

HEALTHY SHORELINES

HEALTHY PIKE LAKE



Your shoreline is your lake's first line of defence.

Natural shorelines filter runoff, stabilize banks, prevent erosion, and provide critical habitat for fish, birds, turtles, and insects.

Hard structures (seawalls, docks) often do the opposite, they shift erosion to neighbours and damage habitat.



RVCA SHORELINE NATURALIZATION PROGRAM

Helping landowners create healthier shorelines.

- ✓ Free on-site consultation with RVCA staff member
- ✓ Personalized shoreline naturalization plan
- ✓ Native plant recommendations
- ✓ Access to/delivery of subsidized native plants including trees, shrubs and perennials
- ✓ Option for staff to assist with planting
- ✓ Ongoing project support and financial incentives

GET STARTED!

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WHY NATURAL SHORELINES MATTER



CLEANER WATER

Plants and soil filter runoff, trapping pollutants before they enter the lake.



WILDLIFE HABITAT

Natural shorelines provide food and habitat for fish, birds, frogs, butterflies and other wildlife.



LESS EROSION & FLOODING

Deep roots stabilize soil and shoreline, reducing erosion and helping to protect your property.



CLEARER & COOLER WATER

Healthy shorelines help reduce algae growth and keep Pike Lake beautiful and swimmable.



NATURAL BEAUTY & VALUE

A natural shoreline looks beautiful in every season and adds value to your property.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- 🌱 **Plant native!** Choose native trees, shrubs and wildflowers.
- 🌱 **Leave a buffer** where possible; either 75% naturalization or at least 1 – 3 metres.
- 🌱 **Go easy on the lawn.** Reduce mowing and avoid fertilizers and pesticides near the lake.
- 🌱 **Keep it natural.** Retain rocks, logs and natural features that provide habitat.
- 🌱 **Learn more.** Take advantage of RVCA programs and resources.

FROM THIS...



...TO THIS!



KEEP SOME SPACE

Keep a natural vegetation buffer.

Allow native plants to grow, retain trees, rocks and natural drainage.

IMPACT:



Cleaner water



Shoreline stability



Fisheries



Biodiversity