



The Natural Edge Program

Public Stewardship Tools - Shoreline Planting Program



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The Natural Edge Program

- Est. 2013
- Follow-up to our Love Your Lake program to provide assistance to landowners on our participating lakes.
- We now offer it to waterfront property owners all across Canada.
- Our goal is to ensure that all landowners have the resources needed to naturalize their shoreline and protect all of Canada's freshwater.



Restoring the *Ribbon* of Life

Our Program

We work 1:1 with landowners to design a natural shoreline

- Site visit: advice and recommendations are provided to improve the health of shoreline properties
- Customized re-naturalization planting plan for the property
- 50 native plants including 25 bare root (small), 15 potted (large) plants and 10 wildflowers. Additional plants can be purchased at cost.
- All materials needed (Hemp fibre mats, mulch, tree guards)
- Educational Guides (Native Plant Care, Wildflower Garden, Habitat Creation)

Landowners are encouraged to plant it themselves but staff can complete the planting for a fee.



Our projects

- Residential properties
- Public Demonstration Plantings
 - Work with Municipalities
 - Planting workshops held at public parks
- Agricultural Buffers

So far:

- Over 90,000 native plants
- Over 177,000m²





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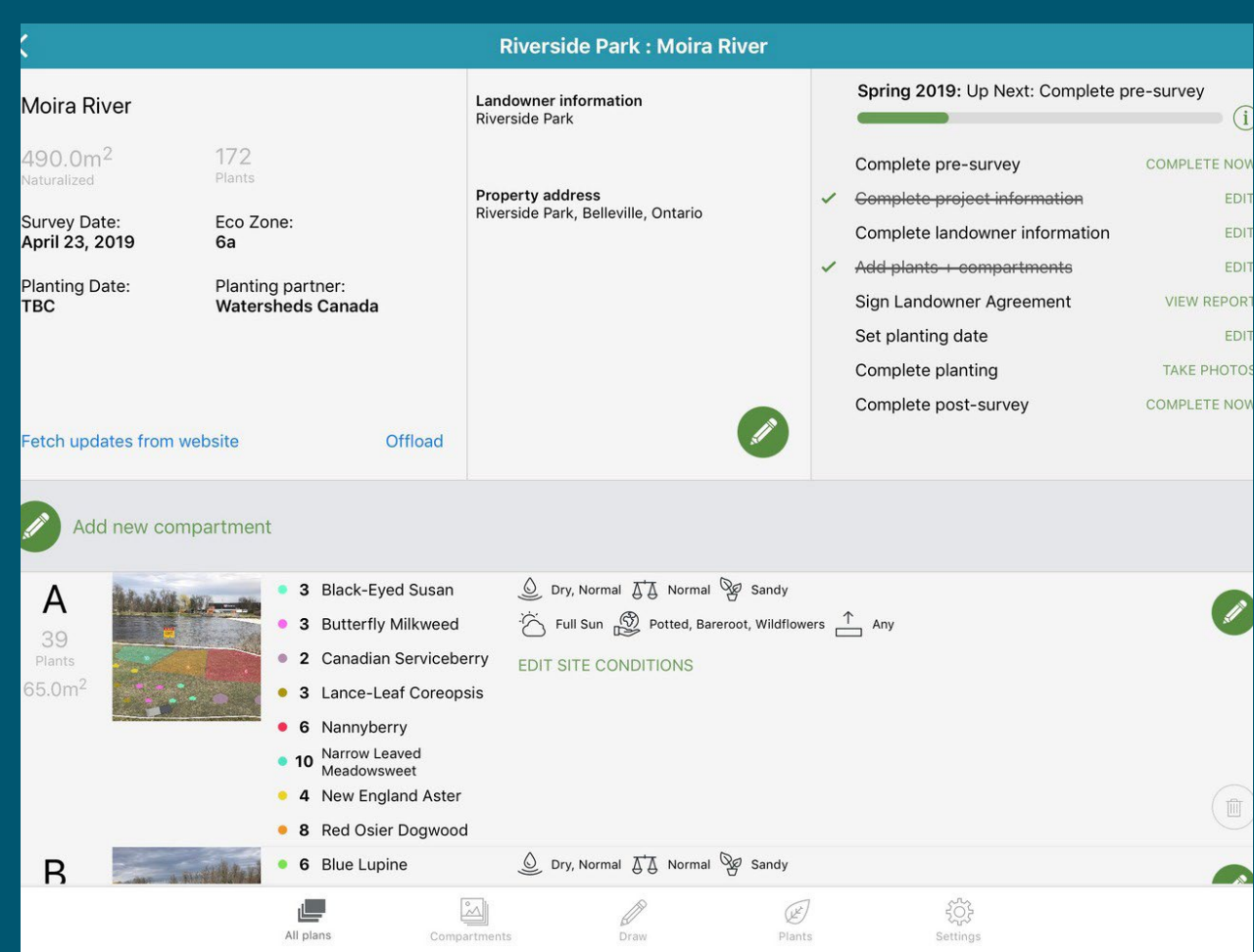
*Develop, test & pilot
in Eastern Ontario*



