

Nature Stewards Program

The South Coast of BC provides residents with a diverse natural environment. Our forests, mountains, grasslands, rivers, creeks and wetlands support many native plants and animals. However, our wildlife also faces the challenge of living in the most densely populated area of BC where much of the land is privately owned.

What is the Program about?

The Nature Stewards Program encourages landowners to actively play a role in stewarding and improving wildlife habitat on their land. This program provides advice and support to those wanting to learn more about local wildlife and species at risk, including getting involved in monitoring, habitat enhancement and land protection.



What are the Program benefits?

This is a program that offers, at no cost:

- A property visit from knowledgeable experts
- Property habitat report with personalized recommendations
- Planning and implementation of habitat enhancement work

Once a property is visited, those landowners interested in more free assistance and advice will be invited to sign a non-legally binding Stewardship Agreement. Examples of habitat enhancement work assistance include improving areas with native plants and the removal of invasive plants.

Who can get involved?

The Nature Stewards Program is open to those that own private land that have natural areas such as creeks, streams, wetlands, ponds, forests or meadows. There is no minimum size limit. Currently, the areas of focus are the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley.



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Who runs the program?

In 2006, the South Coast Conservation Program (SCCP) partnered with the Fraser Valley Conservancy (FVC) to create the Nature Stewards Program. The SCCP is a partnership of stakeholders across the South Coast of BC working to coordinate the protection and restoration of species and ecological communities at risk. The FVC is a charitable land trust that works to promote the acquisition and preservation of areas with ecological and historic value in the Fraser Valley.

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Why Stewardship?

Environmental Stewardship has been defined as the responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices. It promotes the idea that we all have a shared responsibility to help conserve and responsibly manage our ecological wealth through sustainable practices which minimize our impact on the environment.

To find out more about species at risk, visit www.sccp.ca.



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