



Watersheds
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Annual Report

2021~2022



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If you have been following Watersheds Canada and our activities, you will note that – despite pandemic restrictions and other challenges – this year we built on past successes and forged new paths. This has only been made possible through the dedication of our internal team, and the support of our steadfast donors, partners, and stakeholders. A highlight for this year was Watersheds Canada Natural Edge program placement as a finalist in the Nature Inspiration Awards, Not for Profit Small and Medium category. Also in 2021-22, Darlene Coyle joined us to lead our “Planning for our Shorelands” initiative as Environmental Policy and Planning Program Lead. The “Future of Our Shores” document was released through that initiative and is an example of the important link this program will play between policy, science, and planner practitioners.

Our profile as an organization has also grown over this year with a more significant social media and online presence. In May 2021, Watersheds Canada was featured on CBC News in an article entitled “Shorelines ‘not a backyard swimming pool,’ lakefront landowners reminded.” This Annual Report will highlight for you – the reader – our many accomplishments across the rest of our program areas including Fish Habitat work, Nature Discovery program activities, the Freshwater Stewardship Community, and our new partnership with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

In the winter of 2022 after 10 years as Executive Director, Barbara King requested that the Board approve her move to a part-time Director of Programs and Partnerships. This set the Board on a Canada-wide search for a new Executive Director. The Board is optimistic about the new leader that will guide our organization as it continues to grow into a national household name and helping Canadians protect the health of their freshwater.

-Mary Ellen Stoll, Board Chair



ABOUT WATERSHEDS CANADA

Watersheds Canada is a federally incorporated non-profit organization and registered Canadian charity. We are committed to providing programs to communities across the country to help enhance and protect the health of lakes and rivers. Our vision is for communities to come together to care for their waters, resulting in clean, healthy lakes and rivers that will support humans and wildlife for years to come.

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LOVE YOUR LAKE



Healthy Shorelines for Healthy Lakes

In 2021, six regional organizations delivered the Love Your Lake Program to shoreline property owners across Canada. These groups included the City of Greater Sudbury, Muskoka Watershed Council, North Saskatchewan River Basin Council, Re-imagining Atlantic Harbours, Southern Interior Land Trust, and Watersheds Canada.

This year, Love Your Lake expanded to the Maritimes for the first time! It was delivered in Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Ontario on 14 waterbodies with 2,936 total properties assessed, including:

BC: Tuc-el-nuit Lake

SK: Emerald Lake, Martins Lake, and Turtle Lake

ON: Loon Lake, Mary Lake, Menominee Lake, Turtle Lake, Robinson Lake, Silver Lake, Whitson Lake, Cranberry Lake, East Lake, Wellers Bay, and West Lake

NS: Porters Lake and Williams Lake

Regionally, Watersheds Canada assessed four waterbodies (1,012 properties total) in Eastern Ontario.

In total, the Love Your Lake Program has assessed over 44,274 properties on 187 waterbodies since 2013!

The Love Your Lake Program involves trained surveyors working with local organizations to assess the health of a freshwater body. After receiving individualized property reports, shoreline property owners are encouraged to take voluntary stewardship actions to improve and protect their lake's water quality and wildlife habitat.

Additionally, lake associations receive a lake summary report detailing the observations recorded around the lake including the degree of erosion, the types of development, the presence of invasive species, and voluntary community-level stewardship opportunities. As an environmental stewardship guide, both property reports and lake summary reports can be used to take proactive steps toward improving lake health by creating and maintaining healthier shorelines that benefit humans and wildlife.



Microgrant Program



Southern Interior Land Trust:
Twin Lakes K551 Strata Restoration

The Love Your Lake Microgrant Program provided funding for shoreline naturalization projects that positively impact lake health such as shoreline restoration and demonstration sites. Lake groups and lake associations who had participated in Love Your Lake were eligible to receive funding up to \$500 per group to improve freshwater health. Projects demonstrated support and involvement of lake community members taking action towards improving and maintaining shoreline and lake health such as community members distributing native plants, helping design garden layouts, or planting native plant species along shoreline areas.



Love Your Lake is a partnership program between Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation. The program is delivered by local conservation groups and waterfront organizations. It connects shoreline property owners with the information they need to make smart land management choices that improve wildlife habitat, water quality, and the overall health of a lake. Join us at www.loveyourlake.ca to learn about what you can do on your shoreline property to help you Love Your Lake! Funding provided by the Rogers Foundation and Canadian Wildlife Foundation.

THE NATURAL EDGE



Using Technology & Native Plants to Restore Shorelines

To make shoreline naturalizations easier, the Natural Edge Program guides landowners through every step of a shoreline restoration process, from planning to planting. It empowers property owners and community groups to restore their shoreline, protect their water quality, and create habitat for wildlife and pollinators using native species of trees, shrubs, and wildflowers.



Watersheds Canada's innovative Natural Edge Program – the only program of its kind in Canada – was nominated for the 2021 Nature Inspiration Award in the Not-For-Profit (Small and Medium) category. The Nature Inspiration Awards recognize individuals and organizations whose specific projects encourage Canadians to take an interest in natural history, create links with nature, and contribute to its preservation.

