



Stewardship Opportunities and Resources

Becoming a lake steward involves voluntarily making changes in your behaviours that will protect and improve the health of your lake for future generations. It can also mean working with, and motivating others to change their behaviours and begin taking responsibility for the health of their lake. The following tables contain information about organizations and programs that can assist in stewardship action on your lake and lists educational resources available to your lake group for presentation at meetings or workshops.

Organization	Details
<u>Ontario Stewardship</u>	Ontario Stewardship is a program of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources that brings together landowners, individuals, associations and resource agencies with an interest in responsible resource stewardship and sustainable resource use. The Stewardship Councils encourage taking an ecological approach, and promote healthy communities and a healthy environment.
<u>The Mutual Association for the Protection of Lake Environment in Ontario (MAPLE)</u>	MAPLE is a non-profit environmental organization incorporated in 1987 to promote the preservation of the natural lake environments. Through the maintenance of existing natural shorelines and wetlands, it promotes the restoration and enhancement of waterfronts by encouraging natural regeneration and initiating revegetation of shorelines.
<u>Centre for Sustainable Watersheds (CSW)</u>	CSW is the Ontario coordinator for the Living By Water Project, a national shoreline stewardship outreach program targeted to shoreline homeowners, realtors, municipal leaders, and other water resource stakeholders. CSW offers a number of programs and resources to help raise awareness about the importance of protecting natural shorelines to water quality and ecosystem health.

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<u>Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA)</u>	FOCA is a non-profit, voluntary organization serving as an information centre and providing assistance and leadership to fellow cottagers.
<u>Ontario Nature</u>	Ontario Nature protects and restores natural habitats through research, education and conservation, connecting thousands of individuals and communities with nature.
<u>Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County</u>	<p>The mission, focus and terms of reference of the Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County were identified by the inaugural members and are based on the following principles and practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote stewardship ethics and best management practices • Draw on the experience and traditional knowledge of the community • Identify and address local stewardship needs in partnership with others • Resolve issues through compromise and respect
<u>Friends of the Tay Watershed Association (FoTW)</u>	The primary objective of the Friends of the Tay Watershed is to involve landowners, users, communities, government agencies and ministries, business and other interested parties in programs aimed at preserving and improving the health of the Tay River watershed. The Association will carry out activities to maintain wildlife habitat, recreation, water quality, water quantity and related resources in the Watershed.
<u>Rideau Environmental Action League</u>	Rideau Environmental Action League launched the Lanark & Leeds Green Community in 1998 to address the environmental concerns of individual residents and householders in the small towns and rural areas of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville. Since then, LL Green has directly engaged more than 4,000 homeowners in the region.
<u>Landowners Resource Center</u>	Browse through our information resources. The LRC is where you can get accurate, impartial, user-friendly information on a variety of topics.

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<u>Critter Crossing</u>	The web site describes transportation's impacts on wildlife and highlights exemplary projects and processes that are helping to reduce these impacts
<u>OFAH Community Stream Steward Program</u>	A multi-partner conservation and stewardship initiative hosted by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. With the aim of engaging landowners and communities, the program works to build a network of leaders in stream conservation, restoration, and stewardship across Ontario. The program provides these landowners and community members with the advice, support, and tools required to conduct coordinated stewardship activities along stream reaches within their neighborhoods.
<u>The Living by Water Project</u>	<p>If you're a shoreline resident, The Living by Water Project is committed to helping you obtain information to protect your property, prevent problems like erosion, and protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat. The project works with, and provides support services to, groups that help shoreline residents like you.</p> <p>If you're involved with a group, Living by Water can help you with materials, services and support to deliver outreach and awareness-raising programs about shorelines in your community.</p>
<u>The Ecological Gifts Program</u>	Environment Canada's Ecological Gifts Program has enabled individual and corporate landowners to protect their cherished piece of nature forever by donating ecologically-sensitive land to an environmental charity or government body. In addition to the peace of mind of knowing that the land will be managed by the recipient according to mutually agreed-upon conservation goals and objectives, donors are also eligible to receive income tax benefits for their donation.
<u>Build a Nest Box</u>	For both ducks and bats.
<u>Hinterland Who's Who</u>	As you read and learn about Canada's vanishing natural heritage, you might want to know what an individual can do about it. Well, you've come to the right section, because we've included many practical and doable ideas that you can begin implementing to help Canada's wildlife right now. So, whether you just start out by making your own backyard nature-friendly, or take on a bigger project including your whole community, we know that you'll enjoy the sense of accomplishment you get from making the world a better place for wildlife.

Fish Lead-Free

Facts about lead sinkers and jigs, regulations and outreach activities, and where to find lead-free alternatives.

Program	Details
<u>Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Rural Clean Water Program</u>	The RVCWP works in partnership with individual landowners to help protect the land and water we all rely on. The program offers financial incentives to farmers and rural property owners to undertake projects that protect and improve water quality in the Rideau River watershed. Support for Education Initiatives is also available
<u>Trees for Tomorrow</u>	The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) and its partners have planted an average of 100,000 trees per year since 1983. We are committed to helping landowners meet their reforestation needs, increase watershed tree cover and support source water protection through tree planting. RVCA plants a mix of native species grown locally at the Ferguson Forest Centre.
<u>Shoreline Naturalization Program</u>	The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's Shoreline Naturalization Program provides information about the value and benefits of naturally vegetated, healthy shorelines. The program also offers simple, cost-effective advice and hands-on guidance to waterfront property owners interested in enhancing or naturalizing their shoreline
<u>Butternut Recovery Program</u>	Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is working with the Forest Gene Conservation Association and the Ontario Butternut Recovery Team to build a strong butternut recovery program across southern Ontario. With the help of numerous partners including the Government of Canada Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk, the Ontario Species at Risk Stewardship Fund, Ferguson Forest Center, MNR Stewardship Councils, Conservation Authorities and most importantly local landowners, RVCA is locating healthy mature Butternut trees and planting vigorous Butternut seedlings through a regional Butternut Recovery Program.

Educational Materials and Details

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Invading Species Program Resource Materials and Information

Watch cards, Factsheets, Brochures, Signs, Posters, Stickers, Videos, Displays and other Materials

Friend's of Murphy's Point Provincial Park

Black Ratsnake Conservation in Ontario. For more information, please contact: Tobi Kiesewalter Murphy's Point Provincial Park (613)267-5060

'Caring for your Land' workshop Series

The Caring for Your Land Series of workshop kits are available to groups interested in promoting wise use of our water, soils and natural resources. The kits can be reserved for a period of up to 3 weeks.

The courses are self-contained and ready to be used. They consist of a binder with a PowerPoint presentation on CD, speaker notes, presentation handouts, and additional resource info documents.

Ducks Unlimited Ontario Region

Ducks Unlimited Canada's (DUC) general resources are home to information on many different topics. Learn about DUC's wetland interpretive centres and look up Canada's wildlife in *Nature Notes*. Learn how to build a nest box and tap into DUC's wetland expertise with *Ask the Expert*.

Landowner Resource Centre

User-friendly fact sheets on a variety of resource management topics including agroforestry, financial aspects, forests, insects and pests, water and wetlands and wildlife. Additional information resources listed here include topics such as the Eastern Ontario Model Forest Code for Forestry Practice, Private Woodlot Management, Native Plant Resource Guide, Sugar Bush Management and many more. General purpose videos intended to promote private land stewardship that respects the needs of wildlife, people and the land base.

Conservation Ontario: Source Water Protection Education Resources

Videos, Factsheets, Workshop in a Box, Flyers and other materials