

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is the lead intermunicipal agency working to address river-related environmental issues and concerns within the Rideau Valley watershed. Thanks to our many partners, the scope of our environmental protection work includes planning, source water protection, tackling flooding and erosion problems and researching water movement and use in the valley. We help people maintain healthy shorelines, provide advice on development-related issues and report to municipalities, agencies and the public about watershed conditions and trends. We also provide public access to natural waterfront areas, deliver community-based stewardship programs, reduce water pollution and protect fish and wildlife habitat.

STEWARDSHIP ASSISTANT

ONE-YEAR CONTRACT

\$42,000 - \$50,000

The *Making Shorelines Natural Project* is a large-scale, community-based, stewardship outreach project that will aim to re-vegetate and restore priority shoreline areas in the Lower Rideau Watershed. In consultation with property owners and community partners, this project will plant native shrub and tree seedlings through the implementation of individualized shoreline naturalization plans. The *Making Shorelines Natural Project* will work to improve water quality and wildlife habitat in the priority areas through naturalization and land retirement efforts.

The Stewardship Assistant will help deliver the *Making Shorelines Natural Project*. Through various outreach and public engagement opportunities, the Stewardship Assistant will engage landowners and community groups in the Lower Rideau Watershed priority areas to develop individualized shoreline naturalization and/or land retirement plans. The Assistant will help with shoreline naturalization plan implementation in partnership with community partners and volunteers. The Assistant will also help with monitoring project expenditures and report writing.

The *Making Shorelines Natural Project* is supported by a generous grant from Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program.

The minimum requirements to qualify an individual for this position are:

- College diploma specializing in biology, ecology, fish and wildlife, environmental studies/science or a related program.
- One-year relevant experience working with landowners and community groups.
- Excellent working knowledge of watershed planning and ecosystem management principles.
- Familiarity and interest in shoreline naturalization techniques and working knowledge of native tree and shrub species an asset.
- Familiarity with the Rideau Valley watershed is an asset.
- Excellent computer skills and good knowledge of MS Access, Word and Excel.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills in English. Bilingualism is an asset.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Capable of working under supervised, independent and teamwork conditions.
- Aptitude for compiling and assessing large amounts of information quickly, with good attention to detail.
- Demonstrated ability to plan, organize and implement projects to completion, applying excellent research skills.
- Flexibility to work some evenings and weekends.
- Physically capable of carrying out shoreline planting work.
- Valid driver's license and a clean driving record is mandatory.

If you have a strong commitment to the environment and the protection of land and water resources and you meet the requirements of this position, please send us your application before August 17th, 2010.

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The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is an equal opportunity employer. We welcome all applications; however we will contact only those candidates selected for consideration.