

## What's Included?

- \* Free introductory workshop and Stewardship Guide
- \* One-on-one project planning assistance
- \* Complimentary Site Visit
- \* Individualized Action Plan
- \* Project Funding
- \* Support and referrals to partner programs and services
- \* Assistance with permit and design procedures



A lakeshore resident discusses his shoreline concerns with program staff.

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# Lake Simcoe **Community** **Stewardship** Program

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The Lake Simcoe Community Stewardship Program supports the objectives of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and is being delivered by the following program partners:

- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- Ontario Stewardship Councils
  - Dufferin South Simcoe Land Stewardship Network
  - Durham Land Stewardship Council
  - North Simcoe Stewardship
  - York Environmental Stewardship
  - Victoria Stewardship Council
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Ontario Ministry of Environment

The Lake Simcoe Community Stewardship Program has received financial assistance under Environment Canada's Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund.

Additional in-kind partnership support is provided by a variety of conservation and stewardship agencies and organizations in the Lake Simcoe watershed.



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# Stewardship in Action

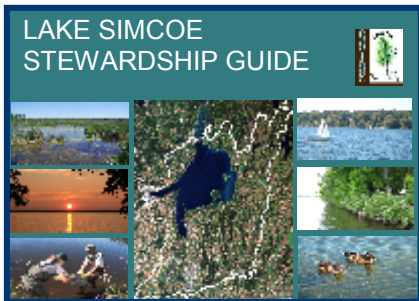
The **Lake Simcoe Community Stewardship Program** is supported and delivered by the Province of Ontario in partnership with local Ontario Stewardship Councils.

Landowners are encouraged to engage in voluntary stewardship activities that can range from simple changes in property management practices to on the ground stewardship projects.

By working in partnership, individual stewardship actions can collectively protect and improve water quality and quantity, aquatic habitat, natural heritage features and prevent or respond to invasive species.

## Possible Projects

- \* Shoreline and Streambank Erosion Control
- \* Tree Planting and Naturalization
- \* Wetland Creation and Enhancement
- \* Forest and Woodlot Management
- \* Replacing Faulty Septic Systems
- \* Invasive Species Management



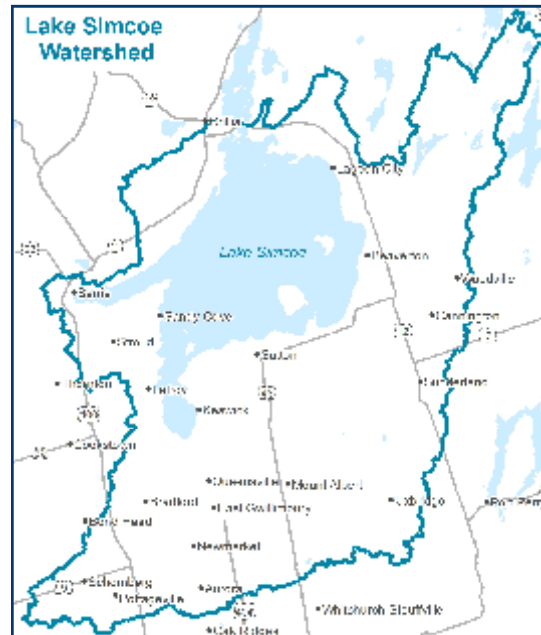
*Stewardship Actions Collectively Improve Our Watershed*

## Participate in 5 Steps

- Step 1** Attend a workshop
- Step 2** Review the Stewardship Guide
- Step 3** Fill out your action plan
- Step 4** Schedule a property visit
- Step 5** Carry out your project with program referrals and financial incentives

## What is the Lake Simcoe Watershed?

Defined by the highest points in the landscape, a watershed is the area of land that drains into the same place. In the Lake Simcoe watershed, all streams, rivers and wetlands flow to the Lake.



## How it Works

The **Lake Simcoe Community Stewardship Program** helps landowners protect the Lake Simcoe watershed by supporting sustainable property management practices and providing links to local services and opportunities.

The Program is based on the **Lake Simcoe Stewardship Guide**. The Guide helps you assess your property management practices to create an environmental action plan.

Program staff are available to help you develop your action plan and provide referrals to partner programs and services for additional support.

## Workshops

Introductory workshops are being held in communities throughout the Lake Simcoe watershed. If you would like to have a workshop in your community, please contact us.

## Funding

Funding is available for various projects listed in your action plan that contribute to improving water quality and the natural environment.

Additional funds may be available for complex projects and to top up existing programs offered by other stewardship partners.

## Eligibility

Shoreline and rural landowners, hobby farmers and cottagers in the Lake Simcoe Watershed are eligible to participate in the Program.