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HELPFUL NEW HANDBOOK TO PROTECT ERODING SHORES

RIDEAU VALLEY, JUNE 14, 2011 — A new handbook is available to help landowners protect their shorelines. The Solutions for Shoreline Erosion Handbook goes beyond the traditional approaches to reduce erosion such as riprap or seawalls; it highlights options that use natural materials. Great for lakes, rivers, streams, creeks and drains across Eastern Ontario, the booklet shows different methods for different sites based on slopes, soils and space. It outlines the advantages and disadvantages of each method and includes contact information for agencies where permits and/or approvals might be necessary before starting a project.

Erosion is a natural process, but it can be accelerated by human activity like the removal of shoreline vegetation or excessive boat wake. Natural vegetation along our shorelines plays a crucial role in preventing soil erosion, protecting water quality and preserving the ecological balance of aquatic environments. Without a healthy vegetated buffer, shorelines have reduced resistance against erosion. This handbook guides people on how to bring buffers back to their shore and fight erosion — naturally!

Hats off to the conservation team that pulled this handbook together: Cataraqui Conservation Authority, Mississippi Valley Conservation, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (Kemptonville District), Quinte Conservation, Raisin Region Conservation Authority, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and South Nation Conservation.

To get your free copy and other resource management information, contact the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's Resource Specialists at 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1128 or 1132. You can also visit our office at 3889 Rideau Valley Drive in Manotick or download a copy from the RVCA's website at www.rvca.ca — look under "What's New."

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