

Design-your-own Shoreline Garden Worksheet



Using a photo or sketch of your shoreline property, complete the following steps:

1. Choose your design style. Examples include English, wildflower, Japanese, manicured, etc.
2. On the photo or sketch of your shoreline, outline the property's general features. Please include your septic bed, the shoreline, your cottage/home, your dock, any outdoor covered areas, rivers, big trees, etc.
3. Identify the areas of your property you would like to naturalize, as well as the areas you would like to reserve for recreation/water access. Circle or shade these areas on your photo or sketch.
4. Outline any natural features of the property you would like to maintain or mimic.
5. List any issues in need of professional attention/remediation such as nuisance geese, erosion, sight lines, etc.
6. Identify the types of soils you have on your property. Are they sandy, rocky, mucky, rich, etc?
7. Identify the type (full, partial, etc.) and amount (2 hours, 6 hours, etc.) of sun that each area you would like to naturalize receives.
8. Choose the colour pallet you would like for your garden (e.g. blues, pinks, purples, multicoloured, etc.).

9. Choose the maximum and minimum heights of plants you would like to have in your garden.

After completing steps 1-9, and with the help of the plant guides you were provided and the [Watersheds Canada plant database](#), choose the plants you would like in the various areas of your garden. You can also choose additional features you may like to include such as bat boxes, bird feeders, and so on. Use the space below to list your plants.