



Green Shores®

The Green Shores program encourages shore- friendly solutions, for both marine and lake environments.

Green Shores provides science-based tools and best practices to help minimize the impacts of new developments and restore shoreline ecosystems of previously developed sites. This is a voluntary ratings and certification program modeled after LEED® and Built Green®. **Plans are underway to customize the program to Atlantic Canada so waterfront owners and organizations working on shorelines can make better decisions. Share your views by clicking here: 1) [waterfront property owner](#); 2) [organization working on shorelines](#)**

How Does Green Shores Benefit the Waterfront Owner?

- **Can make shorelines more secure**, increasing resiliency to address concerns like erosion, flooding and rising sea levels. Provides alternatives to costly bulkheads.
- **Provides potential financial benefits.** Technical assistance, reduced permit fees, and/or tax incentives may be available, depending on your local jurisdiction.
- **Beautifies shorelines**, adding native vegetation, and creating valuable fish and wildlife habitat.
- **Makes shorelines accessible**, eliminating drop-offs and walls. This creates opportunities for walking, recreation and wildlife viewing.
- **Demonstrates leadership.** Green Shores allows individuals and businesses to highlight a commitment to environmental stewardship.

How Does Green Shores Benefit the Environment?

- **Preserves and enhances shoreline habitats.** Natural shorelines provide habitat for plant, animal and fish communities, increasing biodiversity.
- **Preserves and restores physical processes.** Supporting the natural actions of water and sediment helps maintain healthy shorelines.
- **Prevents or reduces pollution of the aquatic environment.** Native vegetation absorbs pollutants and natural surfaces reduce storm-water runoff.
- **Reduces cumulative impacts.** Small individual actions can add up to large impacts on the shoreline environment.

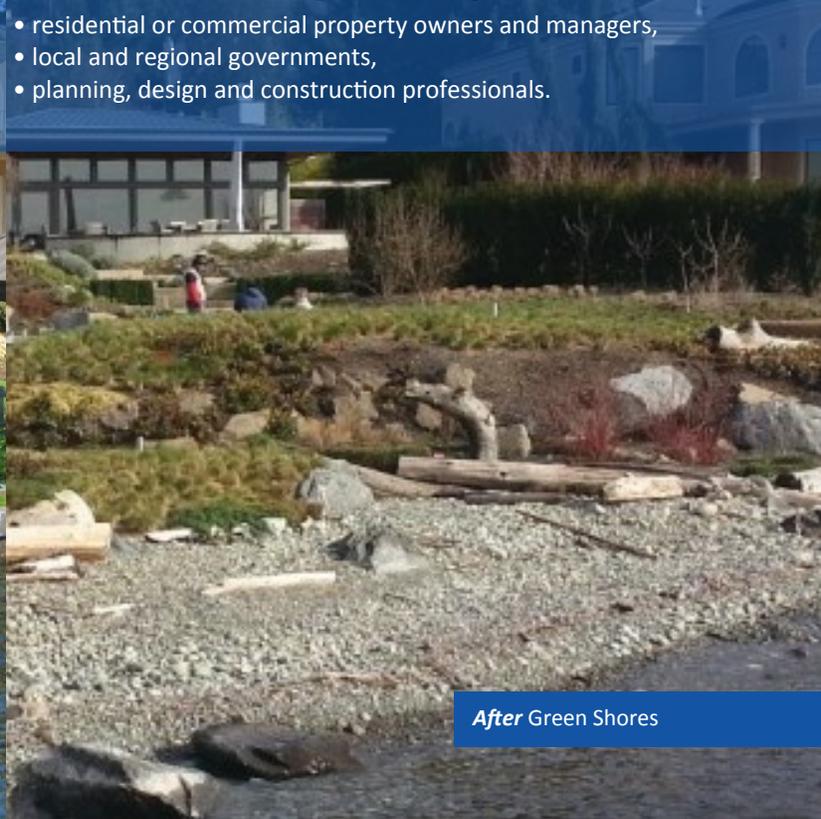
Who can use Green Shores?

Green Shores has something to offer everyone:

- residential or commercial property owners and managers,
- local and regional governments,
- planning, design and construction professionals.



Before Green Shores



After Green Shores

Green Shores® is an initiative of the non-profit Stewardship Centre for BC.

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