



## Free shoreline consultations for Canal Lake residents

(Kirkfield, Ontario, August 13, 2008) Canal Lake property owners can now get help restoring and protecting their lake through a free program offered by Kawartha Conservation and the Lakeland Alliance.

Through the Shoreline Naturalization Program, a qualified professional will answer their questions, make suggestions and provide resources for shoreline naturalization, septic system maintenance and upgrades, pollution prevention, removing and preventing invasive species and enhancing habitat for native species.

“A healthy lake depends on healthy shoreline properties,” says Sasha Lambrinos, Kawartha Conservation Stewardship Coordinator. “Activities along a shoreline, and even the types of plants that grow there, can have a great impact on water quality and habitat for fish and other species.”

Some of the characteristics of a healthy lake include:

- Natural shorelines, which provide wildlife habitat and a buffer that filters runoff and pollutants;
- Trees and shrubs that provide shade for wildlife;
- A diversity of species on land and in the lake; and
- Good water clarity.

“The Shoreline Naturalization Program is voluntary, non-regulatory and free,” says Michael Gibbs, Lakeland Alliance Coordinator. “It involves a tour of your Canal Lake property with a Shoreline Advisor who will provide recommendations, advice and information about products and services to help you take action. The Advisor can also help develop a site plan to assist with any of your own shoreline plans.”

To sign up for a free consultation or for more information, contact Sasha Lambrinos, Kawartha Conservation Stewardship Coordinator, at 705.328.2271 ext. 224 or [slambrinos@kawarthaconservation.com](mailto:slambrinos@kawarthaconservation.com). There is limited availability and consultations are booked on a first-come, first-served basis.

For additional information about how shoreline property owners can protect their lakes, see “A Shoreline Owner’s Guide to Lakeland Living” at [www.kawarthaconservation.com/resources](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com/resources).

**Kawartha Conservation** is a watershed-based environmental organization focused on providing abundant clean water within a healthy landscape. It is one of 36 conservation authorities in Ontario providing natural resources management. The Kawartha watershed intersects portions of the municipalities of the City of Kawartha Lakes; Scugog; Brock; Clarington; Galway-Cavendish & Harvey; and Cavan Monaghan. [www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com)

**The Lakeland Alliance** is a collaboration of organizations and government agencies working together for natural shorelines and healthy waters throughout the greater Kawartha Lakes watershed.