



Buffer Lake George Program- Landowner Project Application

I. Contact Information

Contact Name: _____ Date: _____

Physical Address (location to be buffered): _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

II. Existing Shoreline/ Riparian Buffer Characteristics

Application for Shoreline buffer assistance or Riparian (Streamside) Buffer Assistance: _____

Length of Shoreline frontage on property in feet: _____

Length of Stream Side Frontage on Property in feet: _____

Is there shoreline erosion evident: None Slight Medium Severe

Approximate Existing Buffer size, (width and length in feet): _____

Are there currently native species present: _____

Are there any invasive species present: _____

Existing Buffer Description: Open/Mowed Perennials Shrubs Shrubs/Trees
Trees

Percentage of lawn on property: _____

Percentage of impervious surface on property (driveways etc.): _____

Is there algae and or aquatic vegetation offshore in the lake: _____

Is this property adjacent to other Buffer Lake George project locations, or an established shoreline buffer: _____

III. Buffer Project Information

Size of planned Buffer (Length & Width): _____

Time that Buffer will be planted: _____

Who will be installing the Buffer: _____

What do you envision for the forms of plants and shrubs in the Buffer: _____

IV. Recipient Agreement

In accepting plants purchased through the Buffer Lake George grant and technical assistance, Recipient agrees to the following:

1. Plants are offered to individuals for Shoreline and Riparian Buffer projects only and are to be used only for the project area as defined in the application.
2. Recipient is required to recruit volunteers, install themselves or contract with a landscaper for the instillation of the buffer according to the plans.
3. Recipient is responsible for all maintenance of plants and material and agrees to continually add on to the buffer.
4. Recipient agrees to allow the FUND for Lake George Outreach Coordinator reasonable access to the project site to inspect and monitor progress of the installed buffer.
5. Recipient agrees to supply before and after photos of the site for use by The FUND.
6. Recipient agrees to install a provided Buffer Lake George Project informational sign.

Signature below indicates acceptance of the conditions listed above by the Recipient.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**Please return to:
The FUND for Lake George
Buffer Lake George Project
PO Box 352
Lake George, NY 12845**

Please contact the FUND for Lake George Water Quality Outreach Coordinator at: (518) 668-9700 if you have any questions.

The FUND for Lake George Buffer Lake George Program Grant

Purpose:

To provide assistance to property owners for the planning and purchasing of native vegetation to Buffer Lake George.

Planting and maintaining a natural shoreline buffer is one of the best management practices a landowner can undertake to protect Lake George. A shoreline buffer provides a final defense in blocking unwanted nutrients and pollutants from entering the lake. An effective buffer prevents erosion, absorbs excess nutrients, stabilizes and shades the shoreline and recharges the groundwater. It also provides wildlife habitat for small animals and helps deter nuisance waterfowl, such as Canada geese.

Eligible Applicants:

Property owners on the shores of Lake George and tributaries within the Lake George watershed are eligible to apply. Through the FUND's Buffer project, properties will be evaluated to see if they qualify for a grant. Upon acceptance, the FUND, through one of their partner nurseries, will plan the location of the buffer and purchase native plants up to a maximum value of \$700.

Application Requirements:

- A completed application is required for each project site.
- A site sketch or photograph of the project location and supporting documentation such as current lists of plants and conditions of site are needed with each application.

Eligible Projects:

- Projects must be along the shoreline of Lake George or tributaries within the Lake George watershed.
- Projects are limited to shoreline buffers and riparian buffers.
- The property cannot have been awarded a Buffer grant within the past five years.

Project Reporting:

- If accepted the recipient is required to supply before and after photos of the site with a short summary.

Selection Criteria:

Applications must be submitted on the Buffer Lake George Program- Landowner Project Application form, which can be found online at: www.fundforlakegeorge.org . The Lake George Waterkeeper, after reviewing the documentation and application will make the final award determination.

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