Since 2013, over 104,000 native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers have been planted on 440 sites on over 120 waterbodies. Because of the Natural Edge Program, over 216,000 square metres of shoreline habitat has been restored!

Completed a three-year shoreline naturalization project with Quinte Conservation in the Quinte watershed

From 2019-2021, the Quinte watershed was restored with 23,700 native plants on 5.9 kilometres of shoreline. The Natural Edge Program was implemented on 75 landowner properties throughout the Quinte Watershed including the planting of two large agricultural buffers and 11 public and community parks.



This project was made possible thanks to funding by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and several partner organizations who helped implement and connect landowners to the program, including: Friends of Wellers Bay, Friends of the Salmon River, Friends of the Napanee River, Friends of Stoco Lake, West Lake Community Association, Big Clear Lake Association, Kennebec Lake Association, Skootamatta Lake Association, Moira Lake Association, Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association, Quinte Field Naturalists, Belleville Rotary Club, Madoc Lions Club, Prince Edward County Natural Cover Group, Cherry Valley Park Association, O'Hara Volunteer Association, County of Prince Edward, City of Belleville, Town of Greater Napanee, the Municipality of Centre Hastings, the Town of Deseronto, and Municipality of Tweed.

Implemented year one of the three-year St. Lawrence River Area of Concern shoreline restoration project

From 2021 to 2024, three kilometres of degraded shoreline in the St. Lawrence River Area of Concern will be restored thanks to a new collaboration with Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Raisin Region Conservation Authority, River Institute, Great River Network, and 50 waterfront property owners.

Generously funded by the Great Lakes Protection Initiative – Areas of Concern Program by Environment and Climate Change Canada, this three-year project will see 5 planting workshops and 12,500 native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers planted to restore 12,500 square metres of vital terrestrial and aquatic riparian habitat in the St. Lawrence River Area of Concern.

This project also contributes to the actions of the Remedial Action Plan to restore the St. Lawrence River (Cornwall) Area of Concern. The delivery of the Natural Edge Program will directly address the legacy issues of 'Loss of Fish and Wildlife Habitat' and 'Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae' that have contributed to the Area of Concern status for decades.

Earth Tech

Watersheds Canada's Natural Edge Program was selected to join Centre for Social Innovation (CSI) Climate Ventures' 2021 Earth Tech accelerator! We have met with the other 17 other Canadian clean tech ventures in the cohort and are advancing our Natural Edge Program over the course of six months. In this accelerator, we will be focusing on growing as leaders, and connecting with the entrepreneurs, advisors, funders, and investors in the CSI community.

The Natural Edge Canada-wide program launch

Watersheds Canada's national launch of the Natural Edge Program and Canada's first and only natural shoreline restoration software empowers Canadians to take local action on the restoration and conservation of their freshwater resources. Generous funding was provided by the RBC Foundation through RBC Tech for Nature.

From July 2021-July 2022, the Natural Edge Canada-wide program launch was delivered across British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and New Brunswick in partnership with The Land Between, Kawartha Lake Stewards Association, Carrot River Valley Watershed Association, North Saskatchewan River Basin Council, Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds, South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards, Wascana Upper Qu'Appelle Watersheds Taking Responsibility, Shawnigan Basin Society, and Canaan-Washademoak Watershed Association.



Grassroots organizations who regionally delivered the Natural Edge Program received a “program in a box” which included all of the resources and training they needed to carry-out the Program from start to finish. Groups were equipped with the custom-built Natural Edge iOS App, an online private Admin System, the Native Plant Database, resource guides, training and support, and native plants and materials to engage Canadians and implement shoreline restorations. This innovative technology solution streamlined the restoration process, allowing delivery partners to create custom shoreline restoration designs easily and effectively.

PLANNING FOR OUR SHORELANDS

Shoreland Development with Nature in Mind

Responsibility for conserving shorelands in Ontario is shared across a diversity of stakeholders, including municipal councillors, planners, and lake-river associations. Planning for our Shorelands is a policy and planning program aimed at helping municipal decision-makers understand the benefits of vegetated shorelines, including climate change mitigation and resiliency, water quality protection, wildlife conservation, and erosion control. Our created resources will provide policy support to protect and restore shoreland vegetation in the face of proposed waterfront development.

The way we are seeking to achieve this is two-fold:

- 1) Organizing and facilitating webinars and discussion forums, providing an opportunity for decision-makers to discuss issues their municipalities are facing and learn from each other's experiences.
- 2) Developing a Best Management Practices Toolkit for sustainable waterfront land use planning which will provide municipalities with the scientific literature discussing the social, economic, and environmental benefits of natural shorelands, discuss common but complex issues municipalities are currently facing with regards to shoreland development, and offer policy solutions based on the success of municipalities from across Ontario.

This project is supported by LUSH Charity Pot, Daniel and Susan Gottlieb Foundation, and ImpAct Internship Program.



