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GREEN SHORES NEWS



Green Shores is a program of the Stewardship Centre for BC (SCBC) that promotes sustainable use of shoreline ecosystems through education, planning, and design that recognizes the ecological features and functions of shoreline systems. The Green Shores program includes Green Shores for Coastal Development and Green Shores for Homes.

GreenShores.ca



Green Shores for Homes



Credit: Nick Page, Jericho Beach, Vancouver, BC

SCBC worked in collaboration with Washington State and BC partners to bring Green Shores for Homes to BC. The Green Shores for Homes program is applicable to both freshwater and marine shorelines. Currently, we are working with four pilot communities to determine barriers and strategies to encourage homeowners to implement Green

Shores for Homes. A Green Shores Local Government Working Group has been established, and new resources and a 3-year work plan have been developed. A large part of Green Shores is to provide educational workshops about greener options for communities and engaging with stakeholders. This year, almost 160 homeowners and professionals joined SCBC at seven workshops held from June 2014-to January 2015. A Final Report, [Green Shores for Homes Pilot Project Summary Report](#), provides an overview of the findings from the workshops, an analysis of primary actors, challenges and opportunities related to shoreline alterations, strategies and opportunities for local governments, and key recommendations to successfully implement the program across BC.

Green Shores Education and Training for Shoreline Decision-makers



SCBC's new project Greening Shorelines, Enhancing Resilience in a Changing Climate: development and delivery of Green Shores education and training for shoreline decision-makers will get underway this Fall. The main purpose of this project is to educate British Columbians on how to move from hard solutions like dikes and seawalls to Green Shores soft edge solutions that offer flood protection, ecological resilience, and are cost effective. Two levels of training will be developed and delivered- Introduction (Level I) and Advanced (Level II). These courses, delivered in a workshop format in early 2016 in three regions of BC (Metro Vancouver, Powell River/Sunshine Coast and Vancouver Island), will introduce participants to the purpose and application of Green Shores practices, how these practices can aid in adaptation, and the roles and responsibilities of government, landowners, and professionals for shoreline developments. All participants will receive a Certificate of Completion from the University of Victoria upon completion of the course and those professionals taking the Level II course will be registered in the Green Shores professional registry at the SCBC.

Green Shores at Livable Cities Forum in September



Credit to: City of Calgary <http://www.calgary.ca/UEP/Water/Pages/Flooding-and-sewer-back-ups/Flood-Mitigation-Panel/Livable-cities-forum.aspx>

Green Shores will be at the 2015 Livable Cities Forum Livable Cities Forum -Building Flood Resilient Communities in Calgary, AB September 28-30, 2015!

DG Blair, SCBC Executive Director, will deliver a presentation on Green Shores in the Working with Nature to Advance Resilience Session on Tuesday, September 29th. This session will explore how we can advance resilience by working with nature to mitigate the impacts of flooding. For further information on the conference go to :

<http://www.icleicanada.org/events/livablecities>

Green Shores Workshop on Savary Island



On August 13th 2015, the Stewardship Centre for BC delivered a Green Shores for Homes Workshop on Savary Island, BC. Green Shores Project Manager, DG Blair and Coastal Engineer, John Readshaw led this hands-on event. Participants received information on the Green Shores program and greener options for shoreline concerns like erosion and flood protection. Workshop participants had the opportunity to discuss

shoreline solutions for their concerns with their neighbours and other shoreline partners. Thanks to the Powell River Regional District and the Indian Point property owners who participated in the workshop.

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For more information on any of the above or to register for workshops, please contact:

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