



RE-ESTABLISHING A SHORELINE BUFFER



If you have had a planning application approved for your property by either staff, the Planning Advisory Committee, Committee of Adjustment or the Council of the Township of Lake of Bays, chances are that one of the conditions of the approval was that disturbed areas of the shoreline be replanted to re-establish a shoreline buffer.

The following is a list of sources of where to start when trying to determine what constitutes a “native” plant, and which ones would be best suited to the areas you need to plant. Also included are sources of information respecting shorelines, how to maintain them, and why it is important to restore them.

Organization	Website Address	Info Available
<p>▲ Muskoka Water Web c/o District Municipality of Muskoka 70 Pine Street Bracebridge, ON P1L 1N3 Phone: (705) 645-7393 Fax: (705) 645-7888 E-mail: watershed@muskokaheritage.org</p>	<p>www.muskokawaterweb.ca</p>	<p>An overall view of shoreline information available in Muskoka with numerous website links. A great place to start when researching shoreline information.</p>
<p>▲ Muskoka Heritage Foundation 9 Taylor Road Box 482 Bracebridge, ON P1L 1T8 Phone: (705) 645-7393 Fax: (705) 645-7888 Email info@muskokaheritage.org</p>	<p>www.muskokaheritage.org/natural.asp</p>	<p>Choose “Natural Heritage Program” then “Native Tree & Plant Sale”. This gives a list of species available at the Foundation’s annual plant sale. Clicking on species names will connect with the Evergreen Native Plant Database for plant descriptions (see below).</p>
<p>▲ Muskoka Watershed Council - affiliated with the Muskoka Heritage Foundation</p>	<p>www.muskokaheritage.org/watershed.asp</p>	<p>Choose “Publications” then “Healthy Living Factsheets” → “Along the Shoreline” → “Shoreline Vegetation in Muskoka”. This provides an informative table of tree & plant species in Muskoka & their characteristics.</p>
<p>▲ Evergreen Native Plant Database</p>	<p>www.evergreen.ca/nativeplants</p>	<p>Searchable database for native plants in Ontario – input a species & it will provide a photo, description of habitat, characteristics, growing conditions, etc.</p>
<p>▲ Fisheries & Oceans Canada Northern Ontario District 28 Waubeek St. Parry Sound, ON P2A 1B9 Phone: (705) 746-2196 Fax: (705) 746-4120</p>	<p>www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/canwaters-eauxcan/infocentre/guidelines-conseils/guides/shore-primer/shoreline.asp or www.cottagelife.com/htm/mag/primer/primers.asp</p>	<p>The Shore Primer – a brochure outlining what shorelines are, the importance of maintaining the shoreline environment, and ways to restore altered shorelines.</p>

