

MPP Mitzie Hunter is inviting community groups to protect Great Lakes, tributaries

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The Ontario government is calling on communities and grassroots organizations in Scarborough-Guildwood to become Great Lakes Guardians and apply for grants of up to \$25,000 to help protect and enhance the Great Lakes.

“I can see that there are many people in Scarborough-Guildwood who want to protect and preserve the Great Lakes, and the rivers that flow into them. If you want to start a stewardship project in our corner of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin, the provincial government may be able to help with a modest funding grant. You can apply now.”

- Mitzie Hunter, MPP for Scarborough-Guildwood

The [Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund](#) provides grants to community groups for grassroots activities such as cleaning up a beach or shoreline or restoring a wetland. Not-for-profit organizations such as youth, environmental and Aboriginal groups are eligible to apply.

Protecting and restoring the Great Lakes is part of the Ontario government’s plan to enhance quality of life for Ontario families and ensure a strong, green economy for future generations.

“People know what needs to be done to improve the shorelines and streams of their hometowns. That is why we are providing grants to community groups and organizations that want to help restore and protect the Great Lakes.

- Environment Minister Jim Bradley.

QUICK FACTS

- [Applications](#) for funding will be accepted until May 9, 2014.
- More than 80 per cent of Ontarians get their drinking water from the Great Lakes.
- Ontario’s Great Lakes basin is home to 40 per cent of Canada’s economic activity.
- More than 4,000 species of plants, fish and wildlife live in the Great Lakes Basin ecosystem – it’s one of the most biologically rich regions in Canada.
- Ontario’s Great Lakes form the longest freshwater coastline in the world, stretching more than 11,000 kilometres.

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