



Hamilton Watershed Stewardship Program

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Who are we?

The Hamilton Watershed Stewardship Program has been working with private property owners in the watershed since 1994, providing advice on environmentally friendly ways of managing properties with natural features, such as woodlots, wetlands, meadows and creeks.

What can you expect from us?

Our professional and courteous Stewardship Technicians will meet with you on your property to discuss your concerns and objectives. You can take this opportunity to learn about:

- the plants and animals that share your land and the habitat they need;
- tax incentives and programs that may be available to help you;
- management issues related to plantations and natural forests;
- ecologically friendly pond management;
- well decommissioning;
- managing invasive species; and
- streamside enhancements to improve water quality and reduce erosion.

During the site visit our Stewardship Technicians will listen to concerns about the natural environment. The Stewardship Technician will make observations about the health of the natural features of your property and will suggest a variety of management techniques for your consideration that can enhance or improve the state of your property. Our Stewardship Technicians will follow up with a letter and information package to assist you in meeting your land management goals.

"I have planted over 500 hardwood trees on my property, obtained through my local CA's program. I applaud and support your efforts, together we CAN make a difference to support fish and wildlife habitat!"

- Scott D. Banks, Millgrove, ON.

If you decide to undertake a restoration project on your property, your Stewardship Technician can draft a plan for the work to guide you through the process. Your Stewardship Technician will remain available to you by phone or in person if you have additional questions or new issues that you would like to discuss. They can also direct you to other natural resources management professionals that you may wish to contact.

Simple things you can do on your own!

- Help improve the water quality in local streams by creating a buffer along your creek. Just create a no mow zone along the creek and allow the area to regenerate naturally.
- Naturalize a portion of your lawn; reducing the amount of time you'll have to spend doing yard work while at the same time creating precious habitat.

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What are we hoping to achieve?

- To help landowners gain an understanding of their property and how it fits into the local landscape;
- We hope to build on this understanding and illustrate that when combined, every small action on every small parcel of land can make a difference over the entire landscape;
- To help foster a sense of community responsibility in caring for our local natural environment;
- To show landowners simple and inexpensive ways to care for, enhance and maintain the natural features of their properties;
- To help create places on their own properties where they can observe and enjoy the natural environment;
- To replace habitat that has been lost or damaged by development or other human activity; and
- To promote the sustainable use of our natural resources.



Interested in learning more about natural features on your property? Call us to arrange a free on-site consultation!

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