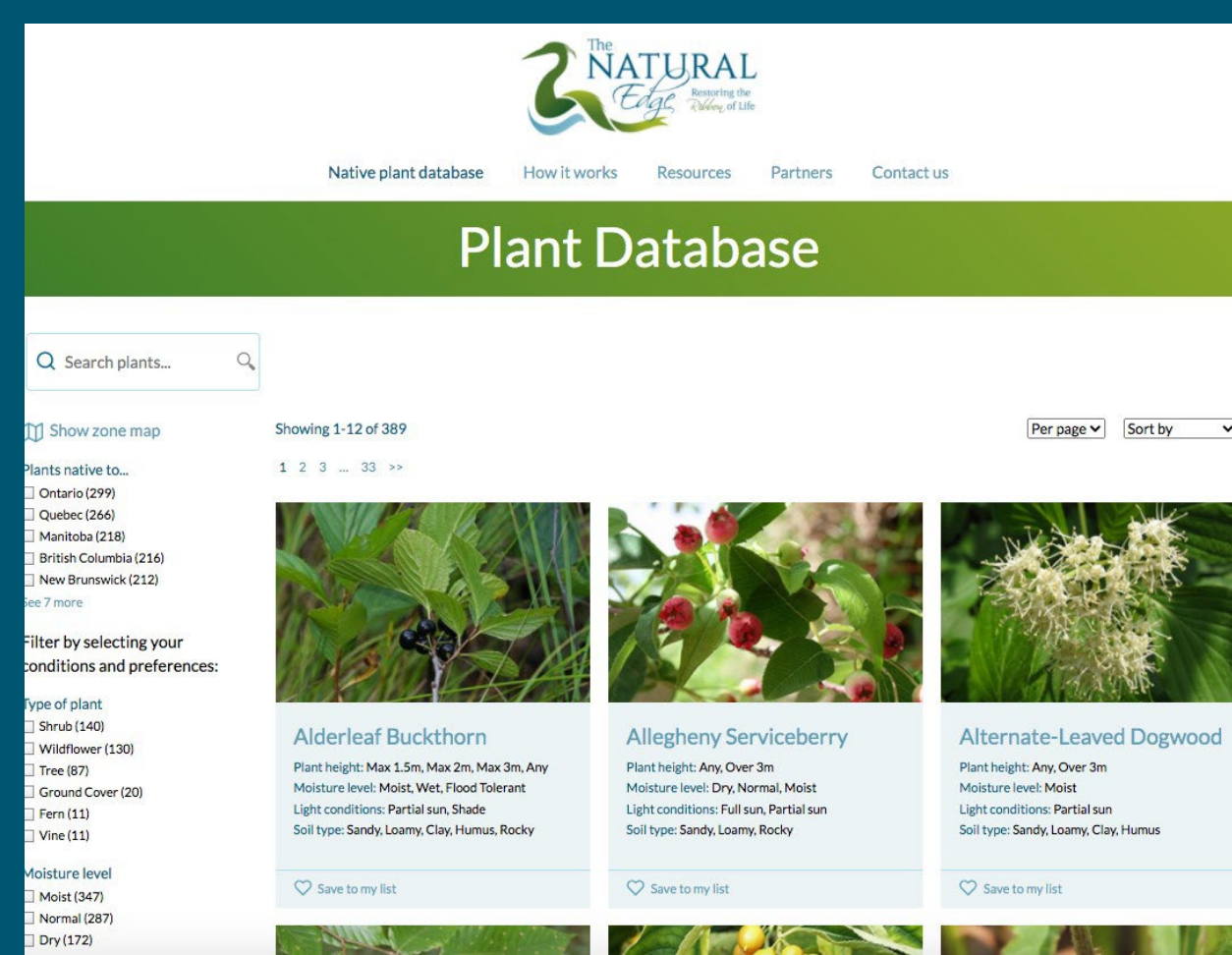
Natural Edge "program-in-a-box"

- Custom iOS software
- Native Plant Database
- Private Admin system
- Resource guides
- Training & support
- Native plants & materials





