

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

Shoreline Naturalization Program

Often called the “ribbon of life,” natural shorelines are very important because they keep the water in our streams, rivers, and lakes clean and healthy. Natural shorelines also protect against erosion and provide valuable habitat for fish, birds and other wildlife.

Protecting and maintaining natural shorelines is important to everyone who enjoys swimming, fishing or spending time along healthy streams, rivers or lakes.



What the Program Offers:

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority’s **Shoreline Naturalization Program** provides information about the value and benefits of naturally vegetated, healthy shorelines. The program also offers simple, cost-effective advice and hands-on guidance to waterfront property owners interested in enhancing or naturalizing their shoreline.

- You may be eligible for a one-on-one site visit to develop a “shoreline planting plan” that will incorporate your land use needs with the concepts of shoreline naturalization;
- The program provides technical and financial assistance for approved shoreline naturalization projects, including: planning, purchasing of plants and materials, and planting;
- The program provides a 75 percent incentive grant up to a maximum of \$1,000 for approved shoreline naturalization projects.

Who is Eligible?

- Waterfront property owners along wetlands, streams, rivers and lakes within the Rideau Watershed
- Lake associations, river groups or other not-for-profit groups within the Rideau Watershed interested in completing shoreline demonstration sites, offering shrub handout/planting days, or other shoreline projects.

To find out more about the program or to set up a site visit, contact Andrea Klymko, Shoreline Stewardship Technician at 613.692.3571 ext. 1173 or email andrea.klymko@rvca.ca