

## Who can use Green Shores?

### Green Shores® has something for everyone:

- Residential or commercial property owners and managers,
- Local and regional governments,
- Planning, designing and construction professionals.

## Want to know more?

- **Attend a workshop** or browse resources at [www.stewardshipcentrebc.ca/green-shores-home/](http://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 with your questions!



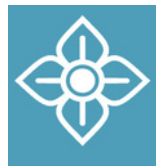
*Before Green Shores*

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

The Stewardship Centre for BC provides support and resources so that people across Canada can be stewards of their natural environment.

SCBC champions and creates practical, science-based solutions, engages across sectors in all stages of its work, and continuously shares its knowledge and research through outreach and training.

**Access Green Shores information, training, program enrollment, and more:**



## PROTECT OUR TREASURED SHORELINES



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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.

## How Does Green Shores Benefit the Waterfront Owner?

**It 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 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 to 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 shoreline's 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
- Restore shoreline ecosystems of previously developed sites.

This is a voluntary rating 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.

For more information, contact the Stewardship Centre for BC at [info@stewardshipcentrebc.ca](mailto:info@stewardshipcentrebc.ca) or the qathet Planning Department at [planning@qathet.ca](mailto:planning@qathet.ca).



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