Lake Simcoe & South-eastern Georgian Bay

Community Stewardship Program

Program Description

The Lake Simcoe & South-eastern Georgian Bay **Community Stewardship Program** provides a holistic program approach toward achieving water quality and environmental improvements in Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay. Education and support are available for rural residents, farmers, cottagers, shoreline owners, community groups and others living within the **eligible program area** to help with:

- **Shoreline erosion control** and restoration
- Well maintenance
- Replacing septic systems
- Native plants, trees and re-naturalization
- Wetland restoration and improvement
- Stream and fisheries improvements
- Other environmental initiatives

The Community Stewardship Program offers:

- Stewardship Workshops
- Stewardship Guide & info products
- Project planning assistance
- **Access to project funding**



Program Components:

Residents, community groups, and some farm owners may eligible for support and financial assistance:

- **Stewardship Workshops and Action Plans** – Non-farm residents and landowners must complete a guide-based, environmental, self-evaluation and submit a corresponding Action Plan using a Stewardship Guide. Free Stewardship Guides are provided to applicants during Stewardship Workshops. Farmers within eligible watersheds who have completed an environmental farm plan are not required to attend a workshop or to submit an existing or new environmental plan.
- **Site Visit** – Program staff may request a site visit to verify a project meets the eligibility criteria established for the program. Landowners can request a site visit to assist with project design or with the completion of a stewardship action plan.
- **Applications for funding** – Application forms for funding will be made available during workshops.
- **Cost estimates, permits, approvals, project designs, invoices & receipts** – Applicants will need to submit project designs and cost estimates. Verification of regulatory approvals and corresponding permits will need to be submitted when applicable. Project applicants will be advised of their eligible program funding levels prior to project commencement. Project grants will be issued after receipt of all eligible paid invoices and upon project completion.

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