Bioengineered Erosion Control at Michigan DNR Boating Access Sites

Education, implementation and recommendations for the future.



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This session:

- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
 Boating Access Sites (BAS) program goals
- 2009 two-day inservice training
 - Bioengineered shoreline erosion control
 - At Michigan State University Kellogg Biological Station (KBS)
 - Provided by MSU Extension
 - Planning, development, delivery and outcomes
- DNR 2009 implementation of bioengineered erosion control at a BAS
- Policy and management challenges
- Recommendations

Why natural shorelines at DNR Boating Access Sites?

Parks & Recreation (PR) Bureau goals:

- » Improve fish and wildlife habitat
- » Reduce mowing
- » Reduce foot traffic and access for swimming, picnicking, fishing
- » Reduce pollutant runoff from parking lots and foot traffic areas
- » Reduce goose activity
- Set the example for neighboring lakefront property owners



MDNR Green Initiative

"Goals of this initiative include fuel and staff cost savings, pollution prevention, nuisance goose reduction, and habitat enhancement."

MDNR P&R Growing not Mowing web page



Planning process

- Four member committee
 - DNR PR Stewardship Specialist
 - DNR BAS Program Manager
 - DNR PR Regional Supervisor
 - MSU Extension Water Quality Educator
- January April 2009
 - Agenda development
 - Field site selection (BAS near KBS)
 - Bioengineering design
 - Permit application
 - Plant materials harvest (March 2009)
 - Michigan Conservation Corps crew

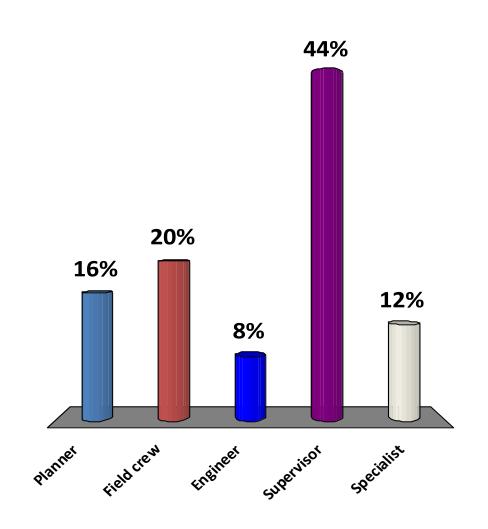
Opportunities for utilization of woody shrub material from public lands:

- -Dormant plant ID
- -Harvesting techniques
 - -live stakes
 - -whips
- -Transport and storage techniques



Which one describes your position with MDNR Parks & Recreation:

- 1. Planner
- 2. Field crew
- 3. Engineer
- 4. Supervisor
- 5. Specialist



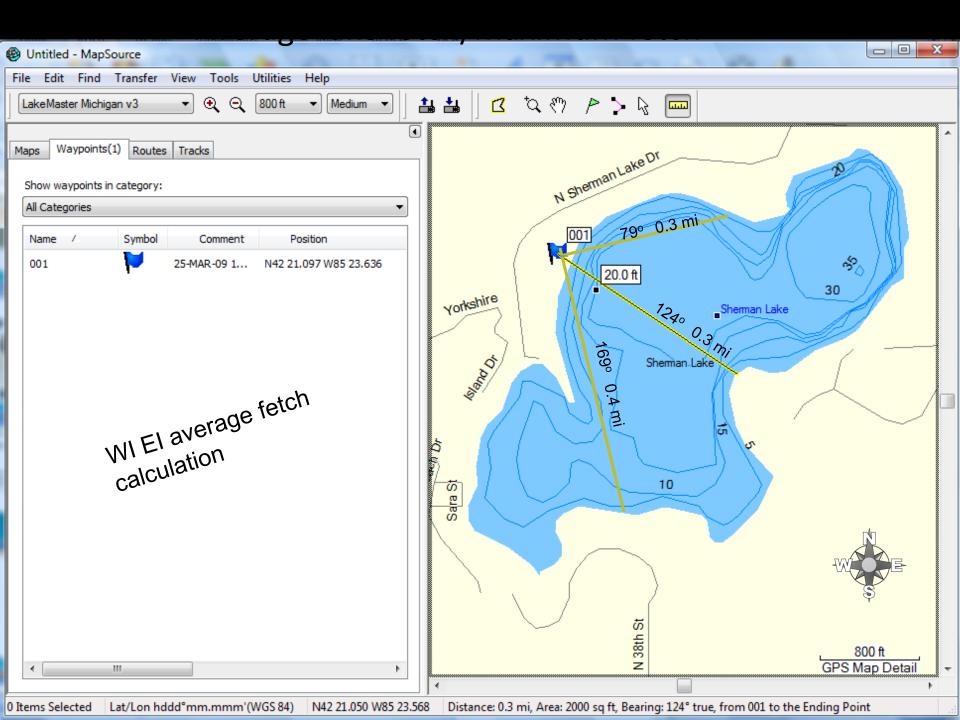
DNR staff apply WI Erosion Intensity Score Sheet to shoreline stabilization scenarios.

