

# NEWS RELEASE

## *RVCA OFFERS FREE SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECTS*

October 16, 2012 — Interested in learning about low-cost, environmentally friendly ways to stabilize your shoreline and reduce erosion? Want to help enhance wildlife habitat on your property and protect the health of our waterways? Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's (RVCA) Shoreline Naturalization Program is here to help!

RVCA is currently providing free site visits and free shoreline enhancement projects to waterfront property owners. Projects include shoreline naturalization through planting of native species and/or assistance with minor shoreline erosion mitigation. All shoreline properties, including lakes, rivers and streams are eligible for the free projects.

Shoreline property owners are often concerned that they are losing land due to erosion. Usually, the easiest solution is to plant native trees and shrubs and allow the shoreline to naturalize because the roots of plants will naturally stabilize the shoreline. Naturalization is also less expensive than putting in rock (rip rap) or a retaining wall and provides many other benefits such as enhanced wildlife habitat and improved water quality.

For more information or to schedule your free property visit, contact Andrea at 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1173, [andrea.klymko@rvca.ca](mailto:andrea.klymko@rvca.ca) or Meaghan at 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1192, [meaghan.mcdonald@rvca.ca](mailto:meaghan.mcdonald@rvca.ca).

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