



2019 Impact Report

The Daniel and Susan Gottlieb Lake
Stewardship Grant

For: The Daniel and Susan Gottlieb Foundation

2019 DANIEL AND SUSAN GOTTLIEB LAKE STEWARDSHIP GRANT

With the generous funding received from the Daniel and Susan Gottlieb Foundation in 2019, Watersheds Canada was able to launch the first Daniel and Susan Gottlieb Lake Stewardship Grant. We were so excited to be able to provide lake associations and stewardship groups with the needed funds to engage their communities to participate in stewardship activities. With its announcement in June, we received a positive and enthusiastic response from the lake communities. A grant review committee was organized with representation by three outside members of lake communities and one Watersheds Canada Staff member. Each member reviewed the applications received and assessed each application against a set of criteria to ensure accountability and appropriate use of funds. Grant recipients were then notified in early August.

We are happy to report that we were able to help **15** volunteer lake stewardship groups in Ontario. We awarded each organization with up to **\$500** of funding support towards projects that have a positive impact on the health of our lakes and rivers and involvement of their lake community. Because of this generous funding, groups were able to naturalize shorelines, conduct water quality sampling, create loon nesting platforms, conduct public outreach, and many other activities.



Grant Recipient Canning Lake Property Owners Association doing a Water Quality Sampling.

2019 Daniel and Susan Gottlieb Lake Stewardship Grant Recipients

- **Battersea Loughborough Lake Association – *Buckthorn Eradication Program*** – the association used the funds towards purchasing two Buckthorn Extractigators to control the spread and bring awareness to Buckthorn in the area.
- **Big Rideau Lake Association – *Water Quality Sampling Program*** – funding went towards the lab costs of sampling over 40 water quality sites, monthly from May to October.
- **Canning Lake Property Owners Association – *Water Quality Sampling Program*** - funding covered the lab costs associated with the water quality sampling program, as well as analysis of aquatic invasive species samples.
- **Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association – *Shoreline Naturalization Program & Lake Protection Booklets*** - funding went towards providing a Shoreline Naturalization Workshop and allowed the association to provide over 450 native plants to members for naturalize their shorelines. As well as providing 134 Lake Protection Booklets to their community.
- **Christie Lake Association – *Loon Nesting Program*** - Christie Lake was able to expand its Loon Nesting Program by building and deploying five new loon-nesting platforms on Christie Lake.
- **Dog Lake Association – *Association Awareness & Outreach Campaign*** – DLA was able to reach out to 177 property owners who are NOT members of the association, providing each family with educational material on the work of the association, health of the lake, blue green algae, environmental practises and the benefits of becoming members of the association.
- **Gooseneck Lake Property Owners Association – *Gooseneck Lake Action Plan*** - the association is working with Randy French and their community to create a Lake Action Plan for Gooseneck Lake.
- **Kashwakamak Lake Association – *Distribution of Lake Protection Booklets*** - funding allowed the association to provide a copy of the Lake Protection Booklet to over 350 members.
- **Lake Kasshabog Residents Association – *Shoreline Naturalization Workshop*** – the association will be able to educate their members on the importance and benefits of naturalizing shorelines during a workshop scheduled for the spring of 2020.
- **Kawartha Lake Stewards Association – *Enhanced Water Quality Monitoring Program*** – the KLSA was able to purchase a dissolved oxygen meter for use by over 62 volunteers to sample 16 different lakes, providing reliable water quality data to a membership of over 600 individuals.

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- **Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association – *Water Quality Sampling Program*** - with increased blue-green algae sightings on Leonard Lake, the funding will enhance the water quality program, covering most of the lab costs.
- **Mississippi Lakes Association – *Invasive Species Program*** – funding will go towards the invasive species management action plan of frog-bit, as well as mapping out and marking areas of Eurasian Milfoil and education/training for community volunteers.
- **Salmon Lake Cottagers Association – *Water Quality Monitoring & Lake Protection Booklets*** – the SALACOA were able to continue their water quality monitoring with Trent University and provide 110 members with copies of the Lake Protection Booklet.
- **Three Mile Lake Association – *Shoreline Naturalization Program*** – this association, in partnership with the Muskoka Watershed Council, was able to naturalize a shoreline property with native plants.
- **Wollaston Lake Home and Cottage Association – *The Blue Lakes Program & Community Outreach Event*** – the WLHCA was able to host a community BBQ with presentations by The Land Between and Watersheds Canada to educate the property owners on The Blue Lakes Program as well as initiate their Eurasian Milfoil action plan with volunteers.



**Grant recipient Christie Lake Association
building loon nesting platforms.**

We are so proud of all the 2019 recipients and their efforts to ensure the healthy future of Canada's freshwater. The positive response of this grant program has been incredible and we are hoping to be able to support even more lakes next year with your help.

***Total funding dispersed this round will be a maximum of \$7,500 based on applications and subsequent costs submitted for reimbursement. We would like to propose that the remaining funds be rolled into another round of funding in early spring of 2020, allowing more groups to participate and make a difference in their freshwater communities.**

Thank you Daniel and Susan for helping make "Every Action Count"!

"We want to acknowledge and thank The Daniel and Susan Gottlieb Lake Stewardship Grant Program and Watersheds Canada which generously gave funds to the KLA to help offset the distribution of this key document to our members. Working together by educating and engaging our community we hope that everyone takes responsibility for ensuring the long-term health and prosperity of the lake."

– Gorden B. Hunter, President, Kashwakamak Lake Association





Thank You!



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