Day 1:

Classroom component

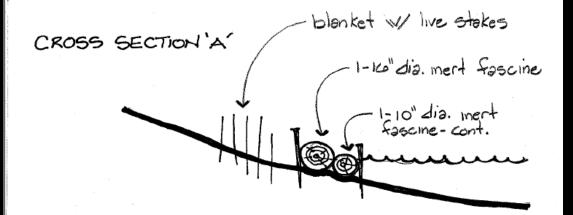
- -lecture and small group exercises
- -tour of bioengineered shorelines



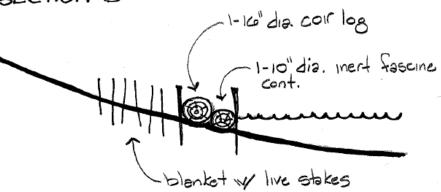




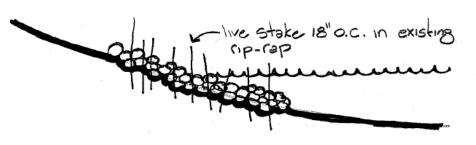
control at DNR BAS on Sherman Lake



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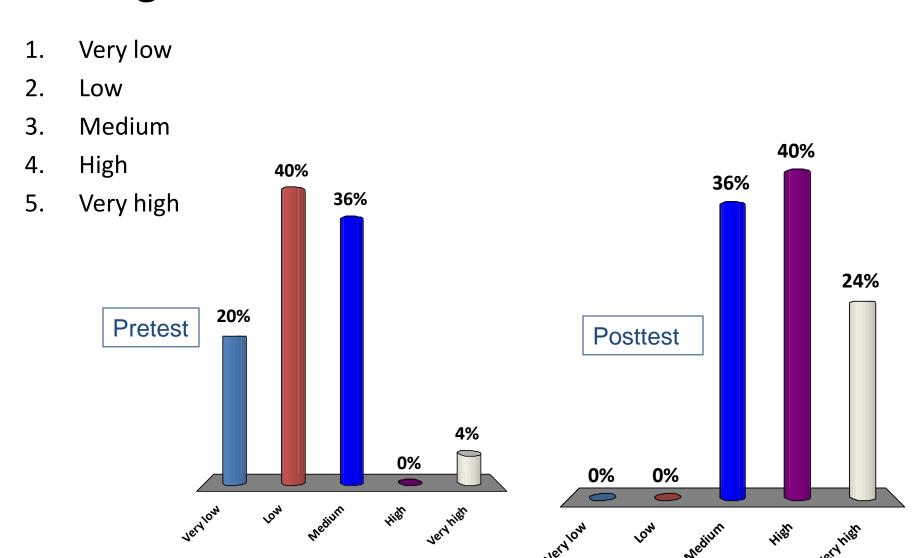


