



Guardians of the River Shoreline Property Owner Pledge



Name:	Name:
Email:	Email:
Phone:	Phone:
Postal Address of Owner:	Parcel ID:
Parcel Address or Latitude-Longitude	Total Acres: Shoreline Frontage in Feet:

We pledge to manage our property through actions and practices that will protect the Yellow River’s water quality, aquatic and shoreline habitat, wildlife, and natural scenic beauty (Check all that apply).

- ☐ **Will continue with practices currently in place as indicated below**
- ☐ **Will start with additional practices as indicated below**

Signature(s):	Date:
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Action or Practice	Will continue	Will start
Protect the shoreline and near-shore aquatic zone		
Maintain at least a 35-foot buffer of native plants, shrubs and trees to filter runoff and provide habitat. Simply not mowing near the water can achieve this. The buffer protects the shoreline from erosion, and provides plant diversity for birds and wildlife.		
Leave downed trees and aquatic plants in place along the shoreline for fish, insect and wildlife habitat.		
Install a Healthy Lakes practice, such as “fish-sticks”, rainwater diversion structure or absorption bed, or a rain garden.		
Monitor for and remove invasive species like Purple Loosestrife		
Correct shoreline erosion through an approved and permitted practice. Try soft practices like plantings and “bio-logs” before hard-armoring like rock rip-rap.		
Approach the shoreline slowly with watercraft to minimize the impact of boat wakes (protects wild rice and native plants).		
Complete the “Score My Shore” Shoreland Evaluation on the Wisconsin Healthy Lakes website. Implement suggestions.		

Action or Practice	Will continue	Will start
Conserve rainwater and keep runoff clean		
Direct rainwater to rain barrels or areas where it can soak in the ground.		
Compost yard waste or take it to a compost facility.		
Keep grass clippings and leaves off walkways and driveways. Prevent yard waste from washing into a lake or river. Phosphorus and nitrogen can leach from leaves and grass.		
Reduce or replace areas of mown grass with native plants and flowers for pollinators and rainwater absorption.		
Limit fertilizer, herbicide, and pesticide use; use non-toxic alternatives.		
Collect pet waste for landfilling.		
Wash vehicles at the carwash or on a grassy area so wash water is absorbed (rather than run off hard surfaces to the lake).		
Pick up litter for recycling or proper disposal to keep it out of storm drains, lakes, the river and wetlands.		
Use sand on slippery walks and drives; limit salt use.		
Help Native Species and enhance their habitat		
Plant native trees, shrubs and wildflowers.		
Install and maintain nesting boxes for birds.		
Long-term property protection		
Implement long-term conservation protection through protective covenants on the property (deed or a conservation easement).		
Community Action		
Be an active member of a local lake association or county-wide groups Washburn County Lakes and River Association and Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Association.		
Help with local efforts to remove invasive species from public green spaces and our waterways.		

Thank-you for joining the Guardians of the Yellow River!

For more information about the Yellow River Protection Conservancy, check our website at yellowriverprotectionconservancy.org or scan this QR code:



Please keep a copy for yourself and submit the signed copy to YRPC via 1, 2, or 3 below.

1. *Hand this completed and signed document to a YRPC Board Member*
2. *Scan the completed and signed document and email it to contact@yrpc.ltd*
3. *Send the completed and signed document to YRPC 1092 Blackburn RD, Spooner, WI. 54801*