

An Easy Win

Restoring buffers is one of the most effective ways to improve and protect the quality of water on your property.

Stream-side buffer strips are areas of land where there is permanent vegetation along a watercourse or wetland. Buffers help improve water quality by filtering nutrients and contaminants, preventing erosion, and cooling water temperatures by increasing shade. They also provide food, habitat, and a natural corridor for wildlife.



Healthy natural stream-side buffer

Planting buffers with shrubs such as red osier dogwood, shrub willow and staghorn sumac, which grow quickly, helps to stabilize banks. Trees that do well in moist areas such as pussy willow, cedar, red and silver maple, and tamarack are also good choices for planting along streams and creeks.

Buffers are often removed to increase access, to alter aesthetics or to maximize cropland but this can expose a body of water to harmful contaminants, increase erosion, and negatively impact fish habitat.

Contact one of our Stewardship Coordinators today and be a part of protecting the East Credit Countryside. We would love to hear from you.



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Join CVC and your East Credit neighbours for a Community Tree Planting & BBQ

Sat. June 1, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Ken Whillans Resource Management Area
16026 Hurontario Street.

Register by calling
1-800-668-5557 x221

Other Events

Register at: creditvalleyca.ca/events

Caledon Creek Tree Planting

Sat. May 11, 9 a.m. to noon, Caledon Village.

Caring for Your Land & Water Workshop

Wed. May 15, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Hillsburgh Community Centre. Cost: free.

Peel Environmental Farm Tour

Mon. May 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Farms throughout Peel. Registration required. Cost: free.

Well & Septic Social

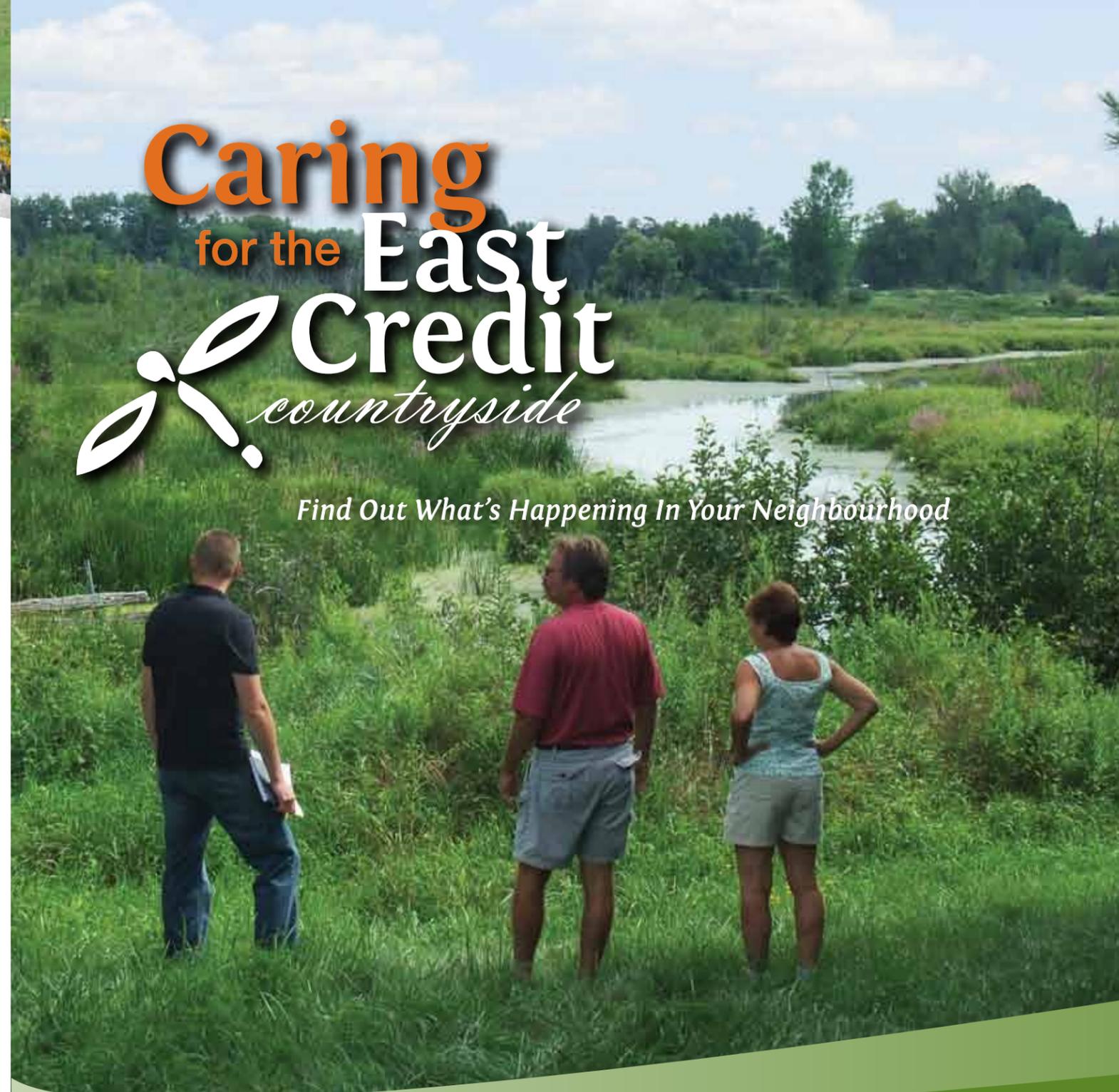
Sat. June 15, 9 a.m. to noon, Mono. Registration required. Cost: free.

