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Hi Lower Long Lake! You may have seen me walking around your neighbors' yards with a measuring tape or possibly at Morris-Erickson County Park working on demonstration buffer plots along the shoreline. I was hired by the LLLPRD to implement their Shoreland Restoration & Runoff Protection Project.

Originally from Bloomer, I attended UW-Stevens Point in the Natural Resources program. I graduated in 1999, with a BS degree majoring in Natural Resource Management with an emphasis in Environmental Education and Interpretation. After being a park ranger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Rock Island, IL, for a year and a half, I landed a job with the Marinette County Land & Water Conservation Department as an education specialist. I spent six wonderful years there working closely with other conservation professionals and learning about shoreline restoration. However, in the mean time I got married, to another Bloomerite, and realized we really wanted to be closer to our families. So, we moved to Shell Lake, WI, which is only an hour from Bloomer. Not finding full-time work in my field there, I decided to try going it on my own and started *The Green Frog Company* offering shoreline conservation consulting, restorations and rain gardens. The LLLPRD contracted my services for 2007, and the rest is history.