

2016 Lake Wise Program and Leader Trainings

The Vermont Lake Wise Program offers trainings in Shoreland Lake Friendly Practices which include **landscaping with native plants** and **controlling stormwater** with structural and vegetative techniques.

These trainings provide technical and scientific information on how to live along a lakeshore without harming water quality or aquatic habitat, which are the luring features of lakeshore living and worth protecting. Living in harmony with the lake takes awareness and a little creativity and when applied saves property owners time and money.

Through the Lake Wise Program, **Lake Leaders** are trained in recognizing the practices that best protect the lake, shoreland habitat, and homeowner property by using Lake Wise Shoreland Assessments. Lake Wise Leaders are encouraged to share these assessments with their lake community. The beauty of the assessment work is that solutions, known as Shoreland Best Management Practices, are provided to the landowner. By following the BMPs, landowners are eligible to earn the **Lake Wise Award**. The Lake Wise Award stands for an exemplary, well managed lakeshore property and outstanding stewardship of the lake.



Lake Wise Leader Trainings

The morning trainings are designed for all those interested in lakes, native plants, landscaping, and learning about bio-engineering practices that help protect water quality. They are designed for all backgrounds with no experience in natural resources necessary.

Participants Will:

- Learn and have fun while becoming “experts” in lake protection practices;
 - Discover how and why to landscape with native plants;
 - Recognize techniques to prevent erosion and control stormwater runoff
- Inside lessons on lake friendly practices followed by outside site assessments*

Trainings Dates

June 5th—Maple Corner Community Center, Calais
9:00am-12:00pm
Hosted by the Calais Lakes and Streams Committee

June 24th—Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, Brunswick (~20 minutes east of Island Pond);
9:00am –12:30pm
Hosted by Essex NRCD and Maidstone Lake Friends. Contact Heather Robinson, Essex NRCD, essexnrcd@gmail.com
For questions or to organize a Lake Wise Leader Training in another location, contact Amy Picotte from the Agency of Natural Resources.

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Lake Wise Develop lake-friendly shorelands with natural landscaping **Best Management Practices**

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natural terraces replicated by Lake Wise terraced and infiltration steps.

Leaf mulch stops erosion- Lake Wise mulched pathways and no-mow areas