

Native Plant Restoration Project

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The use of native plants is a highly recommended technique being used to stabilize eroding areas, and prevent sediment from getting into surface waters. In 2012, the C.L.A. board requested that Rice County apply for funding that could be used for both informational workshops and a demonstration project. Last spring a small, but dedicated group of volunteers from the C.L.A. attended the two workshops. After clearing massive amounts of debris, and dealing with weeks of flooding, our volunteers successfully completed a small lakeshore restoration project in Circle Lake Park. We plan to maintain the planting until it is safely established.

The C.L.A board has several ravine projects in the works. We anticipate using native plants in some of these projects. Once the dirt work is concluded, we will need volunteers to assist us to stabilize the areas with native plants. Because our volunteers enthusiastically completed the native plant park project last summer, we are hopeful that the county will look favorably on providing more grant money.

These projects will prevent large amounts of sediment from entering Circle Lake. We hope that you'll be excited about helping us.



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