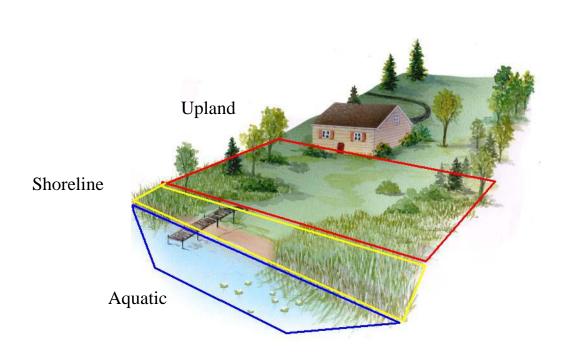
# **Score Your Shore - Quick Guide**

This is a 4 page "quick guide" to the information provided in the 45 pg Score Your Shore Manual.

## **Step 1: Identify 3 Habitat Zones of Site**



ZONE	Description	Maximum points
Upland Zone	house to banktop; about 2/3rds of the lot	65
Shoreline Zone	banktop to water's edge; about 1/3 of the lo	t 35 100
Aquatic Zone	water's edge to deep end of weed bed	100

# Step 2: Score the Upland Zone (select one category from each box)

### Upland Tree Cover

 Percent of lot	Description	Points
75-100	Trees present along at least 3/4's of lot front, hiding at least part of house from view.	25
50-74	Trees cover at least ½ of lot; at least ¼ of lot has no trees; house may be fully visible	18
25-49	Trees cover at least ¼ but less than ½ of lot; lot is mostly open.	13
1-24	Trees cover less than ¼ of lot; only scattered yard trees present.	9
0	No trees present.	0

Upland – Shrub Cover

Oprand – Shrub Cover	Percent of lot	Description	Points
	75-100	Shrubs present along at least ¾'s of lot front, hiding at least part of house from view.	20
	50-74	Shrubs cover at least ½ of lot; at least ¼ of lot has no shrub layer.	15
	25-49	Shrubs cover at least ¼ but less than ½ of lot; middle canopy layer mostly open.	10
	1-24	Shrubs cover less than ¼ of lot; only a few scattered shrubs present.	5
	0	No shrubs present.	0

## Upland Ground Cover

	Percent of lot	Description	Points
MW MW MW	75-100	Unmowed plants cover at least ¾ of lot; minimal lawn &/or impervious surface.	20
WWW W	50-74	Unmowed plants cover at least ½ of lot; lawn &/or impervious surface covers up to ¼ lot.	15
	25-49	Unmowed plants cover at least ¼ but less than ½ of lot; lawn &/or impervious surface at least ½ lot.	10
	1-24	Unmowed plants cover less than ¼ of lot; lawn &/or impervious surface covers at least ¾ of lot.	5
	0	Entire lot is mowed, bare and/or impervious surface.	0
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Upland Score: \_\_\_\_\_

# Step 3: Score the Shoreline Zone (select one category from each box)

### Shoreline Tree and Shrub Cover

	Percent	description	
	of lot 75-100	description  Trees &/or shrubs present along at least 3/4's of shoreline.	points 20
	50-74	Trees &/or shrubs cover at least ½ but less than ¾'s of shoreline.	15
	25-49	Trees &/or shrubs cover at least ¼ but less than ½ of shoreline.	10
•	1-24	Trees &/or shrubs cover less than ¼ of shoreline.	5
	0	No trees or shrubs present along shoreline.	0

#### **Shoreline Ground Cover**

Percent	description	points
of lot 75-100	Unmowed plants cover at least ¾ of shoreline; minimal lawn &/or impervious surface.	15
50-74	Unmowed plants cover at least ½ of shoreline; lawn &/or impervious surface covers up to ¼.	12
25-49	Unmowed plants cover at least ¼ but less than ½ of shoreline; lawn &/or impervious covers at least ½.	7
1-24	Unmowed plants cover less than ¼ of shoreline; lawn &/or impervious surface covers at least ¾.	4
0	Entire shoreline is mowed, bare and/or impervious surface.	0

Shoreline	Score:	

## Step 4: Score the Aquatic Zone (select one category from each box)

## Aquatic — Emergent and Floating-leaf plants

Percent	t of lot		
	75-100	Emergent and/or floating-leaved plants present along at least 3/4's of lot.	40
	50-74	Emergent and/or floating-leaved plants along at least ½ but less than ¾ of lot.	30
	25-49	Emergent and/or floating-leaved plants along at least ¼ but less than ½ of lot.	20
	1-24	Emergent and/or floating-leaved plants present along less than ¼ of lot.	10
	0	No emergent or floating-leaved plants present.	0
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## Aquatic — Submerged plants

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	Abundant submerged plant growth forming moderate to dense beds, often covering lake bottom.	35
	Sparsely scattered submerged plants; lake bottom mostly open.	15
	Submerged plants absent	0
?	Submerged plants may or may not be present; can't see into water.	0

## Aquatic - Openings in Plant Beds

description	points
Plant beds appear undisturbed; no human-made channels.	5
Human-made channels in plant beds.	0
No emergent, floating, or submerged plants present.	0

### Aquatic – Overhead woody habitat

description	points
Shoreline trees and/or shrubs hang over water.	10
No overhanging trees or shrubs.	0

#### Aquatic — Downed woody habitat

description	points
Tree limbs and/or branches in water.	10
No woody habitat present in lake	0

Aquatic Score: \_\_\_\_\_