



## **New funding for Blue Canoe and shoreline naturalization in Scugog**

(Lindsay, April 15, 2008) Kawartha Conservation's Blue Canoe and Shoreline Naturalization Demonstration programs got a \$148,000 boost today.

Local MP Barry Devolin, on behalf of the Honourable John Baird, Canada's Environment Minister, announced that Friends of Kawartha Conservation is receiving funding for the two initiatives that will be delivered by Kawartha Conservation.

\$73,000 is for the Blue Canoe Project, to reach 2,200 property owners on Lake Scugog through an environmental outreach initiative providing high impact one-on-one waterfront landowner consultations. Some of the information presented will include tips and tools for energy efficient homes, improved air quality and environmentally friendly landscaping.

\$75,000 is for Shoreline Naturalization Demonstration Sites, focusing on shoreline stabilization activities in Port Perry and Caesarea. The removal of concrete debris, the creation of fish habitat and bioengineering activities will reduce the damage and environmental impact from ice and erosion.

"Our Government is committed to taking action to protect our environment," said Devolin. "We are proud to support the on-the-ground efforts of Canadians across the country taking real action in their communities. Our Government fully supports grassroots initiatives like these that deliver real results for Canadians by improving our environment."

"The Government's commitment to local action shows that communities play an important role in protecting our environment," said Bob Allen, President of Friends of Kawartha Conversation.

"We would not be able to take on these projects without this funding," said Kristie Virgoe, Kawartha Conservation Manager of Environmental Protection and Restoration. "I'd like to thank friends of Kawartha Conservation and Environment Canada for their dedication to important local environmental initiatives."

The Blue Canoe and Shoreline Naturalization Demonstration are two of 54 projects across Canada that will benefit from \$2.3 million in funding under Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program. The EcoAction Community Funding Program provides financial support to locally-based, not-for-profit organizations to undertake community-level projects that have positive, measurable results for the environment. The Program assists these organizations in initiating actions that result in cleaner air, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, cleaner water, and the conservation of nature at the local community level.

More information about the EcoAction Community Funding Program is available on Environment Canada's website at the following address: [www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction](http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction).

Click on "[Blue Canoe](#)" and "[Shoreline Naturalization](#)" for more information.