



STEWARDSHIP CENTRE

FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

2016-17 Highlights

4832

Participants

at community events, presentations, workshops and training activities.

79 Volunteers

providing technical skills and knowledge, leadership, help on the ground, and more.

5 projects

Green Shores; Cats and Birds; Stewardship Practices Demonstration (2 projects); Creating Stewardship Legacies.

14,765 Users

59,425 page views

on three Websites: main SCBC site, Green Shores & Species at Risk.

4

publications

Marine Waterfront (Canadian Edition); Happy Cat Brochure (edit); Green Shores Policy & Bylaws; Stewardship Practices analysis report.



Strengthening Stewardship: Creating Stewardship Legacies

To help recognize Canada's upcoming 150th birthday, SCBC and Give Green Canada partnered to help celebrate Canadians taking care of our land and water.

The *Creating Stewardship Legacies* initiative was launched this year to help people learn about how to give different types of legacy gifts, such as gifts of land, money or time.

We are also celebrating the contributions of individuals. The initiative will feature 7 Stewardship Champions and additional public nominees.

The Legacies initiative will continue into the next fiscal year.

For 3 weeks in early 2017, we had large posters (right) displayed in 10 bus shelters around Vancouver. They received an estimated 2.25 million views.

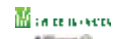
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NATURAL BACKYARD**



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Green Shores

Green Shores™ provides science-based tools, workshops and educational resources to landowners and managers to encourage the restoration and sustainable use of shoreline ecosystems.

Over the past year, Green Shores showed strong growth in project certification enrollment, training offerings, policy updates and projects in communities across BC.

We established a Green Shores Local Government Working Group which meets monthly via teleconference.

We also established a Green Shores for Homes (GSH) Verifiers committee to work on certification for GSH projects. Additionally, the Green Shores Technical Advisory Committee has been expanded and includes both BC and Washington technical specialists.

We also completed a business development plan aimed ensuring the sustainability of the Green Shores program. We will begin implementing it in the coming year.



The first BC Green Shores for Homes was completed and certified October 2016 in Qualicum Bay. We have three additional residential projects enrolled (on Thetis Island, Savary Island and in Bowser).

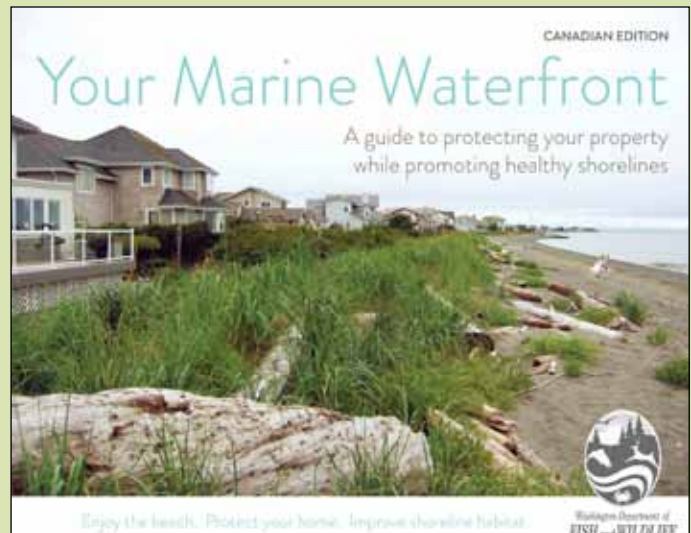
We also enrolled a new Green Shores Coastal Development project in Victoria. This brings the total of enrolled Green Shores for Coast Development projects to three.

GreenShores.ca

1850 Users

6,938 page views

18 Meetings
& presentations
+ 4 workshops
+ 2 webinars
= Thousands of
people reached.



A new Canadian Edition of Your Marine Waterfront guide was published this year.

The guide was originally developed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). We then worked collaboratively with DFW to create a Canadian edition that reflects relevant Canadian laws and policies.



Participants at the Level 1 training in Powell River get out of the classroom to learn about shoreline development and restoration.

SCBC offered three Level 1 Green shores workshops, and one Level 2 workshop. We also offered two free one-hour webinars in collaboration with the Fraser Basin Council and the BC Climate Action Secretariat.