The project's first report, "The Future of our Shores", highlighted the need for more shoreland best-practices and education in Ontario

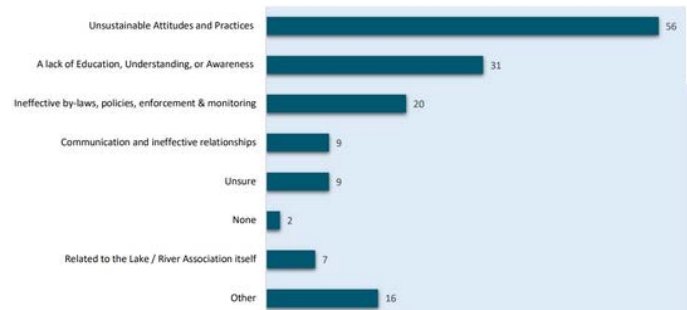
"The Future of our Shores" provided critical insight into complicated questions related to:

- shoreland development and freshwater stewardship;
- science supporting the importance of shorelands and freshwater and its availability;
- adequacy of provincial and municipal policy and laws to protect shorelands and freshwater in Ontario; and
- effectiveness of implementation and enforcement.

Our needs assessment, "The Future of our Shores", highlighted the most pressing shoreland issues identified by several influential stakeholders, as well as opinions concerning how these issues can and should be approached. Nearly 200 individuals responded to three stakeholder surveys, including municipal planners, councillors, and lake and river association representatives.

There was considerable agreement amongst the three stakeholder groups, including the need for more serious application of shoreland best-practices, the need for increased education of all three stakeholder groups and the general public, and the creation of a collaborative network between the decision-makers of communities and organizations who rely upon freshwater habitats for the economic and ecological services they provide.

Barriers to Shoreland Stewardship according to Lake and River Association



Ottawa

Shorelines 'not a backyard swimming pool,' lakefront landowners reminded



Watersheds Canada says lakes at risk from development boom in cottage country

Robyn Miller - CBC News - Posted: May 20, 2021 12:00 AM ET | Last Updated: 9 hours ago



Watersheds Canada recommends landowners keep 75 per cent of their shorelines natural to support wildlife. (Robyn Miller/CBC)

With an exponential increase in demand for shoreland properties and amenities, Ontario is at a critical juncture in relation to freshwater protection through land-use policy and policy implementation. "The Future of our Shores" represents a resource for those wanting to learn more about the current state of shoreland policy, development practices, and shoreland science in Ontario.

Featured on CBC News

In May 2021, Watersheds Canada was featured on CBC News in an article entitled "Shorelines 'not a backyard swimming pool,' lakefront landowners reminded."

Planning for our Shorelands is possible because of the guidance from a project steering committee which includes experienced planners, lake stewards, and conservation authorities. The committee includes: Barbara King (Watersheds Canada), Janet Taylor (White Lake resident), Mark Snider, Glenn Tunnock (Friends of the Tay Watershed), Terry Rees (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations), Mary Rae (Watersheds Canada Board Member and Retired Municipal Lawyer), Leora Berman (The Land Between), Katrina Furlanetto (Catarauqui Conservation), and Kristin Wozniak (Catarauqui Conservation).



FISH HABITAT PROGRAMS

Restoring Critical In-Water Habitat

With the steady increase in development along Canada's lakes and rivers, critical fish habitat is being compromised and degraded. Watersheds Canada, in partnership with local organizations, is working to protect, enhance, and restore various freshwater fish habitats. Some of our projects include walleye and trout spawning bed restorations, cold-water creek habitat enhancements, as well as adding woody debris back into our lakes with our brush bundle projects.

Enhancing walleye and trout spawning beds by cleaning silt and adding additional rocks will help strengthen their populations and our freshwater biodiversity.

Cold-water streams are significant tributaries in the proper function of natural ecosystems as they help to moderate temperatures in the larger rivers and lakes they flow into. Our cold-water habitat restorations support these streams as water temperature regulators and in providing nursery habitat for many fish species, including brook trout, which require the cold temperatures and high dissolved oxygen levels that these creeks possess.

Sunken logs, trees, branches, and root balls provide excellent habitat for wildlife, including fish, turtles, birds, invertebrates, and more. Our in-water fish habitat enhancement projects promote the health of wildlife populations and improve water quality by creating additional woody debris habitat, such as brush piles. Brush piles can provide fish with a food source, as well as shaded areas to rest, spawn, and escape predators.

Diamond Lake spawning bed restoration

Diamond Lake, located in Madawaska Valley region, is home to a historic lake trout spawning bed that was recently damaged by siltation and was inactive of fish spawning activity. In the fall, volunteers swept silt off the shoal and power washed the bed with silt curtains placed to minimize impacts on the system.



In February 2022, the washed bed was further enhanced with additional rocks that were placed over the bed on the frozen ice. As the ice melted in the spring, the rocks fell into place. This was Watersheds Canada's first trout bed restoration project.

