



## Free shoreline consultations on Canal Lake until Sept. 30

(Bolsover, ON, August 17, 2009) Free shoreline consultations are available to property owners on Canal Lake until Sept. 30 through a partnership between the Lakeland Alliance and Kawartha Conservation. These consultations can help property owners resolve shoreline issues such as erosion, ice damage and pesky Canada Geese, while helping reduce aquatic plants and improve water quality in the lake.

Through Kawartha Conservation's Shoreline Naturalization Program, a qualified advisor will answer 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. The advisor will also guide property owners through the process involved with naturalizing their shorelines.

Compared to the use of concrete or armour stone, a naturalized shoreline is less expensive, longer lasting, more stable and self repairing. On shorelines that already have these hard-surface structures in place, naturalization techniques can prolong their lifespan.

"The Shoreline Naturalization Program is voluntary, non-obligatory and free," says Michael Gibbs, Lakeland Alliance Coordinator. "It involves a tour of your property with a shoreline advisor who will provide recommendations, advice and information about products and services which are suited to your specific shoreline needs. The advisor can also work with any of your own shoreline plans."

"Healthy shoreline properties contribute to the health of our lakes and rivers," says Shalin Abbott, Kawartha Conservation Stewardship Coordinator. "Activities along a shoreline, and even the types of plants that grow there, can have a great impact on shoreline stability, water quality and habitat for fish and other species."

To sign up for a free, non-obligatory consultation or for more information, contact Shalin Abbott, Kawartha Conservation Stewardship Coordinator, at 705.328.2271 ext. 224 or [sabbott@kawarthaconservation.com](mailto:sabbott@kawarthaconservation.com). There is limited availability and consultations are booked on a first-come, first-served basis. All consultations are kept strictly confidential, and any information obtained during the consultation is used only for the purpose of providing recommendations.

For additional information about how shoreline property owners can protect their lakes and rivers, see the shoreline naturalization pages at [http://kawarthaconservation.com/projects\\_services/shoreline\\_naturalization/index.html](http://kawarthaconservation.com/projects_services/shoreline_naturalization/index.html).

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**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.