

LOBA Shoreline Naturalization Grants

Apply before June 16 to receive a LOBA Shoreline Naturalization Grant of \$1000 towards a shoreline planting project on your property this fall!

The Lake of Bays Association is offering two grants of \$1000 each to current LOBA members who wish to establish or enhance their shoreline with indigenous plants. Two shoreline planting projects on Lake of Bays will be funded this year. With a minimum contribution from the property owner, LOBA together with the Muskoka Watershed Council will design and help you plant your shoreline.

What does the LOBA Shoreline Naturalization Grant cover?

LOBA will provide all the technical and physical assistance required, including ordering the plants, supplying equipment, and helping you plant your shoreline. Each \$1000 grant will cover \$75 for the Lake of Bays permit, approximately \$425 for plants and approximately \$500 for labour. The site plan will be provided free of charge by the Muskoka Watershed Council.

What is the financial responsibility of the shoreline property owner?

The property owner shall contribute a minimum of \$425 towards plants over and above those covered by the LOBA Shoreline Naturalization Grant.

Why undertake a planting project on your property?

Natural shorelines help maintain our lake's water quality, reduce erosion, reduce the likelihood of having invasive species becoming established, provide habitat for fish and wildlife, and enhance the aesthetics of your shoreline property.

Who is eligible for the LOBA Shoreline Naturalization Grant?

Any waterfront property owner in Lake of Bays who is a current member of LOBA is eligible to apply.

How do I apply for the LOBA Shoreline Naturalization Grant?

Email LOBA at info@loba.ca before Friday June 16 with your name, your cottage address and a brief description of the naturalization project you would like to see on your property. A site visit to your property will be scheduled at a mutually convenient date and time.

What happens on a site visit?

During the site visit, program staff will take measurements and photographs, and discuss with you how your land use needs can be merged with the concepts of shoreline naturalization. This information will be used to develop a shoreline planting plan for your property. Please note that site visits are completely non-regulatory in nature.

Once a plan is approved by you the planting will be scheduled for the fall of 2017.

Photographs will be taken before, during and after the planting. These photographs may be used from time to time by LOBA for educational purposes, on our website and social media sites, and in our newsletters and yearbook.