

# PLANTING YOUR SHORELINE

Once you approve the planting plan and sign a stewardship agreement (indicating your commitment to reasonably care for your new plants), Watersheds Canada will coordinate the ordering, delivery, and planting of all the plants on your shoreline. We will provide all the tools, materials, and labour to complete the project. We invite landowners to participate in the planting, but it is optional and voluntary.

To participate in this program, landowners are asked to contribute 25% of the total project costs. The cost for each project varies depending on the size of the shoreline and the number of plants chosen for each site. We will work with landowners to complete projects that are economically feasible on a case-by-case basis.



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Watersheds Canada is a federally incorporated non-profit organization and registered Canadian charity committed to providing programs in communities across the country to engage and help shoreline owners enhance and protect the health of lakes and rivers.

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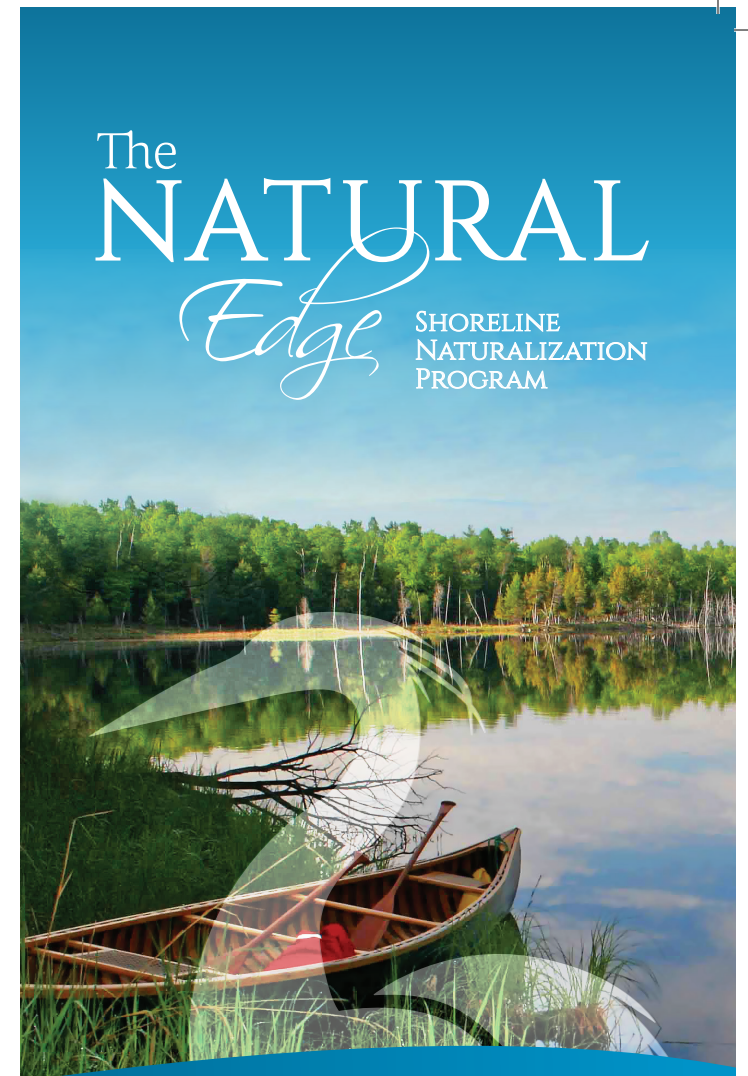
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The  
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NATURALIZATION  
PROGRAM

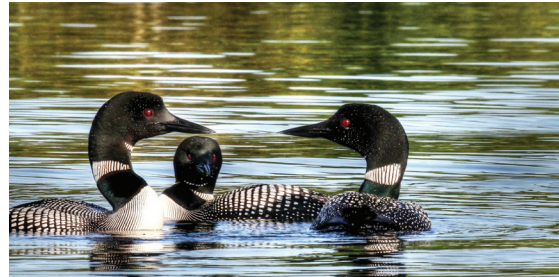


## DOES YOUR PROPERTY HAVE A NATURAL EDGE?

Shorelines are one of the richest environments on earth, but they are also among the most vulnerable. Habitat loss and degradation, water quality impairments, and increasing pressures from shoreline development can threaten our lakes and rivers, making it a priority for environmental stewardship and restoration.

*Watersheds Canada invites shoreline property owners to participate in the Natural Edge shoreline naturalization program.*

Planting native vegetation, such as trees, shrubs, ground cover, grasses, and wildflowers is both beautiful and useful. Native species have evolved to withstand regional environmental conditions, and are preferred by local wildlife for shelter and food. By planting native vegetation along your shoreline, *you can benefit the local ecosystem and stabilize your shoreline from erosion.*



*Shorelines are the ribbon of life, providing habitat, including shelter and food, for over 90% of aquatic wildlife.*

Restoring, protecting, and enhancing shorelines also contributes to improved water quality by filtering runoff.



## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

*Free site visits are available to waterfront property owners.* During these visits, Watersheds Canada staff will provide advice and recommendations for your shoreline, and provide more details about the Natural Edge program. Following the site visit, project staff will create a customized planting plan indicating the recommended areas for planting and a list of suitable native tree, shrub, and ground cover species. If views of the water are what you love, then we will choose suitable low-growing species to leave your view unobstructed. The goals and wishes of the landowner drive the plan, and all advice is optional. We will work with you to create a plan that works for you.

Restoring the  
*Ribbon* of Life

