

Buffer Zone 101

If you've been thinking about enhancing your shoreline and protecting Bay Lake, ***it's time to get started!***

Buffer zones can include native plants & trees (***free from BLIA***) or perennials and/or shrubs from a nursery.

Our buffer zone has evolved over time. It's a "middle of the road" type of buffer zone. Not completely "natural", but good for the lake and aesthetically pleasing (blooming from late May to late September). I've noted the order in which they were planted, but it could have been done in a single year. Note: ***This is just one approach.*** We have flowers because that's how I got started. Shrubs & trees would have been easier and completely natural. ***Whatever appeals to you is fine.***

**The best time to plant a tree is always 10 years ago, so
*get started!***

Then



Now



Step One:

Early blooming Daylilies along the rip rap (they bloom in early summer, so only the foliage is shown in this picture).

Continuing:

Shrubs: Dogwood, Chokeberry, Winterberry, Pussy Willow & American Cranberry.

Step Two:

Black Eyed Susans behind the early Daylilies (bloom late summer & fall).

Step Four:

Taller, later blooming Daylilies & Cone Flowers behind the Black Eyed Susans (bloom July & Aug).

Step Three:

Iris (wonderful flowers in the spring, but the foliage also looks good (& very natural) all summer).

