Why Native Landscapes Add Value To Your Waterfront Property:

- Protect property from erosion
- Slow and absorb run-off and flood water
- Keep sediment and pollutants out of water
- Protect and recharge groundwater
- Provide essential fish and wildlife habitat
- Preserve Montana's scenic beauty
- Protect and enhance privacy

How to do it (see illustration):

- Retain existing native plants along shore
- Match native plants to your site conditions
- Plant native vegetation that includes trees, shrubs, forbs, and ground cover
- Plant taller trees and shrubs at edge of the property; transition to shorter plants where you want to focus your view
- Keep turf grass areas small and near house
- Mulch, water, and weed until established



Why Native Species are Best:

- Stabilize shorelines with deep root systems
- Adapt to local environments
- Resist fire and deer damage
- Are low maintenance once established
- Provide fish and wildlife food and shelter
- Create a healthy, non-invasive transition between home and water



Enjoy saving time, money, water quality, and scenic beauty by adding native plant landscapes to your waterfront property

Partners:

Flathead Conservation Dist. Kalispell. MT (406) 752-4220

Lake Co. Planning Dept. Polson, MT (406) 883-7235 www.lakecounty-mt.org/planning

Flathead Lakers Polson, MT (406) 883-1346 www.flatheadlakers.org Lake Co. Conservation Dist. Ronan, MT (406) 676-2841

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Natural Resources Department

Polson, MT (406) 883-2888; www.cskt.org

Resources:

Flathead Lakers Best Management Practices www.flatheadlakers.org/index.php?page=bmp-s-tool-box

FCD List of Native Plant Providers www.flatheadcd.org/small-acreage-landowners/native-plantsources/

Montana Native Plant Society www.mtnativeplants.org/Native Plant Landscaping

Contact Partners for Site-Specific Recommendations

Always check regulations before building or making changes to your shoreline.

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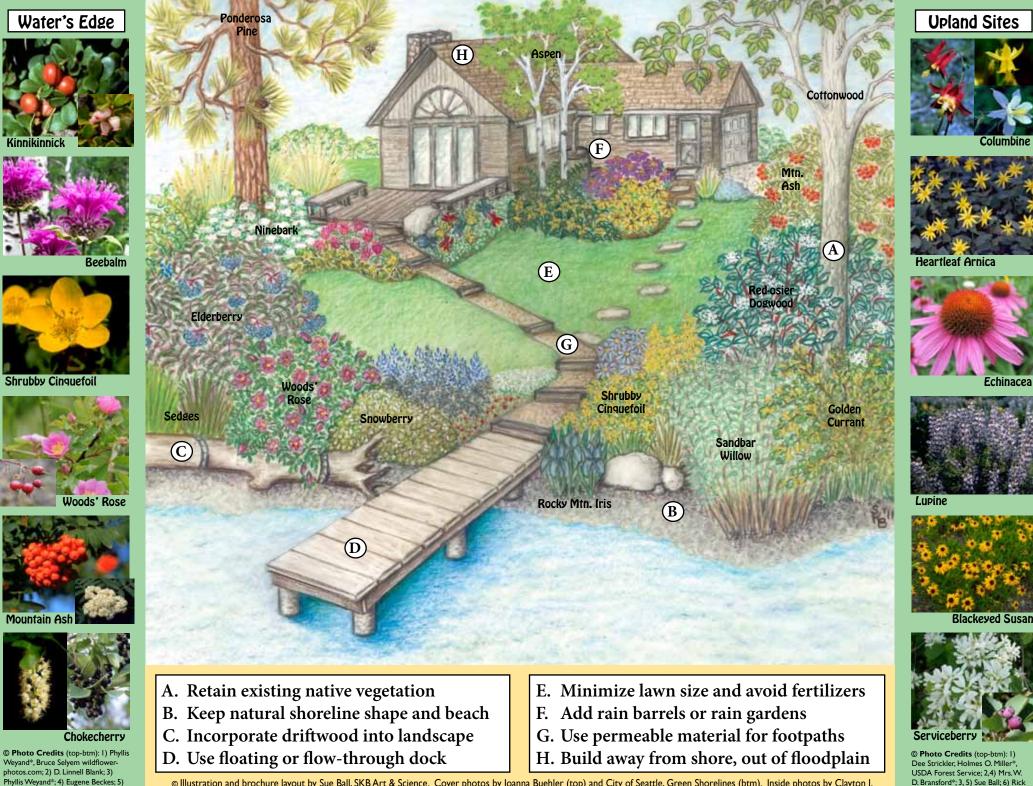


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