



DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

PROGRAM

Living by Water

BC INTERMOUNTAIN San Jose River Watershed

Overview



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The "Living By Water in the San Jose River Watershed" program provides landowners simple tools for being economically and environmentally efficient on our watershed's shorelines.

Living by Water in the San Jose River Watershed is a new Ducks Unlimited Canada initiative designed to help waterfront homeowners conserve and restore their shoreline habitats.

Healthy shorelines filter contaminants from runoff, prevent erosion and provide wildlife habitat. Unfortunately, when people move to the lake or river, they often remove native vegetation, build structures and turn a healthy shoreline into a degraded shoreline.

The project area encompasses the Chimney Creek drainage and the San Jose River watershed, which extends from 108 Mile to Williams Lake and has one of the highest densities of water bodies in the Intermountain Ecological Region. Many people choose to live by water in this region. Many of these home shorelines are developed and degraded.



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PROGRAM SPONSORS:

- Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program
- Ducks Unlimited Canada
- The Real Estate Foundation of BC

PROGRAM SUPPORTERS:

- Living By Water Project
- BC Lake Stewardship Society
- BC Ministry of Water Land and Air Protection
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- City of Williams Lake
- Scout Island Nature Center and Williams Lake Field Naturalists
- Chimney Felker Landholders Association
- Cariboo Regional District

Ducks Unlimited Canada forms partnerships with property owners. Waterfront residents cover the cost of materials and DUC provides technical advice, equipment time, native plants and even labour to restore degraded shorelines and improve shoreline stewardship practices.

The two-year DUC project took its name from a national program, The Living by Water Project. That program partners with conservation organizations to provide materials and community outreach programs to build shoreline stewardship awareness.

Living by Water in the San Jose River watershed combines the stewardship education programs offered by the Living by Water Project with DUC's expertise in hands-on habitat restoration.



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