The Moos property lies on a steep hillside at the edge of Martin Lake. The site was previously characterized by mown turf, reed canary grass, and purple loosestrife down to the lake edge. This practice resulted in:

- Higher risk of soil erosion due to limited root structure and steep slope from upland areas of the property
- Quick conveyance of nutrients and pollution into Martin Lake
- Limited native plant diversity
- Limited wildlife habitat

**Pre-Buffer Conditions**

**PROJECT SPECS**

- Date Planted: June 2008
- Buffer Length: ~120 ft
- Buffer Area: ~3,600 ft²
- Natives Upland, Transitional, and Aquatic Plants: ~1500
- Cost Share Authorized: 70% of project expenses up to $2,181.52
Mown turf and invasive plants are now replaced with a variety of native plantings—approximately 1500 native upland, transitional, and aquatic plants were planted in the shore area. The newly restored shoreline area provides many benefits, including:

- Water is slowed as it flows down the hillside increasing infiltration, reducing the risk of erosion, and decreasing input of nutrients and pollutants into Martin Lake
- Increase in root structure at the shoreline reduces erosion due to wave action
- Plant diversity is dramatically increased
- Wildlife habitat is dramatically increased and the site serves to draw wildlife into the upland area of the property

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