



WHY CHOOSE CVC?

What can you expect when you work with CVC on an aquatic planting project?

- High quality aquatic plants that are native and appropriate to the Credit River watershed
- Delivery and installation of plants
- Site visit and technical support from expert staff
- Customized planting plan
- Natural Pond Management Handbook
- A partnership to improve the health of our watershed

BENEFITS OF AQUATIC PLANTS

Planting aquatic plants enhances and improves your local environment, your community and your property.

planting aquatic plants:

- preserves the local environment;
- attracts wildlife;
- enhances your property;
- improves air and water quality; and
- leaves a lasting legacy for you and your family.



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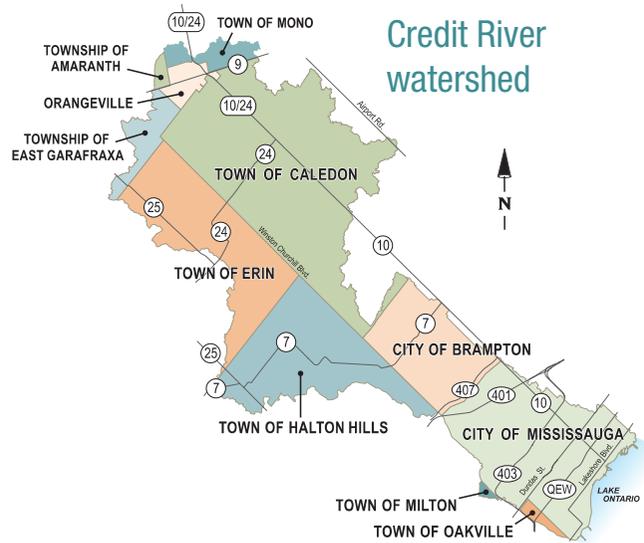
PRIVATE LANDOWNER AQUATIC PLANTING PROGRAM

— Sales, Planting & Technical Support —



CVC's AQUATIC PLANTING PROGRAM

It's easy to enhance your pond with aquatic plants. Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) offers a low-cost aquatic planting service to eligible landowners living within the boundaries of the Credit River watershed.



Call for a free site visit. Our expert staff will assess your site conditions and develop a planting plan that's right for you and adds to the beauty of your pond. It's that easy.

Landowners must have a pond or wetland with 6–13 m² of planting area. Minimum 50 plants per order. This is a pilot project. A limited number of plants are available.



AQUATIC PLANTS from wetlands to your pond

Aquatic plants live in wet environments. Some live completely underwater while others have their roots underwater and their leaves above. Some aquatic plants live at the water's edge and some have leaves that float on the water's surface. Aquatic plants grow in water or in soil that is permanently saturated with water, which is why they are commonly found in wetlands.



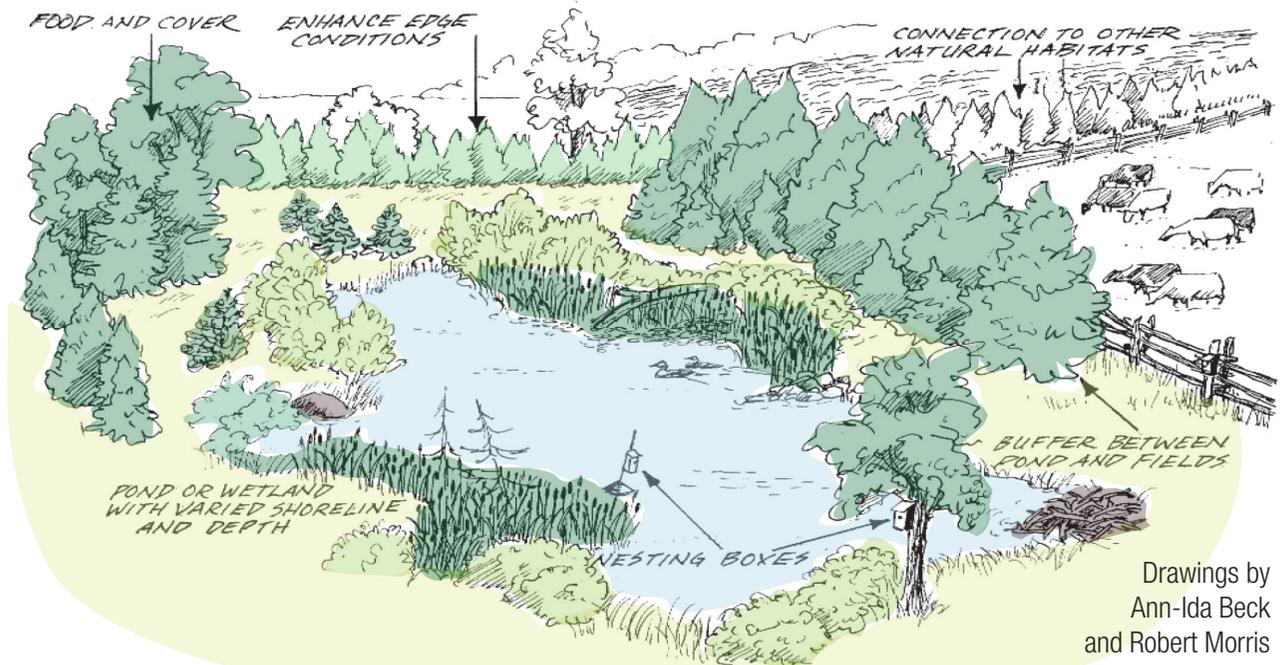
Wetlands are among the most diverse and beneficial ecosystems on earth. They reduce flooding and erosion, improve water quality, moderate the effects of climate change, and provide habitat for fish and wildlife. These benefits are due in part to the aquatic plants found within wetlands.

It is estimated that southern Ontario has lost 75 per cent of its original wetland coverage. If you have a pond on your property, you can help reclaim some of the lost ecological benefits of wetlands by simply planting aquatic plants. **It's good for the environment and it will enhance your pond's appearance.**

YOUR NATURALIZED POND what will it look like?

Taller trees and shrubs planted near your pond's shoreline will create shade and provide cooler temperatures for cold water fish, like trout, to thrive. Lush vegetation growing at the water's edge will attract wildlife like deer, rabbits and other herbivores, and provide shelter for frogs, butterflies, dragonflies and songbirds.

A variety of native flowers planted around the pond will add vibrant colour, while differing plant heights and textures will add visual interest and increase the aesthetic value of your property. All this vegetation will limit sediment and excess nutrients from entering your pond, which means clean, clear water, free of excess algae.



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PLANT CHOICES CVC offers four aquatic plant species

