

Shoreline Classification Surveys Can Also:

- **Measure trends and changes over time** – part of the puzzle in providing an overall picture of lake/river conditions and watershed health
- **Measure the success** of stewardship programming and overall conservation land management, education and awareness efforts and **effectiveness of** regulation and municipal planning policies
- **Provide baseline data** for future lake plans, watershed plans/reports
- **Assist in identification** of extreme slopes and unstable soils, past and current property development works, identification of wetlands, important natural features, etc.
- **Help implement recommendations** outlined in Lake/Watershed Plans
- **Strengthen partnerships** between landowners, community groups/lake associations, NGOs, Conservation Authorities and other agencies, etc.
- **Provide information and facts to strengthen future funding proposals**
- **Engage landowners** in taking stewardship action on their properties
- **Increase community awareness** of healthy shoreline living practices



Examples of Local Uses of Surveys

Several lakes in Eastern Ontario have completed Shoreline Classification Surveys. Here are some examples of how these surveys were used to benefit both the residents and health of the lake:

Otty Lake Association

The Otty Lake Association completed their shoreline surveys in 2005. The surveys provided the association with a general overview of the current state of the lake shoreline. This overview will allow Otty Lake to track changes over time when a follow up survey is completed in ten years.

Each shoreline property was also provided with a general information binder that provided advice on how to protect the health of the lake. These binders have been very well received by the Otty Lake community.

Gananoque River Waterways Association

The Gananoque River Waterways Association used a property specific approach for their surveys. After their surveys were completed in 2010, each property was provided with a customized binder that provided shoreline recommendations specific to their property. This provided each landowner with a clear action plan for their property. The information collected will also be used in the development of a Gananoque River Watershed Strategy.

Greater Bobs and Crow Lakes Association

Building on recommendations made in their Lake Stewardship Plan, the lake association began their surveys in 2010. Results of the surveys are delivered to property owners in personalized binders. Delivering the binders provides an opportunity to educate landowners on healthy shorelines, discuss stewardship action and increase awareness of the lake association and its work.