This project was possible because of funding provided by Bass Pro Shops & Cabela's Outdoor Fund and with local partners including Diamond Lake property owners and volunteers, the Madawaska Valley Fish and Game Club, Watersheds Canada, Bathurst Burgess Drummond and Elmsley Fire/Rescue Station, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry – Pembroke, and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) – Zone F who gave an in-kind donation and lent their power washer for the project.



Olmstead Jeffrey Lakes brush bundles

In September 2021, 18 brush bundles were created and deployed into Olmstead and Jeffrey Lakes, located in the Upper Muskrat River Catchment of the Muskrat Watershed. This community-led effort enhanced walleye, pike, and bass habitat by adding woody debris back into the two lakes, creating areas for fish to rest, feed, and rear young.



This project was made possible by funding from Bass Pro Shops & Cabela's Outdoor Fund and the Pembroke Petawawa District Community Foundation, and with local partners including Olmstead-Jeffrey Lake Association, Muskrat Watershed Council, Algonquin College Pembroke campus, and Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry – Pembroke.

Wrapped up the two-year Pugnose Shiner Landowner Engagement and Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project

From 2020-2022, Watersheds Canada and Quinte Conservation led a voluntary education and action project to help shoreline property owners in the Quinte watershed restore and enhance the last remaining habitats of the Pugnose Shiner, a species at risk. The Pugnose Shiner is a small fish found in a few areas in southwestern Ontario and the St. Lawrence River and is extremely vulnerable to declining habitat quality.

To help protect local Pugnose Shiner populations and habitat quality on West Lake, East Lake, and Wellers Bay, more than 2,500 square metres of shoreline habitat was restored using native plants through the Natural Edge Program, more than 880 property-specific and lake-level stewardship reports were conducted through the Love Your Lake Program, aquatic vegetation surveys were conducted by Quinte Conservation, and landowners received education and stewardship materials. This two-year project was generously funded by the Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program for Aquatic Species at Risk and was delivered in partnership with Quinte Conservation, Friends of Wellers Bay, West Lake Community Association, East Lake volunteers, and County Sustainability Group.



FRESHWATER STEWARDSHIP COMMUNITY

Empowering Canada's Freshwater Stewards

This virtual community is a centralized place for lake and river associations, individuals, academics, students, and other organizations to connect and work together to protect local freshwater and shoreline areas. Launched in January 2021, the Freshwater Stewardship Community already has over 1,000 members from seven countries who attend monthly webinars, use free education resources, and network with other stewards across Canada.

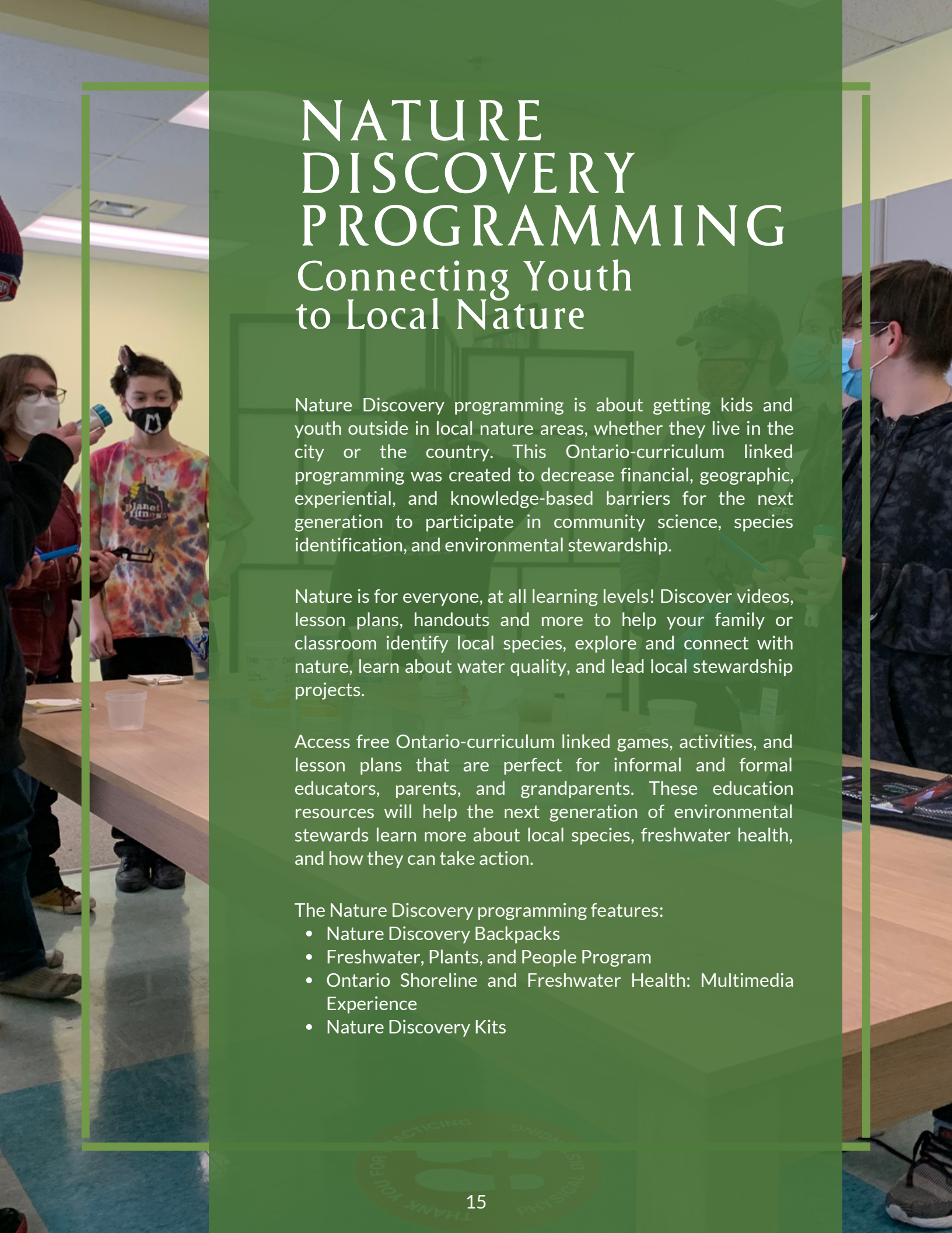
This past year, we collaboratively hosted 12 webinars which were attended live by more than 523 people and viewed on demand by over 1,567 people. In addition, 10 education handouts were created that provided a summary of some of the presentations, giving attendees extra tools and resources to take action in their community.

