

Pine River Fisheries Enhancement Program

Making a great river even better!



NVCA is working to restore aquatic habitat and return local rivers and creeks to more natural and healthy states. Some of the most exciting work is happening in your community, on the Pine River.

Pine River Project

The Pine River is home to one of the largest spawning populations of chinook salmon and rainbow trout in all of Georgian Bay.

NVCA is partnering with the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio and Greenland Consulting Engineers on a project to enhance and protect this important fishery. We'll be evaluating the health of the Pine and identifying ways to further improve the river and its fisheries.

This work is made possible by a grant from Environment Canada's Lake Simcoe and South-eastern Georgian Bay Cleanup Fund.

Step One—Assess the Health of the River

The first and perhaps most important step in this project is assessing the health of the river. By doing this, we'll have a better understanding of current conditions and know where we should focus our river enhancement efforts.

→ **How can you help?** We need landowners to give NVCA permission to occasionally access the river for monitoring and assessment.

Step Two—Enhance Fish Habitat

In 2016, we plan to undertake a series of projects that to enhance fish habitat and improve water quality on the Pine.

Projects will include stabilizing river banks, planting stream-side trees and shrubs, building trout cover habitats and installing livestock exclusion fencing.

Other projects will focus on reducing phosphorus (nutrient management). These may include establishing vegetated buffer strips along watercourses, constructing grassed waterways in tiled fields, and installing clean water diversion berms.

→ **How can you help?** Book a free site visit on your property to discuss river enhancement project opportunities on your property with an NVCA fisheries biologist. Funding and technical support is available.

Interested in Getting Involved?

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