

AQUA-LOC HELPS LAKESHORE HOMEOWNERS MEET COUNTY BUILDING CODE

Kandiyohi County in central Minnesota has a building code that limits impermeable surfaces in shoreland zones within 1,000 feet of a body of water to 25 percent of the total lot coverage. In addition to traditional concrete or asphalt pavements, county regulations classified regular pavers and even compacted gravel as impermeable surfaces. So when a major expansion of a home on the area's popular Green Lake threatened to exceed that limit, the homeowners had to find a permeable pavement solution.

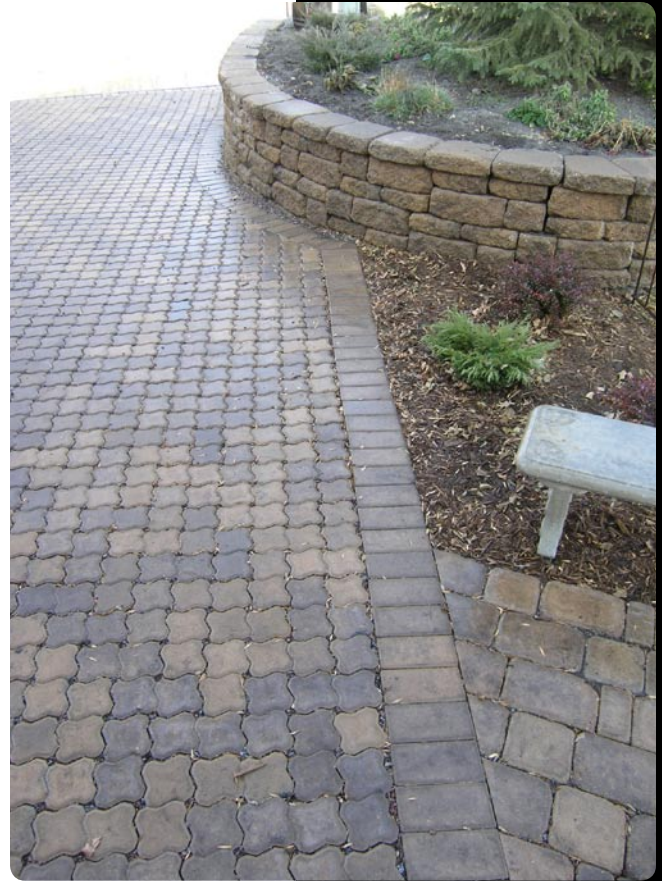
At the recommendation of their landscape contractor, they found it in Aqua-Loc.

Said Cory Fladeboe, head foreman with Stacy's Landscaping in Willmar: "We had to learn our way through it, but once you got a pattern going, you could fly pretty quickly. After the base/sub-base system is installed, they're very comparable to regular pavers as to the ease of laying. And the unique shape of the Aqua-Loc pavers makes a visually interesting pattern."

The Green Lake residence was the contractor's first Aqua-Loc installation, but it won't be his last. He expects to see more Aqua-Loc projects in his future as awareness of the connection between stormwater runoff and water quality heightens, and already had another installation scheduled as a result of the new tighter county building code.

"With any building permit request, you have to meet the standards of the ordinance," says Gary Geer, Kandiyohi County zoning administrator. "And a lot of these shoreland properties are already over the 25 percent."

Geer says about a half-dozen permeable paver projects have been installed in the county to help homeowners meet that limit.



LOCATION:
Green Lake, Spicer, MN

OWNER:
Private residence

DESIGNER/INSTALLER:
Stacy's Landscaping,
Willmar, MN

MANUFACTURER:
Willow Creek Concrete
Products, Kimball, MN

SOLUTION:
Willow Creek Permeable
Aqua-Loc in Sandstone

