



YORK ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is the responsible care, management and wise use of our natural resources for present and future generations

WHO WE ARE

- York Environmental Stewardship (YES) is made up of volunteers from across York Region representing private landowners, conservation and resource agencies and associations, environmentalists and naturalists
- YES was established in 1995 by the Ministry of Natural Resources under the umbrella of Ontario Stewardship
- There are 46 Stewardship Councils each reflecting local priorities. Councils cover all of Southern Ontario with recent expansion into the north

WHAT WE DO

- Our Vision is “Landowners and organizations in York Region working together to promote and accomplish the responsible care of land and natural resources for future generations”
- Partnerships are key!! - we bring together and promote a partnership forum for communication and networking between private landowners, landowner and resource associations, land interests, and resource agencies
- YES focus is on partnership projects, educational information and landowner workshops, and initiatives involving youth
- YES promotes and supports other agencies and organizations with similar stewardship goals

BENEFITS TO LANDOWNERS

- Landowners are provided a forum to express their needs and ideas
- Access to agencies, associations, technical and other resource information is made easier through networking

YES COUNCIL

- YES Council members are environmentally minded community individuals who volunteer their time, effort and skills to promote and help deliver projects and initiatives of the Council
- The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) provides a full time Stewardship Coordinator who works with, and on behalf of, the Council to facilitate community partnerships and projects

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- Projects can be single or multi-year projects which almost always involve one or more partners
- Projects may include landowner workshops and demonstration tours (e.g. forest management, wildlife habitat improvement), stream / wetland restoration, school environmental programs, Ontario Stewardship Rangers youth employment, joint initiatives with neighbouring Councils

“SAY YES TO STEWARDSHIP”

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