Natural Edge iOS App



Native Plant Database



Examples of naturalized shorelines, less than 5 years after planting



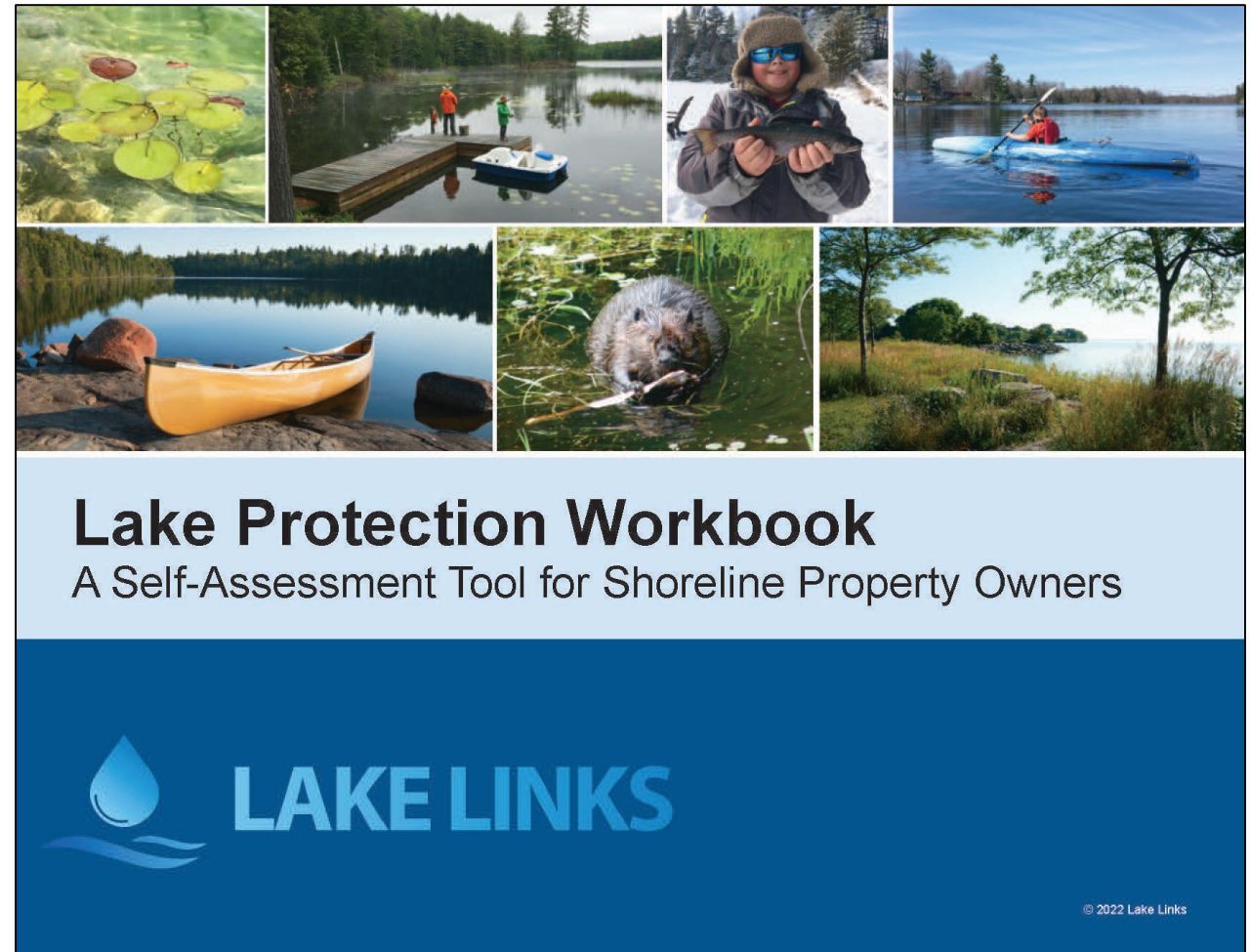
Delivery Partners & Funding

- The Land Between (Haliburton Area)
- Muskoka Watershed Council
- Kawartha Lake Stewards Association
- Quinte Conservation
- Junction Creek Stewardship Committee (Sudbury)
- Muskrat Watershed Council (Cobden)
- TD Friends of the Environment Fund
- EcoAction
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Great Lakes Local Action Fund
- Ontario Community Environment Fund
- Landowner Contributions
- Various Private Foundations



Lake Protection Booklet

- Produced by Lake Links Planning Committee with review & collaboration from many organizations
- Self assessment, educational tool for shoreline property owners
- Helps property owners make improvements on their shoreline
- Free downloadable copy <https://watersheds.ca/lake-protection-workbook/>
- Printed copies available \$2.00+shipping - Summer 2022
- Save the Date - Lake Links Workshop October 22, 2022



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