IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF MUSKOKA

The District Municipality of Muskoka is an upper-tier municipality that has monitored water quality in Muskoka area lakes since 1980. Since 2002, the Muskoka Water Strategy has provided integrated and strategic initiatives for the protection of Muskoka's water resources. The purpose of the strategy is to guide and minimize the impact of human activities on water resources; ensure human and environmental health; and preserve the quality of life in Muskoka.

CONTACT US NOW TO BOOK A FREE SITE VISIT!

The District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge, Ontario, P1L 1N3

Fill out the online form to book a site visit:
www.muskoka.on.ca/en/environment/natural-edge-program.aspx

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WHAT WILL IT COST ME?

Site visits are free if you are just looking for some advice (within our delivery area). If you would like to take advantage of our Shoreline Re-Naturalization Starter Kit, we charge a one-time fee of $300+tx. The plants alone are worth more than this cost!



If you want more than the 50 plants, no problem, we simply add them to your planting plan at cost and take care of all the ordering for pickup.

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Watersheds CANADA

Watersheds Canada is a registered Canadian charity committed to protecting and enhancing lakes and rivers across the country. Despite our big name, Watersheds Canada is a very small environmental organization that raises every dollar each year from grants, donations and foundation support.

Please help us to keep our programs alive and available. Donations can be made at www.watersheds.ca/donate

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The NATURAL Edge

SHORELINE RE-NATURALIZATION PROGRAM



The NATURAL Edge
Restoring the Ribbon of Life

Does your property have a Natural Edge?

Shorelines are one of the richest environments on earth, but they are also among the most threatened. Habitat loss and degradation, water quality impairments, and increasing pressures from shoreline development can deteriorate our lakes and rivers, making them a priority for environmental stewardship and restoration.

Shorelines are the ribbon of life, providing habitat, including shelter and food, for over 90% of aquatic wildlife.



How can you get involved?

Free site visits are available to waterfront property owners in our delivery region.

During these visits, we will provide you with advice and recommendations to improve the health of your shoreline property.





If planting is recommended and you decide to move forward with a shoreline re-naturalization project, we can offer you all the resources you need to get started through the generous support of our funding sponsors. Resources in our Shoreline Re-naturalization Starter Kit include a customized planting plan, educational materials and native plants to create natural habitat along your shoreline.



Shoreline Re-Naturalization Starter Kit Includes:

- Free site visit
- Customized re-naturalization planting plan for your shoreline property
- 50 native plants including trees, shrubs, wildflowers, ferns, groundcovers and grasses.
- Hemp or coco fibre pads to deter grass from growing around new plantings
- Tree guards for all deciduous trees
- Mulch for your wildflowers
- Plant Care Guide with instructions on how to take care of your new plants
- Habitat Creation Guide
- Wildflower Garden Guide

About the planting plan

Our planting plans are created onsite with you and provide detailed information and plans to re-naturalize your shoreline property. We take photos of areas for planting and overlay native plants that are well suited to your property based on site conditions such as soil type and sunlight availability.

We will work with you to create a plan that works for you, including options for low growing plants in areas where views are important.

Restoring the *Ribbon* of Life

