

LAKE ASSOCIATIONS CAN INFLUENCE LAND MANAGEMENT

Through education, direct action, and advocacy, lake associations can play an important role in guiding the management of lakes and watersheds.

Lake-friendly behaviors targeted by associations can include things like keeping leaves out of gutters, keeping trash out of the lake, and removal of invasive species.



Reducing nutrient inputs into a lake is often a major concern for lake associations. But it can be challenging to determine the best policies for the application of fertilizer to agricultural lands.

- **One option is to restrict the amount of fertilizer that is applied to the land.**
- **Another option is to have farmers change their crop rotations, and leave certain portions of land fallow.**



Analysis suggests that when nutrient reduction targets are small, then reducing commercial fertilizer application is the preferred option; when the policy's target reductions are larger, alternative crop rotations and land retirement will become more advantageous.