



## Green Shores Local Government Working Group

A program of the Stewardship Centre for BC (SCBC)

**The purpose of the Local Government Working Group (LGWG)** is to enhance the capacity of local and regional government staff who are interested in pursuing a Green Shores<sup>®</sup> nature-based solution approach to municipal shoreline planning and design work, and to assist in applying this approach to private properties and public spaces like parks. Taking a Green Shores approach helps shoreline communities adapt to the impacts of climate change such as coastal flooding, restore coastal ecosystems, and design shoreline access that protects wildlife habitat and supports human enjoyment and recreation.

The LGWG group, facilitated by the Stewardship Centre for BC (SCBC), meets online monthly and once a year for an in-person meeting. Attendees benefit from peer-to-peer learning, opportunities to contribute to larger provincial policy initiatives, access to Green Shores training, and assistance in the implementation of Green Shores projects in their communities (including Green Shores for Homes, GSH, and/or Green Shores for Shoreline Development, GSSD).

### **Benefits of membership in the Local Government Working Group include:**

- One Green Shores **Level 1<sup>2</sup> one-day workshop** per year, or presentation to council as an alternative, free for LGWG members.
- Support for hosting Green Shores **Level 2 (professional) workshops** (additional fees apply).
- **Access to information regarding funding opportunities** for Green Shores work
- Benefits of **peer-to-peer learning** within a network of Green Shores professionals and projects.
- **Monthly virtual meetings** to receive and share resources related to shoreline planning and design
- **Two free webinars** per year on Green Shores research and related NBS technical information.
- **Communications materials and media resources on Green Shores**
- **Technical Assistance** for planning Green Shores for Homes and Green Shores for Shoreline Development projects<sup>3</sup>
- **A face-to-face workshop once per year** for local / regional government staff to learn about the latest science and developments related to Nature-based solutions, share “lessons learned” on Green Shores projects, and visit Green Shores project sites where possible
- **Fees for participation are leveraged** with generous support from external funders (e.g., Environment and Climate Change Canada via Pacific Salmon Foundation, Commission for Environmental Cooperation, and others). Working Group members pay a portion of program costs, and the remainder is covered through grants.
- **Cost:** sliding scale based on jurisdiction population (\$2,500 - \$5,000 per calendar year; fees can be prorated). We ask for a minimum two-year commitment to the Working Group.

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<sup>1</sup> Free for up to 22 participants. Cost for workshop is \$205 + GST per participant if not offered as part of the Working Group benefits

<sup>2</sup> Co-delivered with University of Victoria

<sup>3</sup> Additional fees for Green Shores for Shoreline Development enrollment and rating verification apply