

# Priority Project Abstract



Priority Project Abstracts are a means for community organizations to outline potential student projects that address a priority issue in the community. The information from the abstract will be used by the interested WMGLSI teams and primary project partners to further develop project implementation and funding strategy. Please send completed forms to [ejohnson@muskegonisd.org](mailto:ejohnson@muskegonisd.org)

**Project Title: Muskegon Co (watershed area) Shoreline Restoration**

**Priority Issue Addressed: Storm water reduction**

**Project Goal(s):**

1. Reduce storm water in watershed lakes
2. Education property owners
3. Promote native plants and natural shorelines

**Summary of Project**

- Overview and Location
- Duration (on-going, ends in 2015, etc)
- Timeline of activities
- Long-term maintenance or monitoring associated with the project
- Summary of how this project meets watershed goals

Location is flexible – preferably lakes near Twin Lake. Project should start in 2014 and end in 2014 or 2015. Long-term maintenance and monitoring isn't necessary but would be helpful to determine whether landowners are keeping their natural shorelines.

**Role of Students:**

- Specific roles that students would carry out as part of the project
- Description of products, and their purpose, that students would be completing for the partner organization, e.g. signage, brochures, presentations to board, data collection reports, videos, photos

Student role –

- Workshop to begin project –
  - Assist in obtaining lake landowners' names/addresses and contacting them about the project and workshop
  - Participate and assist in workshop - introducing the project and educating landowners about native plants and natural shorelines
- Project –
  - Assist with landowners in planting plants (possibly assisting in preparing lakeshore)

**Role of Project Partners:**

MRWA

- Oversee the project
- Conduct the workshop with assistance from students
- Approve any letters, articles or publicity developed by students
- Work with landowners (assistance from students)
- Report to funder

**Estimated Project Cost:**

- **Summary of projected expenses**
- **Potential funding sources**

MRWA has some funding designated for this project. Landowners will be expected to pay a portion of the native plants they want for their property.

**Community Partner Contact Info:**

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**Contact information for person completing this form (if different from above):**

**Attach any related materials (newspaper articles, documents, brochures, website link, etc.)**

- **Students could write newspaper/newsletter articles**
- **Students could develop a natural shoreline brochure**
- **Students could assist with a project webpage on MRWA website**