

September 11, 2008

Governor Jim Doyle
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RE: Shoreland restoration at the Executive Residence

Dear Governor Doyle,

We have appreciated the value your administration has placed on continuing state-sponsored stewardship for public resources, your conservation initiatives, and your support for state programs—such as increased funding for aquatic invasive species grants and polluted runoff programs—that will ensure that Wisconsin lakes remain jewels in the landscape for generations to come.

A bi-partisan group of citizen lake enthusiasts from across the state has organized around a simple, yet powerful idea; that the actions of Wisconsin's Governor can inspire and encourage the public to preserve and restore our incredible shorelines. The Wisconsin Association of Lakes enthusiastically encourages your support of their proposal to restore the natural shoreline at the Governor's mansion.

Restoring the natural shoreline at Governor's mansion on Lake Mendota is a wonderful opportunity to promote personal stewardship, and offer the public a high profile example of the beauty and benefits of natural shorelines.

Shoreland areas are critical to the continued quality of our lakes. Unfortunately shoreline changes and habitat loss are threatening the water quality and fishing trips that so many Wisconsin citizens value and enjoy.

Our members—waterfront property owners, lake associations, and lake districts—from across the state recognize the power and importance of individual waterfront property owner's acts of personal stewardship on our shorelines. Your participation in a shoreland restoration project will help illustrate the impact waterfront residents can have to protect aesthetic values, habitat, and to enhance the state's efforts to preserve and improve the water quality of Wisconsin's public lakes.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Wisconsin's lakes.

Sincerely,