The webinars hosted this past year featured guest speakers from across many sectors, including academia, non-profits, businesses, and community groups. Recordings of the webinars and handouts are all available for free on our website: watersheds.ca/freshwater-stewardship. Learn about everything from invasive species to native wildlife, family and classroom resources, shoreland protection, and freshwater management.

Generous funding was provided by the S.M. Blair Family Foundation, Invasive Species Centre, and Peterborough K.M. Hunter Charitable Foundation.



Common green darner (*Anax junius*) photo by Dr. Mary Ann Perron.



NATURE DISCOVERY PROGRAMMING

Connecting Youth to Local Nature

Nature Discovery programming is about getting kids and youth outside in local nature areas, whether they live in the city or the country. This Ontario-curriculum linked programming was created to decrease financial, geographic, experiential, and knowledge-based barriers for the next generation to participate in community science, species identification, and environmental stewardship.

Nature is for everyone, at all learning levels! Discover videos, lesson plans, handouts and more to help your family or classroom identify local species, explore and connect with nature, learn about water quality, and lead local stewardship projects.

Access free Ontario-curriculum linked games, activities, and lesson plans that are perfect for informal and formal educators, parents, and grandparents. These education resources will help the next generation of environmental stewards learn more about local species, freshwater health, and how they can take action.

The Nature Discovery programming features:

- Nature Discovery Backpacks
- Freshwater, Plants, and People Program
- Ontario Shoreline and Freshwater Health: Multimedia Experience
- Nature Discovery Kits

Nature Discovery Backpacks

In 2021, Watersheds Canada launched a Nature Discovery Backpack lending library in Perth, Ontario where Ontario-curriculum linked Backpacks were available for students in grades 7-12. Each Backpack included activities and field equipment such as a water quality test kit, an aquatic dip net, a field notebook, binoculars, and identification guides.



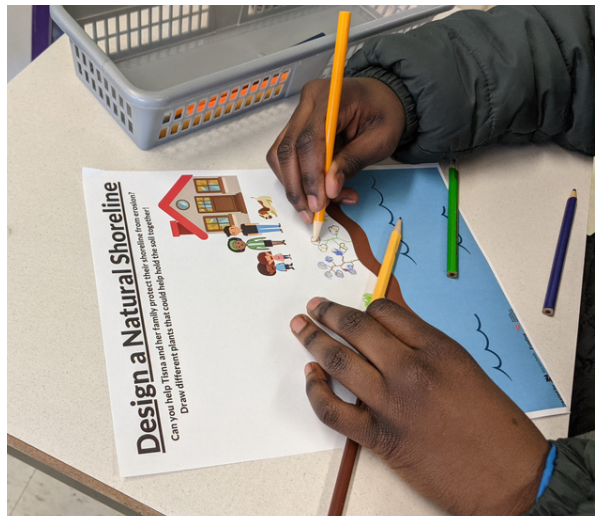
The backpack contents, along with Watersheds Canada's free Nature Discovery Backpack workbook, helped increase student engagement and identification skills regarding local species, and contributed to local environmental sustainability knowledge and action. Youth were also offered native wildflower seed kits and in-person workshops to learn about local water quality issues and how to collect community science data using tiny water test kits from the Water Rangers organization.

This project was made possible thanks to Friends of the Tay Watershed, Vortex Canada, Water Rangers, and YAK Youth Services with generous funding from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and Peterborough K.M. Hunter Charitable Foundation.

