

## **Enhance your Property – Plant Native Shrubs!**

Yes, winter is coming, but there is still time to do some planting. Native shrubs are a great choice. They are important components of a waterfront landscape - providing food and cover for wildlife and helping to reduce erosion and runoff.

You can plant potted shrubs up until the ground freezes. They will be there to greet you with flowers in the spring.

The flyer *Top Ten Shrubs for Wildlife* is shown on the website blprd.com. Go to the *Waterfront Runoff Program* page then to *Plant Lists*.

The Waterfront Runoff page also includes more information about our Waterfront Runoff Program including how to schedule a free visit for this coming spring!



Example information from *Top Ten Shrubs for Wildlife*.

soil. Wet to well drained soils; should not be planted on dry sites.

cardinal, turkey and ruffed grouse.

special Note Bright red stems in the winter and spring; showy white flowers. Protect young plants from deer browsing with wire mesh or fencing. This shrub is also used to stabilize lakeshores.



## Village of Balsam Lake to Reduce Runoff at 46 Landing

The Village of Balsam Lake is helping to reduce runoff of nutrients and sediment to Balsam Lake at the Highway 46 Landing. The Village is working with Pro-Lawn to install a rock infiltration area at the landing this Fall.

When water runs across paved surfaces, it picks up sediment, petroleum products, and other fine particles and carries them to the lake. The rock infiltration area will collect water from the highway and parking lot and allow it to soak into the ground where soil can purify the water. Projects like this help to keep Balsam Lake clean! Similar projects have been installed by homeowners around the lake.

Funding for the project is available thanks to a grant to the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Matching funds will be provided by the Village of Balsam Lake.