Green Shores 2016-17 Partners & Funders

- Fraser Basin Council
- BC Climate Action Secretariat
- Vancity Foundation
- Sitka Foundation
- Real Estate Foundation BC
- Province of BC
- Washington Sea Grant
- Green Shores Local Government Working Group
- West Coast Environmental Law
- University of Victoria
- British Columbia Institute of Technology

Wildlife & Species at Risk

Species at Risk Demonstration Project

This project highlights agricultural producers who have adopted voluntary stewardship practices for riparian areas and watercourses – practices that protect and restore habitat for multiple species, particularly species at risk.

In this second year of a three-year project, we developed five new case studies, bringing our total on the website to 15. A sixth case study is pending approval.



Holberg Dairy Farm near Agassiz BC was one of this year's demonstration projects about how to practice stewardship on the land.

Holger Schwichtenberg, pictured above talking to DG Blair, SCBC's Executive Director, says, "We're trying to show that agriculture and the environment aren't mutually exclusive; you can have both. For example, a narrow riparian strip can prevent top soil loss, act as a nutrient filter, shade out invasive plants, provide a windbreak, and improve the scenery."



Our *Stewardship Practices that Benefit Species at Risk* analysis report was completed this year.

We will be using the results of this important analysis to guide development of further resources and our next summer's field work.

Stewardship Practices Guides

We have initiated revision of three of our Stewardship Practices Guides:

- Riparian Areas in Settled Landscapes
- Guidance for Restoration Activities in Riparian Areas
- Drainage Maintenance in Agricultural Waterways

This work will expand the knowledge of species at risk and the implementation of associated stewardship practices for riparian and drainage management with a specific focus on the agricultural sector.

Working with an advisory committee of technical specialists, producer organizations, NGO and government representatives will help us ensure these guides are up-to-date and more user friendly.

Stewardship Practices 2016-17 Partners & Funders

- Environment Canada
- Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC
- UBC BRITE program
- Canada Summer Jobs
- Ardcorp/Environmental Farm Plan
- The Nature Trust of BC
- BC Dairy Association
- BC Cattlemen's Farmland-Riparian Interface Stewardship Program (FRISP)

SpeciesAtRiskBC.ca

6953 Users

32,130 page views



The Happy Cat

Tips for Responsible Pet Ownership



This year we revised our highly successful “Happy Cat” brochure to include impacts on bats.

Wildlife & Species at Risk

Cats and Birds

Our *Stewardship Practices to Reduce Cat Predation Project* addresses the issue of outdoor cats killing between 100 - 350 million birds in Canada each year.

In partnership with Nature Canada, the project encourages local governments, veterinarians, humane societies, cat care groups, and cat owners to adopt a “no free-roaming” policy to benefit wildlife populations and improve cat welfare.

In 2016-17 we worked with a team of UBC Environmental Studies students to design and implement a survey on attitudes and practices on the impacts of cats on birds and wildlife.

We also conducted phone interviews with local governments and animal welfare organizations to collect information on current policies and bylaws in place in their community.

Additionally, SCBC’s *Briefing Note for Local Governments and Recommended Policy and Bylaws* documents, created last year, were updated by Nature Canada for a national audience and distributed across Canada.

Cats & Birds 2016-17 Partners & Funders

- Nature Canada
- Environment Canada
- Partners in Flight

Strengthening Stewardship



“I believe in growing sustainable, community-based systems that will provide us with healthy, local food for generations.”

Heather Pritchard has been a farmer, local food hero and a pioneer in the organic food movement for decades.

She is dedicated to ensuring future generations of BC farmers will have the skills, land, sustainable practices and biodiverse seeds they need.

Heather co-founded *Glorious Organics Co-op* and *FarmFolk CityFolk*. She is currently working on developing a Foodland Trust Cooperative.



Creating Stewardship Legacies 2016-17 Partners & Funders

- Give Green Canada
- Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada.
- City of Vancouver

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Heather Pritchard (left) is one of our seven Stewardship Champions that are being featured as part of our Canada 150 *Creating Stewardship Legacies* initiative with Give Green Canada. Brenda LaCroix (right), of the Christina Lake Stewardship Society, was our first publicly nominated champion this year.



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Improved SCBC Communications

This year we continued to expand our communications and outreach.

In addition to our on-the-ground networking and outreach, and new publications linked to our projects, we sent three e-newsletters to a list of over 800 people, created a new Facebook page, reactivated our Twitter account and revamped our main SCBC website.

We also hired our first part-time Communications Coordinator to help us amplify our efforts.