The Nature Discovery Backpack program is expanding to Sudbury in 2022 thanks to a partnership with Junction Creek Stewardship Committee and the Greater Sudbury Public Library and funding from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

Freshwater, Plants, and People Program

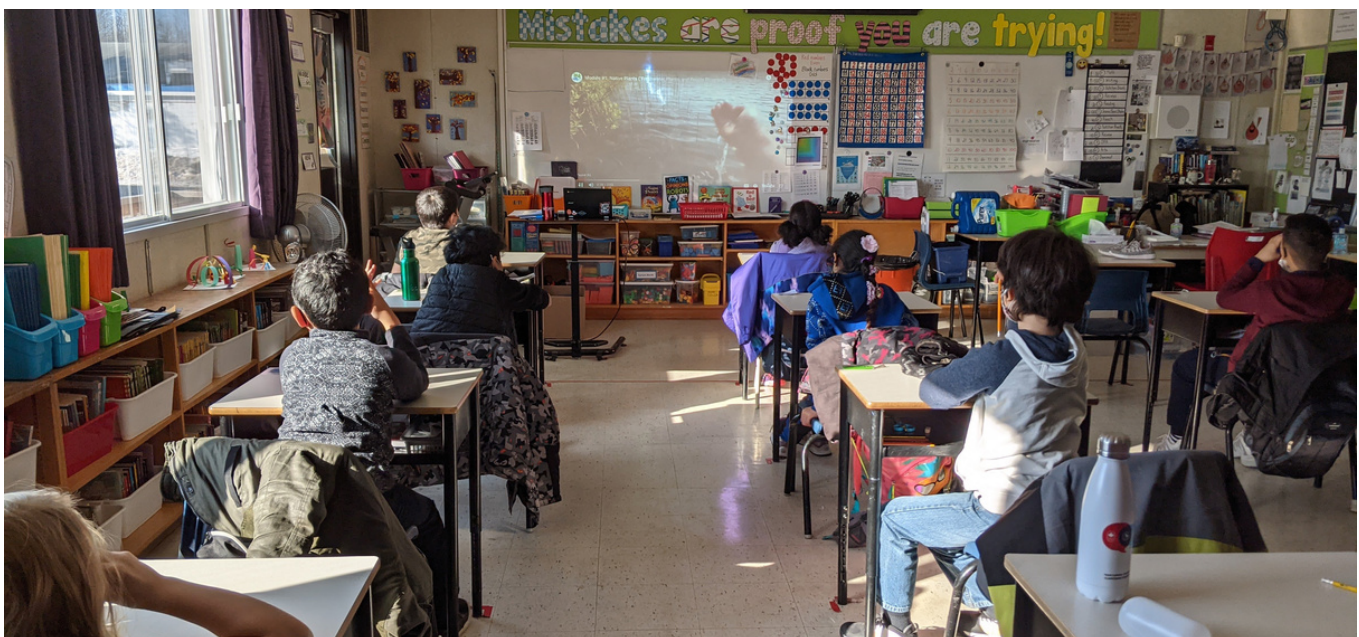
Watersheds Canada partnered with Carleton Heights Public School and W.E. Gowling Public School in Ottawa, Ontario to deliver the “Freshwater, Plants, and People Program” for grades 3 and 4 students during the 2020-2021 school year. This year-long program, generously funded by the Ottawa Community Foundation, made it possible for the next generation of environmental stewards to explore their local environment and learn about the impacts people can have on native plant species, shorelines, and freshwater health.



The program featured four Ontario curriculum-linked video lessons, four activities, three handouts, and a take-home native wildflower seed kit that provided an introduction to different local species found in the Ottawa area. After participating in the program, student knowledge of local species increased by 30%.

The program was specifically developed for New Canadian and English as a Second Language students and offered different adaptations for lessons and free take-home materials for students. This free program was especially beneficial to RAISE (Resource Allocation Index based on Socioeconomics) schools that participate in fewer programs and field trips based on financial barriers. Watersheds Canada’s program helped to break down geographic, financial, experiential, and knowledge-based barriers for New Canadian students to learn about and meet local species.

All resources from Watersheds Canada’s pilot Freshwater, Plants, and People Program are available online. While the materials have specific curriculum links for the Ontario grade 3 and 4 science units, they can easily be adapted for younger or older audiences including informal education settings like nature groups. Be sure to download all the materials for free at watersheds.ca/FPP-Program



Ontario Shoreline and Freshwater Health: Multimedia Experience

Watersheds Canada and Pinegrove Productions developed and delivered a multimedia project to help families and youth see, discuss, and understand how human actions on their lake have significant ecological impacts above and below the water. The project featured an interactive educational video lesson, an assessment exercise, two online workshops, and shoreline re-naturalizations through the Natural Edge Program. Comparisons between developed and natural sites will be made as youth explored underwater impacts on wildlife living on their lake using multimedia and print resources.



This project was funded by Wildlife Habitat Canada's Community Conservation Action Program.

