

Resources, Links, About Us

Brief Videos

How to Seed and Plant Natives, MNL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8AOLSvuLE0>

How to Stabilize Your Shore with Erosion Control Fabric, Crow Wing SWCD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d81wN8xzqjw>

Restore Your Shore with Coir Logs Crow Wing SWCD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d81wN8xzqjw>

Nurseries and Landscapers

[Minnesota Native Landscapes – Otsego MN](#)

Prairie Moon Nursery - 32115 Prairie Lane, Winona, MN

<https://www.prairiemoon.com>

Landscape Alternatives - 25316 St Croix Trail N, Shafer, MN 55074

[Landscapealternatives](#)

County Resources

Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District –

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Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District –

[Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District](#)

Interesting and informative Links

Natural Shorelines for Inland Lakes

[The Water's Edge](#) Helping fish and wildlife on your lakeshore property, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

[How to use native plants for landscaping and restoration in Minnesota](#), Minnesota Department of Natural Resource

<https://pollinatorfriendlyyards.com/>

<https://ny.audubon.org/conservation/lawn-pesticides>

About Us

Gull Chain of Lakes Association (GCOLA)

gcola.org

[Take the Quiz!](#)

[Lake Steward](#)

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Dorothy Whitmer is perhaps best known for flunking a “Score Your Shore”- type quiz about her stewardship of her lakeshore property in 2016. After founding GCOLA Lake Steward with Sheila and Kris in 2019 and earning the Lake Steward Award in 2020, she walks outside her home to hear a chorus of birds and to see dragonflies, butterflies and hummingbirds. Her family still loves playing lawn games, but now the ball never rolls into the lake.

Sheila Johnston
Minnesota Master Naturalist
Chair, Loon Conservancy Committee of GCOLA
Member, Lake Steward Committee

Sheila Johnston is an accomplished naturalist and teacher, but she is best known for her fire and passion. She is herself a force of nature in defending our natural environment. We simply could not carry on without her.

Kris Driessen
Naturalist
Member, Lake Steward Committee

Kris Driessen is the kind and gentle naturalist who personifies nature at its finest. She can stroke the softness of a bee with one finger! There is a spell she casts when walking in forested areas; we all wish to know what she knows and to see the world as she sees it.