

Shoreline Protection Program Application Guidelines

Steps to apply to the 2021 Superior Stewards Shoreline Protection Program:

Familiarize yourself with the Shoreline Protection Program by visiting the Superior Stewards Shoreline Protection webpage:

https://lakeheadca.com/stewardship/superior-stewards

- a) Review the Application Package that contains: Shoreline Protection Program Description, Application Guidelines, Landowner Agreement, and Application Form
- b) Attend one of the Shoreline Protection Program Information Sessions

Apply to the Superior Stewards Shoreline Protection Program by filling out the application form. Application forms can be found online at www.lakeheadca.com under the Stewardship tab, or at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) office. To be eligible for up to 100 native shoreline plants and a personalized planting plan designed by LRCA Staff, you must have shoreline or riparian frontage available for rehabilitation, and be willing to prepare, plant, and maintain your revegetation project. The Shoreline Protection Program addresses fish and wildlife habitat impairments and prioritizes properties that are within the Thunder Bay Area of Concern and have water frontage that is a minimum of 15 metres (49 feet). Due to limited space in the Superior Stewards Shoreline Protection Program, applicants may be placed on a waitlist for the 2022 Superior Stewards program and will be notified in the case of an opening in the 2021 season.

A preliminary site visit will be arranged with eligible applicants to discuss their shoreline, any permit requirements, and planting plan designs. A Landowner Agreement will be signed at this time, officially securing your place in the Program. Following this site visit, a planting plan will be provided by LRCA Staff and once a plan is agreed upon, Landowners will have 3 weeks to prepare the site for planting (e.g., tilling, amending soil with topsoil or compost, adding mulch, etc.).

Plants will be delivered to the property by LRCA staff. This will be arranged and completed within 3 weeks of the initial site visit. LRCA staff will arrange a day to assist with plant installation by coordinating with the Landowner, if required.

Landowners will receive a native plant maintenance manual to help ensure successful establishment of the native plants provided by the Superior Stewards Shoreline Protection Program. LRCA Staff will be available for ongoing support as you maintain your new naturalized shoreline. *Apply today!*

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Application deadline: May 30, 2021