Pollinator Health: Why Care and How to Help

Sat. July 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Terra Cotta Watershed Learning Centre.

Caring for the East Credit countryside

Find Out What's Happening In Your Neighbourhood



After the first year of the Caring for the East Credit campaign, here's an update about what your neighbours have been working on.

CVC offers free site visits, workshops and assistance for local landowners to preserve the health, viability and beauty of the East Credit Countryside.

Landowners Taking Action

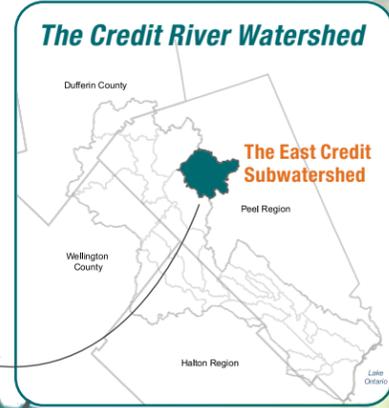
Working Together to Protect the Land You Love

In 2011 Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) began working closely with landowners in the East Credit neighbourhood to improve the health of the countryside. Our work has been guided by recommendations from CVC's East Credit Subwatershed Report which assessed the health of the East Credit area.

CVC's Stewardship Coordinators have been partnering with rural landowners in the East Credit neighbourhood on restoration projects such as stream-side tree plantings, stream rehabilitations, naturalization projects, and well upgrades and decommissioning.

We've been busy in the East Credit neighbourhood. You've probably seen us. We've:

- Hosted a Caring for Your Land and Water workshop
- Hosted a Caring for Your Horse and Farm workshop
- Led an interpretive hike along the Oak Ridges Moraine
- Hosted a demonstration tour of completed stewardship projects on private properties
- Published several partner profiles in local newspapers featuring landowners from the East Credit who have taken action to protect the local landscape



"The Caledon countryside is truly one to be treasured. We can all contribute to its protection - with small actions such as installing a bird box or larger ones such as creating a vegetative buffer around a pond."

Richard Paterak, Town of Caledon, Ward 1 Regional Councillor

What Are Your Neighbours Doing?

You've been busy too! Stewardship Coordinators and CVC specialists have been on 12 site visits and 11 landowners have completed or committed to completing 16 projects on their properties to protect the land they love.

Ⓐ St. Andrew's Road Naturalization Project

100 native trees and shrubs were planted in an early successional forest. An additional 100 units will be planted in the spring of 2013 creating enriched biological diversity, improved wildlife habitat and improved groundwater infiltration and recharge.

Ⓑ The Grange Sideroad Naturalization Project

164 trees and shrubs were planted along the edges of an agricultural field. Adding these trees will help to enhance the field buffer, improve water infiltration, reduce soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat.

Ⓒ Mountainview Road Well Upgrade

A 40' dug drinking water well was upgraded to meet Ontario Regulation 903 which will protect ground water quality by reducing risk of contamination from surface water.

Ⓓ Horseshoe Hill Road Naturalization Project

100 units of mixed trees and shrubs will be planted to improve and protect groundwater recharge and terrestrial habitat.

Ⓔ Dixie Road Naturalization & Fuel Storage

128 trees and shrubs will be planted as a windbreak. Three older fuel tanks will be replaced with double walled tanks and installed on a concrete pad. This project will reduce erosion and soil loss and reduce the risk of fuel spills.

Ⓕ Heart Lake Road Well Decommission & Upgrade

An older drinking water well will be decommissioned and a second well upgraded to meet Ontario Regulation 903 standards.