



LakeSmart Volunteer Evaluators Roles and Responsibilities

Roles:

Volunteer Evaluators (Pre-screener) conduct property assessments for home owners wanting to earn a LakeSmart Award or Recognition and give advice on how to become more lake friendly. The purpose of the Volunteer Evaluator's LakeSmart visit is to:

- Assess a property's capacity to capture and infiltrate stormwater runoff and inventory sources of pollution using the DEP LakeSmart forms and guidelines as demonstrated in the volunteer training workshop.
- Make recommendations and encourage homeowners on how the property can be more lake friendly and give a copy of recommendations and resource materials to homeowner.
- Nominate properties which seem to qualify for a LakeSmart Award to association's certified evaluator for final assessment.
- Nominate properties that don't qualify for an award but do qualify in at least 1 area for recognition by the association.
- Represent the Association, COLA and DEP in the LakeSmart program.

Responsibilities:

Volunteer tasks include:

- attending the Volunteer Evaluator Training: a free, full day of expert training to prepare for making LakeSmart site visits (June 10 in Belgrade and TBA in Damariscotta/Pemaquid area)
- making and keeping appointments with home owners, or keeping the appointments made for you by your watershed coordinator
- conducting on-site LakeSmart property inventories
- informing owners why LakeSmart landscaping is crucial for protecting water quality and property values
- keeping good records
- maintaining good communication with association coordinator and certified evaluator

Time Commitment:

We hope each volunteer will be able to conduct at least 10 property inventories (approximately 1 ½ - 2 hours each) during the course of a summer and continue as Volunteer Evaluators for three consecutive years.

Expense Reimbursement:

Volunteers will be provided with Time and Travel Record Sheets to track their charitable donation to the Association. This record can be used by volunteers for tax purposes.

Support:

Volunteers will be provided with ongoing feedback, advice and support throughout the summer.