

# SHORELINE AND HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT

at

# Raymond Park



The Raymond Park Project aims to restore the shoreline and habitat at the park and to provide a demonstration site that will highlight four different habitat types. This project enhances habitat for wildlife, improves water quality and provides an example for homeowners looking to complete restoration projects on their own property.

The map on the reverse side provides more information about the project's **four restoration features**:

- 1) Beach Restoration
- 2) Oak Savanna Restoration
- 3) Shoreline Restoration
- 4) Low-maintenance Grass Addition

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This year, the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District, Great River Greening and the City of Prior Lake are working together on a shoreline and habitat restoration project at Raymond Park.

Construction for this project will be completed in 2017, and vegetation maintenance will be ongoing.



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If you have any questions or concerns about the restoration project at Raymond Park, please contact:

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2017 Shoreline & Habitat Restoration Project

**Beach Restoration**

**Low-Maintenance Grass**

**Oak Savanna Restoration**

**Spring Lake**

**Shoreline Restoration**

### **Beach Restoration**

The vegetation in the beach area was replaced with native plants typically found in a beach plant community. Natural sandy beaches have sparse vegetation which helps stabilize the shoreline, hold the sand in place and provide valuable habitat.

### **Low-Maintenance Grass**

The mowed turf grass areas in the park were re-seeded with low-growing native grass with some flowering forbs mixed in. This grass will require mowing only a few times a year and no fertilizer will be needed, reducing maintenance costs and benefiting the environment.

### **Oak Savanna Restoration**

The wooded area of the park has been restored to an oak savanna habitat. Buckthorn and other non-native, invasive species were removed and the area was re-seeded with native grasses and forbs.

### **Shoreline Restoration**

The remaining shoreline area was enhanced by removing invasive species and seeding the area with native species. Native plants will also be installed along the shoreline as needed to encourage establishment of the shoreline.



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