubs, flowers, and native grasses**
 Aquatic Vegetation: **Scattered/patchy vegetation**
 Infrastructure Distance: **50+ ft**

Comments or Questions:

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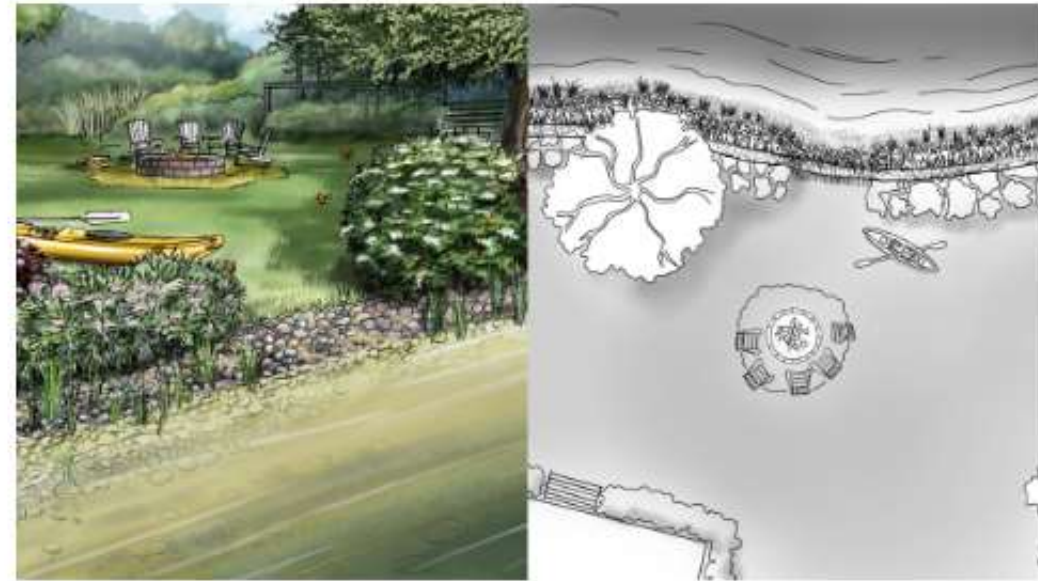


Example 1. Higher Energy Site ←

Example 1 Assessment Report

The combination of the following shoreline assessment results has shown this site to have a relatively high erosive potential and energy level:

- The 3.3 mile fetch and the average depth along the maximum fetch line, in combination with the 2ft depth contour being less than 50ft from the shoreline resulted in the estimated storm-wave height classification of "moderately high energy".
- Wake surfing occurring 200-500ft of the shoreline, in combination with the 2ft depth contour being less than 50ft from the shoreline resulted in the the estimated boating activity wave height classification of "moderately high energy" .
- The majority of the shoreline being mowed turf grass, and the lack of aquatic vegetation increase the erosive potential at this site.



Example plans for a higher-energy bioengineering project.

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