Nature Discovery Kits



In partnership with Haliburton Outdoors 4 Youth Club, The Land Between, and Water Rangers, Watersheds Canada distributed 100 free Nature Discovery Kits in Haliburton and Peterborough in summer 2021. These kits decreased financial, geographic, experiential, and knowledge-based barriers for youth to participate in community science, species identification, and environmental stewardship. Each kit included field equipment and activities for youth and their families to identify local species, explore and connect with nearby nature, and learn more about local water quality. Participants chose from a forest themed kit and workbook or a freshwater themed kit and workbook. This project was funded by the Arthur and Audrey Cutten Foundation.



LAKE LINKS



Effective Engagement for Positive Action

Lake Links is a collaborative one-day workshop held every October. It attracts citizens and scientists to share ways we can help sustain our lakes and rivers. Individuals spread across five watersheds in Eastern Ontario and beyond attend this day-long event to learn, network, and see what's new. Each year, Lake Links addresses the lake and river issues that matter most to our communities with expert speakers, breakout sessions, and dynamic presentations.

On October 23, 2021, over 80 stewards participated in the 20th Annual Lake Links to "Take the Challenge!" This year's online workshop focused on taking the challenge of connecting our values to our actions in order to protect our lakes and rivers.

Individuals representing a diversity of stakeholders, including those from municipalities, academia, lake and river associations, conservation authorities, government, and non-profit organizations, attended the workshop to discuss current issues, see what is being done, and learn how they can help.

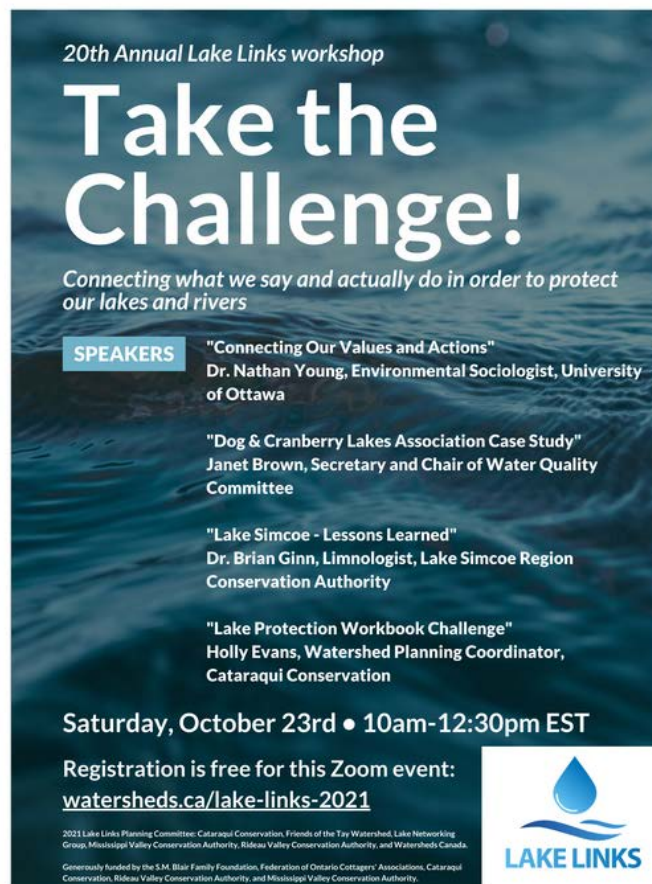
The workshop featured presentations from the University of Ottawa, Dog and Cranberry Lakes Association, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, and Cataraqui Conservation on behalf of the Lake Links Planning Committee.

20th Annual Lake Links - Take the Challenge! Connecting what we say & actually do in order to protect our lakes and rivers

David Overholt was the fourth recipient of the Gord Rodgers Memorial Award. As an active member of his local lake association and a member of the Lake Networking Group advisory committee, David Overholt is extremely active in bringing education, awareness, and control to the issue of the invasive phragmites plant. The Gord Rodgers Memorial Award is given to someone who engages their community, promotes stewardship by example, and goes above and beyond for their lake community.

The 2021 Lake Links Planning Committee had representatives from Cataraqui Conservation, Friends of the Tay Watershed, Lake Networking Group, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, and Watersheds Canada. This Committee is integral to the success of Lake Links each year.

Each year, financial support for Lake Links is received from various partners across the environmental sector. This year's event was generously funded by the S.M. Blair Family Foundation, Cataraqui Conservation, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, and Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations.



20th Annual Lake Links workshop

Take the Challenge!

Connecting what we say and actually do in order to protect our lakes and rivers

SPEAKERS


- "Connecting Our Values and Actions"
Dr. Nathan Young, Environmental Sociologist, University of Ottawa
- "Dog & Cranberry Lakes Association Case Study"
Janet Brown, Secretary and Chair of Water Quality Committee
- "Lake Simcoe - Lessons Learned"
Dr. Brian Ginn, Limnologist, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
- "Lake Protection Workbook Challenge"
Holly Evans, Watershed Planning Coordinator, Cataraqui Conservation

Saturday, October 23rd • 10am-12:30pm EST

Registration is free for this Zoom event:
watersheds.ca/lake-links-2021

2021 Lake Links Planning Committee: Cataraqui Conservation, Friends of the Tay Watershed, Lake Networking Group, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, and Watersheds Canada.

