



Watersheds
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Every Shoreline Matters. Every Action Counts.

Watersheds Canada understands that in order to create the greatest impact, they must actively train, provide resources, and help others across Canada. For property owners, waterfront associations, and organizations concerned with the health of their lakes, rivers, and waterfront properties, Watersheds Canada will provide practical and proven ways to restore deteriorating shoreline conditions and improve water quality over the long-term. People will then have the ability to pass along that same expertise to others in their communities.

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The Natural Edge

Shorelines are one of the richest environments on earth, but they are also among the most threatened. Shorelines are the “ribbon of life”, where 90% of lake life is born, raised, and fed.



The Natural Edge Program provides shoreline property owners with the tools to naturalize their shoreline by creating a planting plan using native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. Watersheds Canada supplies all materials and expertise during the process at a reduced cost to the homeowner. We are connected with partners across Canada who use our open access mobile App to deliver this program and make every restoration a success.



Fish Habitats Program



With the steady increase in development along Canada's lakes and rivers, critical fish habitat is being compromised and degraded. Watersheds Canada, in partnership with local organizations, is working to protect, enhance and restore various freshwater fish habitats. Some of our projects include walleye and trout spawning bed restorations, cold-water creek habitat enhancements, and adding woody debris back into lakes with brush bundle projects.

Love Your Lake

A healthy lake starts with healthy shorelines and we are here to help. Property owners are provided an evaluation report or they can perform a self-assessment. Either way, they get helpful tips for improving the quality of the shoreline and lake. Developed in partnership with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, Love Your Lake translates science into action. Shorelines are unique and sensitive areas so protecting them benefits the lake and waterfront properties.



Planning for our Shorelands

As demand for development on the shores of Ontario's lakes and rivers increases dramatically, Watersheds Canada is creating a policy toolkit for municipal decision-makers, freshwater stakeholders, and the public so they have easily accessible land use planning information and policy resources that reference the science of sustainable waterfront development. This education toolkit will help guide waterfront development in a way that protects the integrity of local lakes and rivers.

Freshwater Stewardship Community

This free, virtual community brings together waterfront groups, students, individuals, and organizations to collaborate and share best practice resources to protect freshwater and shoreline areas. It features webinars, networking events, and education resources.



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