

News Release

Free Shoreline Makeovers in Kemptville and Surrounding Areas

KEMPTVILLE CREEK WATERSHED, July 31, 2014 — This past spring the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) planted more than 4,000 free native trees and shrubs on 25 shoreline properties in their target area along the Rideau River. Now it's your turn Kemptville!

This year the Kemptville Creek Subwatershed is being targeted by RVCA's stewardship programs to increase landowner participation in hopes of improving the water quality of the creek.

"The Shoreline Naturalization Program (SNP) is offering free shoreline planting projects to landowners who live along the Kemptville Creek and its feeder streams," says program manager Andrea Klymko. "A shoreline expert will work with you to develop a custom planting plan for you property using native trees and shrubs, purchase the plants and even complete planting — all completely free of charge".

Why? Naturally vegetated shorelines help protect these vulnerable areas from erosion, improves wildlife habitat and helps keep our waterways clean — which benefits us all.

The Kemptville Creek Subwatershed is formed by the confluence of the North Branch and South Branch (including Mud Creek) in its upper reaches. The Creek then flows through Oxford Mills and the town of Kemptville where it meets up with Barnes Creek before joining the Rideau River. More information about the extent and health of Kemptville Creek is available in RVCA's Kemptville Creek Subwatershed Report 2013.

If you missed out on the free planting projects along the Lower Rideau River last year (Burritt's Rapids to the Ottawa River), it's not too late to get involved!

To find out more or to book a complimentary site visit with program staff, please contact Meaghan McDonald at 613-692-3571 ext. 1192 meaghan.mcdonald@rvca.ca.

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