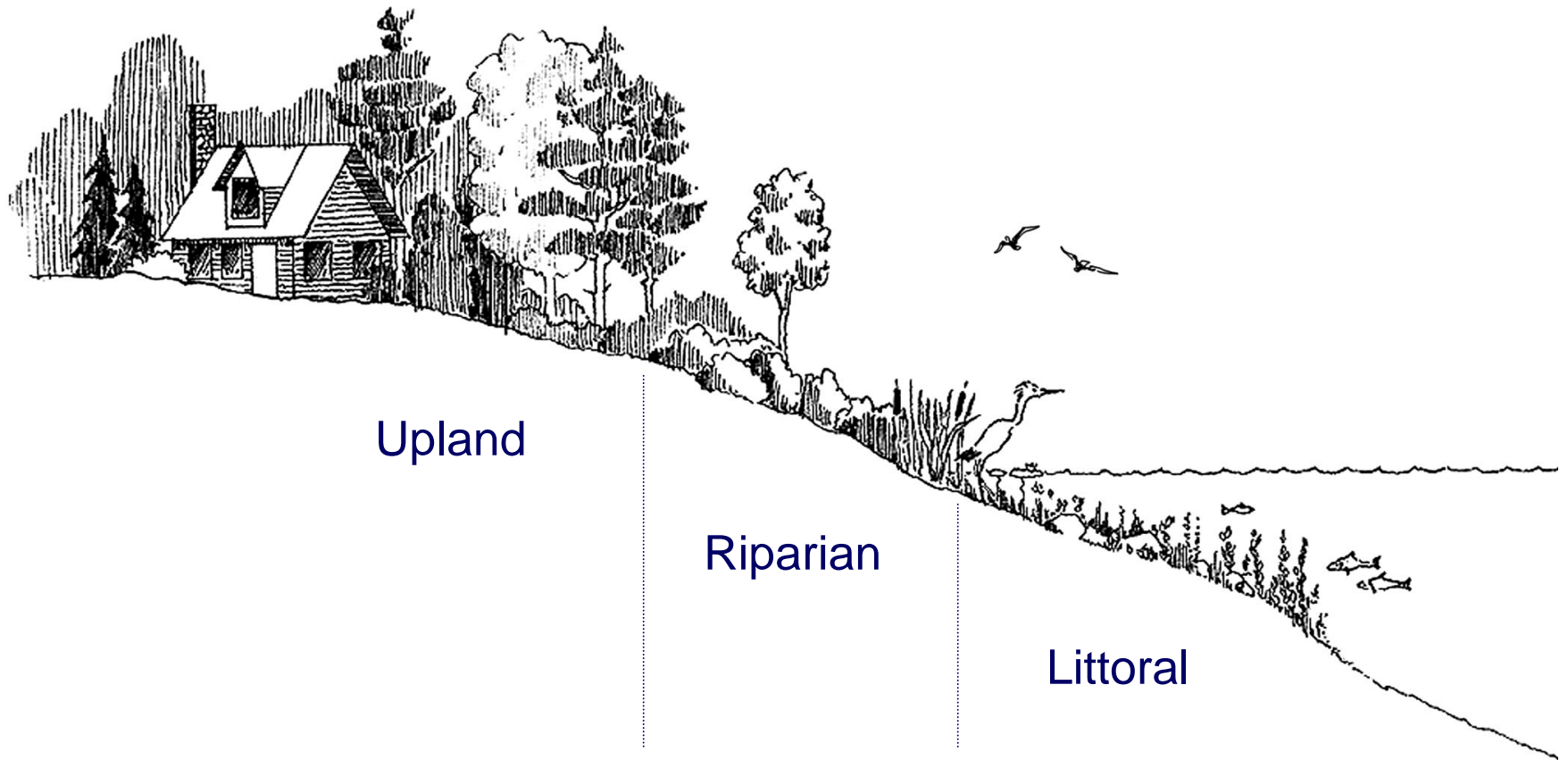


Healthy Shorelines



The Shoreline Area



The Shoreline Ecosystem



What Shorelines Do...

1. Provide food & habitat
2. Filter chemicals, sediment & bacteria
3. Prevent soil erosion
4. Reduce impacts of flooding
5. Provide source of enjoyment

Signs of a Healthy Shoreline

- ◆ Lots of native vegetation
- ◆ Different levels of vegetation
- ◆ Dead snags and stones
- ◆ Things look “wild”
- ◆ Birds, fish and other wildlife



Signs of an *Unhealthy* Shoreline

- ◆ Little or no vegetation
- ◆ Lawn right to water
- ◆ Hardened shoreline



The Benefits of a Healthy Shoreline

1. A more resilient ecosystem
2. Clean water
3. Safe and healthy areas for recreation



The Benefits of a Healthy Shoreline (cont'd)



4. Increased property values
5. Less maintenance work and costs
6. A better quality of life

The Beauty of the Buffer



How to Build a Buffer



Natural



Enhanced



Landscaped

Taking Action

- ◆ Conserve water
- ◆ Maintain your septic system
- ◆ Use alternative cleaners
- ◆ Reduce run-off
- ◆ Build an environment-friendly dock
- ◆ Be a green boater

What Else Can We Do?



Get informed and make the right choices !

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