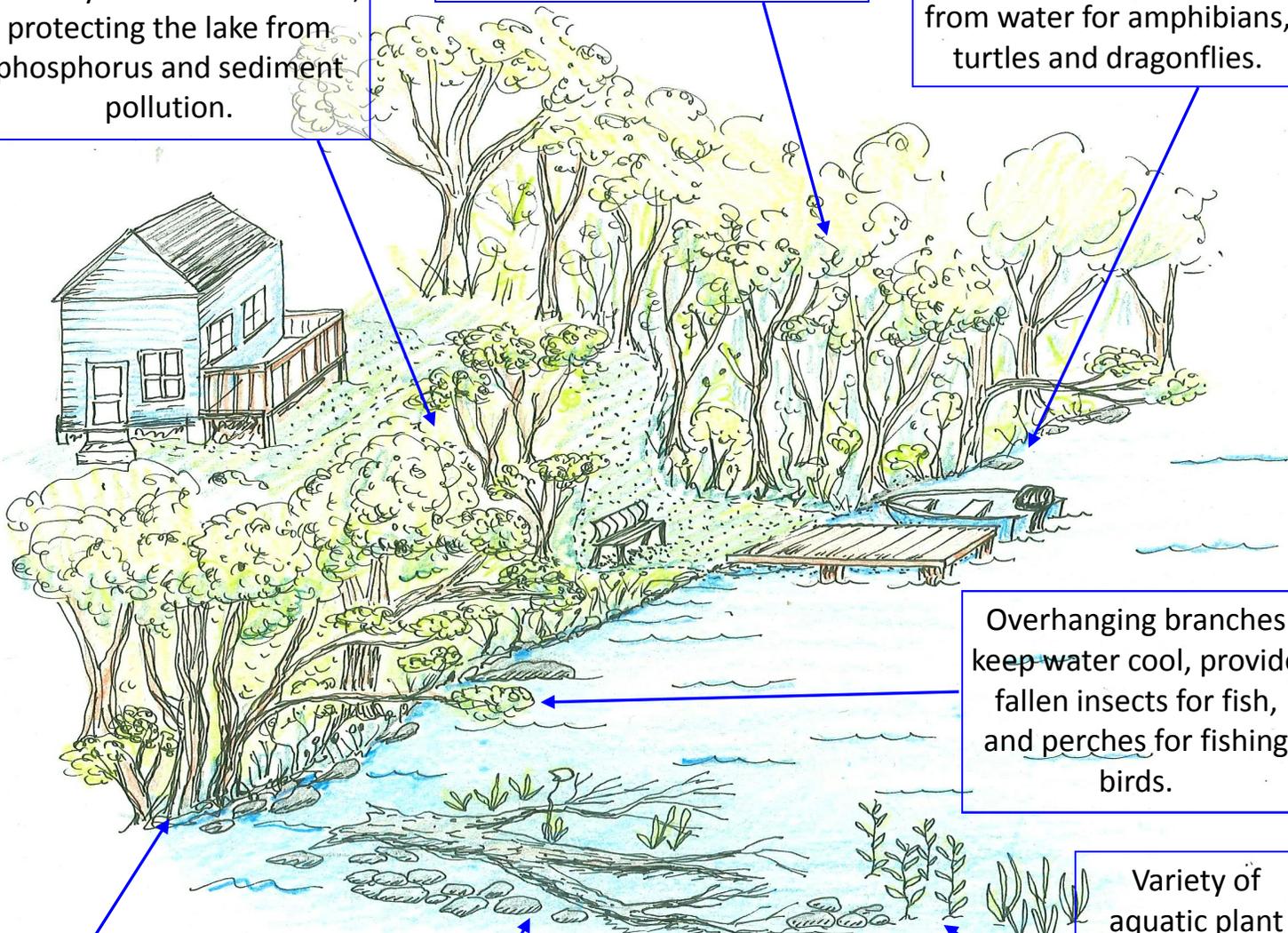


Values and Benefits of Natural Shorelands

Uneven ground and duff layer in the woods filters and absorbs runoff from driveways and cleared areas, protecting the lake from phosphorus and sediment pollution.

Woodlands along shore supports birds and mammals that nest and feed along water.

A natural shoreline provides easy access to and from water for amphibians, turtles and dragonflies.



Variety of root types and density provides good shoreline stability, negating the need for expensive walls.

Fallen trees and branches provide habitat structure for fish, thus protecting the fishery.

Spaces between rocks and logs provide feeding and hiding spaces for many aquatic organisms.

Overhanging branches keep water cool, provide fallen insects for fish, and perches for fishing birds.

Variety of aquatic plant sizes and shapes provide habitat diversity

Good shoreland management protects these values and benefits by maintaining the natural woodlands along the shore and ensuring runoff filters through the woodlands.