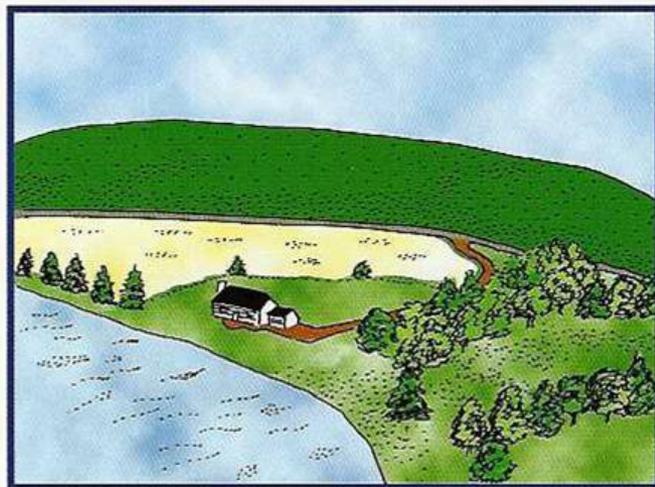


### **Preferred** – Siting away from a Lake or Waterbody

By building your house at a distance from the water you will leave room for intervening planting to absorb pollutants and provide privacy from passersby on the lake. Locating the driveway, parking area and septic system on the house side opposite the lake keeps runoff and other pollutants from entering the water. During severe storms, the vegetation can also absorb significant amounts of water, reducing the danger of flooding. Finally, the planting softens the appearance of the house and shields it from those who use the lake.



### **Avoid** – Siting at the Edge of a Lake or Waterbody

Locating your house, driveway, parking area, and septic system at the very edge of a lake allows no room for intervening vegetation to filter pollutants from septic systems, car oil and gas residue, and salt and sand used on driveways that might contaminate the lake. Eventually, pollutants could cause eutrophication, rendering the lake useless for habitat and recreation because of overgrowth of aquatic plants. In addition, you will damage shoreline habitat that is essential for a number of species.