



Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

Shoreline Naturalization Program

Vegetated Shorelines...

Require little to no maintenance work; buffer noise and provide privacy

Protect water quality by absorbing nutrients and contaminants

Provide bank stability – prevent erosion and hold soils in place

Shorelines With Limited Vegetation...

Require ongoing maintenance

Remove important areas of wildlife habitat

Reduce natural filtering by allowing runoff to enter directly into the waterway

RVCA's **Shoreline Naturalization Program** offers technical guidance and financial assistance to waterfront property owners interested in naturalizing their shorelines.

The Program Offers

- 75 percent incentive grant up to a maximum of \$1,000 for approved shoreline naturalization projects
- On-site visits with qualified staff that provide simple, cost-effective advice on “how to” protect your shoreline
- Project planning and support:
 - shoreline planting plan development
 - types of plants to use and local sources for plant stock
 - planting advice and/or assistance
- Shoreline naturalization workshops, talks and project assistance for community or lake groups

Eligibility

- Waterfront property owners along wetlands, streams, rivers and lakes within the Rideau Watershed with the commitment to maintain a healthy, vegetated shoreline
- Lake associations, river groups or other not-for-profit groups within the Rideau Watershed interested in completing shoreline demonstration sites, community plant handout days, or other shoreline stewardship projects




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