



Shoreline Protection Program Description

Superior Stewards Shoreline Protection Program is a shoreline assessment and educational stewardship program that supports private landowners in planting native vegetation to enhance shoreline and streambank areas, rehabilitate and maintain healthy wildlife habitat, provide erosion protection, and improve water quality. By adding vegetation between lawn and lake, river, or creek, water is filtered before entering Lake Superior and fish and wildlife habitat is enhanced. The Shoreline Protection Program addresses fish and wildlife habitat impairments and prioritizes properties within the Thunder Bay Area of Concern.

The cumulative actions of all watershed residents decides the health of the lakes, rivers, and streams. The goal of the Shoreline Protection Program is to encourage landowners to contribute positively to the overall health of the Lakehead Watershed, starting at home. If you live on a lake, or have a stream or river running through your property, you may be eligible to receive up to 100 plants along with an individualized planting plan and installation support.

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority staff will organize a time and day to assess your shoreline or streambank. A preliminary planting design will be drawn, and once plans are agreed upon, a planting day will be organized to install your new vegetative buffer. A variety of perennials, shrubs, and trees will be used and an area for lawn chairs, a dock, or campfire pit can be incorporated based on the landowner's preferences. Landowners are responsible to maintain the new vegetation through a Landowner Agreement with the LRCA.

Apply today by completing an application form, found at www.lakeheadca.com/stewardship. Qualified applicants will be provided a preliminary consultation and site visit to discuss your vision for your shoreline or streambank restoration project. Work near water may require a permit from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, or the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Picture this: A gentle slope rolling down to the water's edge, beautiful flowering shrubs and native plants frame a trail leading to the water. Amongst the blossoms butterflies dance from flower to flower, your backyard alive with bird song and rustling leaves. Earth worms and bees burrow into the layer of debris, branches, and leaves covering the soil, and young fish bask in the shade offered by trees towering over the shallow water. Now THAT's a beautiful backyard.

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