

SAVE OUR LAKES ALLIANCE 3 (SOLA3)

Examples of Criteria to Consider for SOLA3 Lakes Improvement Award Application

The primary objective of a SOLA3 Lakes Improvement Award is to support private property owners' efforts to restore, conserve, or enhance the overall environmental and ecological health of Lake Comegys, Lake Gerar and Silver Lake (the Rehoboth Lakes). Individuals are encouraged to conduct such efforts under appropriate guidelines and using best management practices.* Examples of successful projects include::

- Installing pervious surfaces
- Providing soil and sediment erosion control
- Improving overall water quality
- Improving the biological diversity of the lake ecosystem
- Using indigenous vegetation that is characteristic of the lakeside micro-climate
- Improving habitat
- Controlling or eradicating invasive species
- Controlling runoff
- Promoting environmental stewardship

* "Green Technology Best Management Practices" (GTBMP) include environmental management practices that are proven by science, listed in regulatory policy, are regulated, registered, and approved by local, state and federal environmental regulatory agencies (ie.EPA, USDA, NRCS, U.S. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, DNREC, DDA. Etc.). GTBMP include methodologies that promote water quality, habitat, soil and erosion control, fish and wildlife management, vegetation management, and stewardship in the most effective and efficient way and with the most minimal negative environmental impact. Examples include but are not limited to : Use of Native vegetation for Landscaping; controlling exotic invasive vegetation, using EPA registered products only and to the specifications described on the product label ("The Label Is the Law"); reducing the use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides; Use of low impact management techniques such as mowing next to waterways, wetlands, drainage easements etc.; use of renewable energy sources, and use of natural fibers for sediment and erosion control.