Generously funded by the S.M. Blair Family Foundation, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, Cataraqui Conservation, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, and Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority.



The 21st Annual Lake Links will take place on October 22, 2022. For more details, please visit watersheds.ca/lake-links

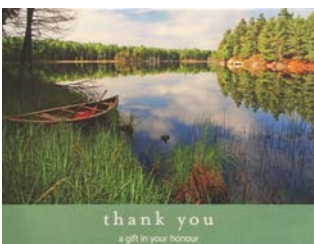
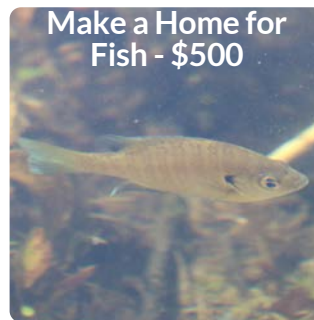
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THE NATURAL EDGE

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Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Watershed Association (volunteer)
Friends of Stoco Lake (volunteer)
Friends of the Napanee River (volunteer)
Friends of the Salmon River (volunteer)
Friends of Wellers Bay (partner)
Great River Network (partner)
Kawartha Lake Stewards Association (partner)
Kennebec Lake Association (volunteer)
Love Your Lake Program (partner)
Madoc Lions Club (volunteer)
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (partner)
Moira Lake Association (volunteer)
Municipality of Centre Hastings (partner)
Municipality of Tweed (partner)
North Saskatchewan River Basin Council (partner)
O'Hara Volunteer Association (volunteer)
Prince Edward County Natural Cover Group (volunteer)
Quinte Field Naturalists (volunteer)
Raisin Region Conservation Authority (partner)
River Institute (partner)
Rogers Foundation (partner)
Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds (partner)
Shawnigan Basin Society (partner)
Skootamatta Lake Association (volunteer)
South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards (partner)
The County of Prince Edward (partner)
The Land Between (partner)
Town of Deseronto (partner)
Town of Greater Napanee (partner)
Wascana Upper Qu'Appelle Watersheds Taking Responsibility (partner)
West Lake Community Association (partner)

LAKE LINKS

Cataraqui Conservation (volunteer)
Friends of the Tay Watershed (volunteer)
Lake Networking Group (volunteer)
Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (volunteer)
Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (volunteer)

LOVE YOUR LAKE

City of Greater Sudbury (partner)
Muskoka Watershed Council (partner)
North Saskatchewan River Basin Council (partner)
Re-imagining Atlantic Harbours (partner)
Southern Interior Land Trust (partner)

FISH HABITAT PROGRAMS

Algonquin College Pembroke campus (partner, and volunteer)
Bathurst Burgess Drummond and Elmsley Fire/Rescue Station (volunteer)
County Sustainability Group (partner, and volunteer)
Diamond Lake property owners (volunteer)
East Lake residents (volunteer)
Friends of Wellers Bay (partner, and volunteer)
Madawaska Valley Fish and Game Club (volunteer)
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry – Pembroke (partner)
Muskrat Watershed Council (partner, and volunteer)
Olmstead-Jeffrey Lake Association (partner and volunteer)
Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters – Zone F (partner, and volunteer)
Quinte Conservation (partner)
West Lake Community Association (partner, and volunteer)

PLANNING FOR OUR SHORELANDS

Glenn Tunnock (Friends of the Tay Watershed) (volunteer)
Janet Taylor (volunteer)
Katrina Furlanetto (Cataraqui Conservation) (volunteer)
Kristin Wozniak (Cataraqui Conservation) (volunteer)
Leora Berman (The Land Between) (volunteer)
Mark Snider (volunteer)
Mary Rae (volunteer)
River Symposium (partner)
Terry Rees (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) (volunteer)

NATURE DISCOVERY PROGRAMMING

Carleton Heights Public School (partner)
Friends of the Tay Watershed (partner)
Haliburton Outdoors 4 Youth Club (partner, and volunteer)
The Land Between (partner)
Vortex Canada (partner)
W.E. Gowling Public School (partner)
Water Rangers (partner)
YAK Youth Services (partner)

Financial Summary

REVENUE

NGO Contributions	\$101,865
Foundations	\$161,521
Government Grants	\$315,133
Program Income & Other Donations	\$74,441

Total: \$652,930

EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$565,493
Operating Costs	\$74,834
Reserve Fund	\$7,310

Total: \$647,637

In Memory and In Honour Donations

In honour and in memory donations are a meaningful way to recognize a co-worker, friend, or loved one. A donation honours them while restoring and enhancing critical shoreline habitat across Canada.

IN MEMORY

Dean Foster
Sean Hudson
Linda McCauley
Brian Mayzes
Wendy Morgan
Bob Neville
Morgan Pryce

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Mel Dakers
Nathaniel Holloway
Bob and Dea Stikeman
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