

Who can use Green Shores?

Green Shores has something to offer anyone:

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

Want to know more?

- Attend a workshop or read online resources at www.stewardshipcentrebc.ca/green-shores-home/
- Download the relevant Credit and Ratings Guide to learn how your shoreline can become Green Shores certified.
- Contact us!



Before Green Shores

For more information on Green Shores in the Maritimes:



TransCoastal Adaptations engages in research and partnerships that promote and undertake projects related to climate change adaptation.

We help build climate resilient coastal communities and ecosystems by protecting and restoring natural processes through innovative research and the implementation of nature-based solutions.

Learn more at www.transcoastaladaptations.com/green-shores



Green Shores

Protect our
TREASURED SHORELINES



Green Shores® is an initiative of the non-profit Stewardship Centre for BC that provides support and resources so that people can be stewards of their natural environment.
www.stewardshipcentrebc.ca



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Using natural approaches, Green Shores can turn our lake or ocean waterfronts into vibrant, living shorelines.

Green Shores protects or restores natural shorelines allowing you to enjoy recreational, scenic, environmental and erosion protection benefits.

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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.

Beautiful 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 business to highlight a commitment to environmental stewardship.

How does Green Shores Benefit the Waterfront Owner?

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 stormwater runoff.

Reduces cumulative impacts. Small individual actions can add up to large impacts on the shorelines environment.

What Is 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 impact of new developments; and
- restore shoreline ecosystems of previously developed sites.

This is a voluntary ratings and certification program modelled after LEED® and Built Green®.



At Jericho beach in Vancouver, this Green Shores Gold rated project removed an old wharf and restored the natural beach and foreshore.

How Does Green Shores Certification Work?

A shoreline project is independently assessed against a series of Green Shore credits. If a project receives enough points per credit, it will receive Green Shores certification.

For residential properties, there is a *Green Shores for Homes* ratings guide and process.

Larger scale projects use the *Green Shores for Shoreline Development* ratings guide and process.

To get started, contact TransCoastal Adaptations at transcoastaladaptations@smu.ca



After Green Shores