

## Score Your Shore: a citizen shoreline description survey

**Score Your Shore** is a tool to assess habitat conditions of developed lake lots. The protocol is designed for use by lakeshore property owners to self-assess habitat and stewardship on their land and adjacent aquatic areas. This tool may also be used by organizations, such as lake associations, to assess multiple sites on a lake. Score Your Shore provides an objective and systematic method to assess the type, quantity and quality of the existing shoreland habitat.



The *Score Your Shore* tool will enable you to:

- Assess the amount of habitat at developed lake sites
- Generate awareness of what makes a high quality functioning shoreline buffer
- Provide a system to recognize landowners with functioning shoreline buffers.

The following self-guided materials are available to view and download, free of charge, on the DNR website: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/scoreyourshore/index.html>

Groups may adapt these basic materials to meet their specific assessment needs.

**Score Your Shore Manual**: a 48 pg manual that describes the importance of shoreline buffers and step by step instructions on how to assess your shoreline. The manual includes illustrations and examples of how to score a lake lot.

**Score Your Shore Quick Guide**: a 4 pg field reference to assist citizens in scoring process.

**Score Your Shore Training Powerpoint**: an 18 slide presentation for lake groups interested in training volunteers in how to use Score Your Shore.