

The #1 threat to inland lakes is near shore habitat loss.

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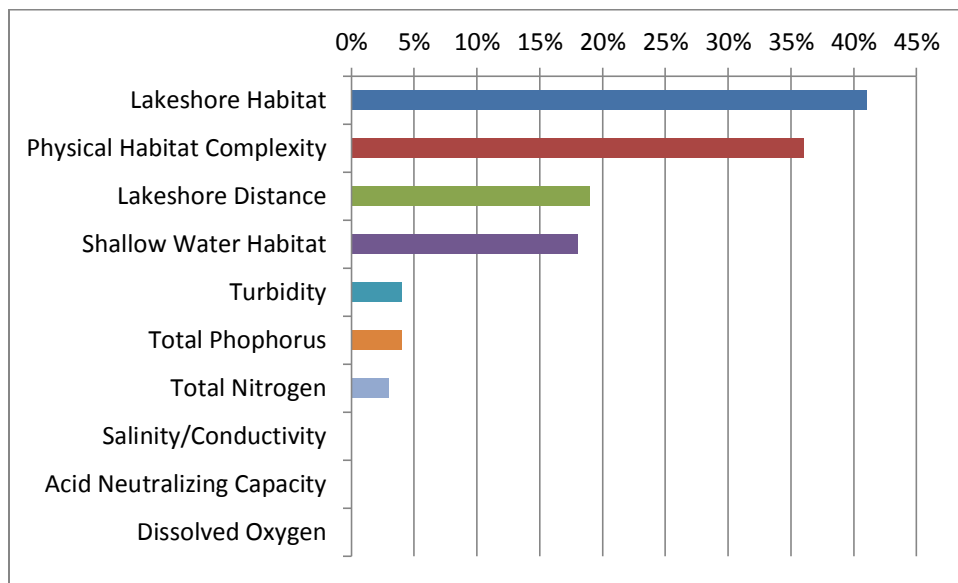
Natural shorelines contribute to the high quality of our lakes.

Please think twice before removing native vegetation at the water’s edge. It will cost us all if the water quality of our lakes goes down.

Wetlands are especially important. (And are protected by state law.)

Culturally we see lawns as clean and neat and an indication of how well we take care of our yards. For lakes, lawns to the edge are the worst. Consider having a landscaped area that is not grass for at least 50% of your lake front.

Percent of Lakes in Poor Condition for Each Stressor



From 2007 National Lakes Assessment – Michigan Results