



Love Your Lake Program Description

Love Your Lake is a shoreline evaluation program developed by Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF), and conducted for any shoreline community across the country by local organizations.

The program invites lake associations and organizations to volunteer their lake as participants in the program. If accepted, every property on the lake will be assessed from a boat by trained staff using a standardized assessment protocol and datasheet.

After each shoreline property on a lake is assessed, regional partner program staff enter the data into a secure online database. The following spring the individualized shoreline property reports are ready! Each report consists of information on the state of each shoreline and provides suggested voluntary stewardship actions for shoreline improvements and property maintenance that will benefit the health of the lake ecosystem.

To access their report, each shoreline property owner will receive a letter in the mail with a unique survey code applicable to only their property.

Each shoreline property owner can download/order their individualized shoreline property report online by entering their unique survey code found on their letter at MyReport.LoveYourLake.ca. Shoreline property owners will have the opportunity to order their report as either a free electronic PDF or as a hardcopy that will be mailed to them for \$20.00 including taxes and shipping.

Additional to the individualized shoreline property owner reports, the Love Your Lake program provides each lake organization with a valuable lake summary report. This report summarizes the data collected along the entire lakeshore and encourages stewardship action at the community level.

The simple but effective suggested actions discussed in both the individualized shoreline property reports and the lake summary report will help protect and enhance shoreline and lake health for both people and wildlife!

Love Your Lake Program History

The Love Your Lake program has been developed by Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF).

The Love Your Lake program is a modified and updated version of a scientific protocol developed by MAPLE (Mutual Association for the Protection of Lake Environments) in the 1980s. Watersheds Canada and other organizations in eastern Ontario had been using a modified shoreline assessment protocol for over ten years. In 2012 they partnered with CWF to officially brand and broaden the program into the Love Your Lake program today.

The Love Your Lake program is coordinated by