

# Carrot River Valley Watershed Association - 2017

## *The Natural Edge* Shoreline Naturalization Program

### What is the *Natural Edge*?

The Natural Edge Program is designed to help landowners create a natural shoreline by planting a selection of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, groundcovers, and grasses suitable for their property. It is an easy step-by-step process that works with landowners to restore the areas of their shoreline that aren't necessarily used for water access. The plants chosen help reduce soil erosion, improve water quality by filtering runoff, and are essential to providing habitat, including shelter and food, for over 90% of wildlife. Therefore, the Carrot River Valley Watershed Association (CRVWA), in partnership with Watersheds Canada, **invites shoreline property owners at Wakaw Lake to participate in the *Natural Edge* shoreline naturalization program.**

### How can you get involved?

**Throughout the spring and summer, we're offering FREE site visits for landowners!**

Following the site visit, project staff will create a customized planting plan indicating the recommended areas for planting and a list of suitable native tree, shrub and wildflower species. We strive to ensure our clients get their perfect shoreline as the goals and wishes of the landowner drive the plan, and all advice is optional; we will work with you to create a plan that works for you!

### Planting your shoreline!

Once you approve the planting plan and sign a stewardship agreement (indicating your commitment to reasonably care for your new plants), the Carrot River Valley Watershed Association will coordinate the ordering, delivery, and planting of all the plants on your shoreline. We will provide all the tools, materials, and labour to complete the project. We strongly encourage landowners to participate in the planting, but we do understand that this may not always be possible.



### Planting will occur in Late Summer & Fall of 2017!

This program is funded through grants received by the Carrot River Valley Watershed Association. **To participate in this program, landowners are required to contribute 25% of the total project costs and sign a stewardship agreement.** The cost for each project varies depending on the size of the shoreline and the number of plants and materials used.



**Contact us now to book your free site visit!**

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