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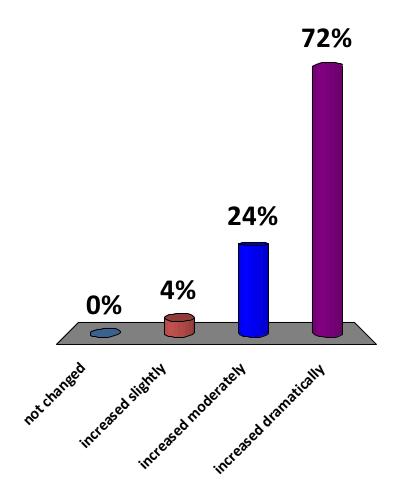


I would describe my knowledge level of bioengineered shoreline erosion control as:



As a result of participation in this workshop, my understanding of bioengineered shoreline erosion control has...

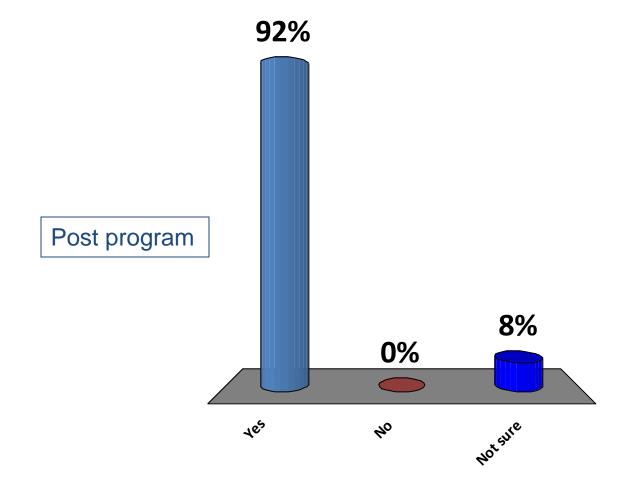
- 1. not changed
- 2. increased slightly
- 3. increased moderately
- 4. increased dramatically



I feel confident in my ability to develop a bioengineered shoreline erosion control plan.

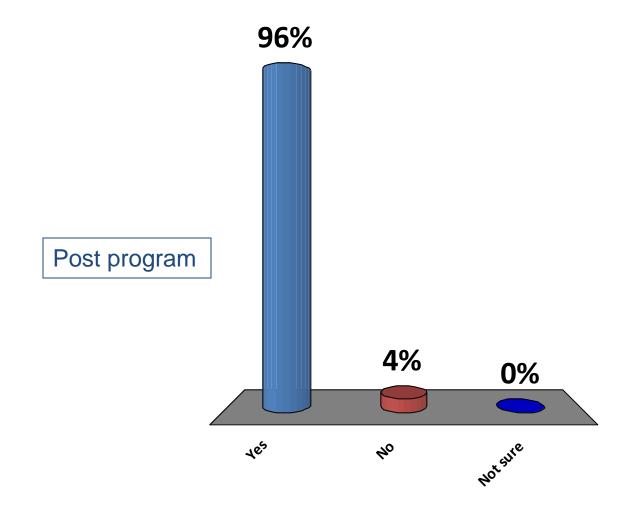


- 2. No
- 3. Not sure



I feel confident in my ability to implement a bioengineered shoreline erosion control plan.

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Not sure







Before



DNR BAS Program cost analysis

February 23, 2010

- Rip Rap
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- Material (12" rip rap depth, geotextile fabric) \$9.67
- Labor (grading, installation, equipment) \$22.80
- Total \$32.47/lineal foot
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- Bioengineering
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- Material (vegetated coir log, stakes, other) \$22
- Labor (installation, equipment) \$12
- Total \$34/lineal foot







Later summer 2009





Recommended monitoring and maintenance of bioengineered erosion control and no-mow zones:

- ropes and stakes
- live stake/plant replacement
- invasive species control
- upkeep of temporary fencing



March 2010

Recommendations for the future

- Revise and update Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
 - Mowers > Monitors
 - Bioengineering
 - Invasive species control
 - Upkeep of temporary fencing
- Interpretive signage
 - Educate public
 - Educate neighbors



Questions?

