

**Pokegama Lake Association  
Resolution #2022-001**

**Establishing a Conservation Practice Reimbursement Program**

**Whereas**, Pokegama Lake (the Lake) is on the State of Minnesota's impaired waters list, and

**Whereas**, significant shoreland run-off is detrimental to water quality, and

**Whereas**, various conservation practices can reduce nutrients and sediment from entering the watershed, and

**Whereas**, the purpose of the Pokegama Lake Association (the PLA) is the promotion and improvement of the understanding and comprehensive management of Pokegama Lake of Pine County and its watershed for public use,

**Now therefore**, the Pokegama Lake Association implements a program to help its members offset the costs of installing conservation practices on their properties that will protect and improve water quality by controlling soil erosion and reducing sedimentation. Such practices may include, but are not limited to, buffer strips, rain gardens, or grassy swales.

The Pokegama Lake Association will reimburse up to \$500.00 to any PLA member who installs an approved conservation project (Project) on their property abutting the Lake if the following conditions are met.

1. The Project is recommended and designed by the Pine County Soil and Water Conservation District (Pine SWCD) or an approved shoreland specialist.
2. Prior to commencement of the Project, it is reviewed and approved by the Pokegama Lake Association Board and/or the Pine County Soil and Water Conservation District board.
3. Only after an approval letter and contract is received by the landowner can construction begin. If construction begins before the contract has been approved, the project is not eligible for this cost share assistance.
4. The landowner is responsible for full installation of the project before the deadline listed on the contract.
5. Cost share reimbursement will be made only after completion, inspection, and approval of the completed project by the Pine SWCD.
6. Cost share reimbursement of up to \$500 will be made directly to the landowner, not to the contractor.
7. The landowner is responsible to pay, in full, all receipts and invoices directly to the contractor or vendor.

The Pokegama Lake Association encourages members participating in this program to also seek cost sharing through the Pine SWCD. The Pine SWCD can reimburse up to 75% of the cost of the project for approved conservation practices, dependent on available funds. The Pokegama Lake Association's cost share reimbursement of up to \$500 may be counted towards the remaining 25% of the cost of the project.

For more information on approved conservation practices, landowners should contact the Pine SWCD office at [www.pineswcd.com](http://www.pineswcd.com) or (320) 216-4240.

Approved by the Pokegama Lake Association Board on the 16th day of July, 2022

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Tom Rice, President