



*Lake stewards give the lake a voice, driven by a deep-rooted passion and cultivated appreciation for these natural systems.*



We seek to enable a province where lake stewards are present, respected, connected, and knowledgeable stakeholders who are enabled to undertake community-level action to influence positive changes toward healthy, sustainable lakes for Alberta's future.

The **Lake Stewardship Community of Practice** empowers lake stewards to make a meaningful impact.

### IT PROVIDES:



**Community Connection:** A place to connect with other stewards, share experiences, and foster engagement.



**Supportive Environment:** A safe space to ask questions, feel heard, and discover new insights.



**Capacity Building:** Resources and knowledge to enhance stewardship skills and confidence



**Lake watershed stewardship** is both a responsibility and an opportunity to connect with nature and protect the resources that sustain us.

### BY CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS, WE:

- Safeguard biodiversity and improve water quality
- Support healthy ecosystems for wildlife and communities
- Preserve these freshwater systems for future generations

Through collective action, education, and sustainable practices, we can build a legacy that empowers future generations to protect our lakes and landscapes. Let's embrace this mission to foster a lasting relationship with nature.

### LAKES ARE PART OF A NATURAL, ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM, WHERE:



Fish Spawn



Insects Emerge



Hatchlings Grow

# MOBILIZING AND SUSTAINING LAKE STEWARDSHIP



## LISTEN WITH AN OPEN MIND

No matter the topic, mindsets differ from person to person.

Respect diverse views on lake issues & how lake health is defined:

- Find common ground
- Focus on the goal of lake resiliency
- Instill the vision of a sustainable lake community

## CAST A WIDE ENGAGEMENT NET

Gather stakeholder support across the watershed, lake health should be a pillar within the community.

Co-create initiatives with:

- Local municipalities
- Indigenous communities
- Different sectoral organizations
- Industry

## STAY RESILIENT + FOSTER INCLUSION

No environmental expertise is needed to be a lake steward!

- Skills are needed for grant writing, administration, budgeting, and project implementation
- Lakes often face diverse challenges, and collaborative efforts bring together diverse perspectives and ideas, fostering innovative solutions to these complex problems.

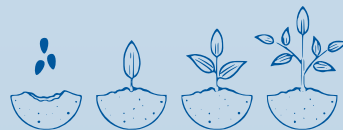
## CONTINUOUS EDUCATION + AWARENESS

Education should be incorporated into all initiatives. The push against misinformation is a continuous effort.

Consider the different initiative avenues, such as:

- Citizen science
- Online and in-person outreach
- Professional development + training

## EMPOWER FUTURE LEADERS + DECISION MAKERS



Generate conservation connections through local youth and community-connected members

- Engage people through action and projects with positive outcomes to generate support
- Simplify technical reports and information to make it more accessible
- Get youth involved through education, projects, or input
- Youth participation = empowered future leaders and a lake stewardship legacy

