



Job Opportunity

Join the Lake Huron Coastal Centre team!

Position: Stewardship Assistant

Location: Work from home (office days). Field work in Point Clark, Kincardine and Saugeen Shores, ON.

Contract timeline: 3-month contract (September – November 2026)

Hours: 35 hours per week. Generally, Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm, however schedule may vary based on project demands.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should send their cover letter and resume in one PDF to coastalcentre@lakehuron.ca before the deadline on **Sunday, August 2nd at midnight**. Include your first and last name when naming your file.

[Full job description](#)

Kincardine Clean-up

Date: Saturday, August 15th, 2026

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Station Beach parking lot



We are looking to our Kincardine community to help protect Lake Huron. Join us for a fun, family-friendly beach clean-up to help keep Lake Huron free of pollution! Volunteers will enjoy a free beach BBQ after.

Last year, **68 volunteers** removed **75 pounds** of litter from the Goderich shoreline. Help make this year another success!

[Sign-up here](#)

We would like to thank all of our incredible partners for helping to make this event happen.



Mark Your Calendars for One Water Gathering 2026

This year's gathering take place from Thursday, October 1st - Saturday, October 3rd in Alpena, Michigan

This international event brings professionals and partners from Canada and Michigan together to explore the lakeshore and celebrate a sustainable future for our Great Lake. Through programming, networking and outdoor field trips, this full-day event focuses on how we can advance water quality protection and healthy, sustainable communities on both sides of Lake Huron.

Interested in joining us for the 2026 One Water Gathering? Submit your information using the link below and we'll notify you as soon as registration opens.

Notify me

The Value of Sand dunes

Lakes Huron's rare and valuable resource

Our sandy beaches are a great place for recreation and relaxation. They can be a great place for serenity, nature appreciation and play. They provide great value to communities. Often though, our beaches are taken for granted.

In order to understand how the value of our beaches, it's important to understand how beaches function. Beaches are part of a system that includes the beach we sit, walk or run on, but it also includes the sand dune, and it includes the sandy lakebed and sand bars. It all operates together. If we mess with one part, we mess with them all.

Take sand dunes. They are simply an extension of the beach; a reservoir of sand that the lake 'borrows' from time to time, during storms when the waves erode the dune and carry the sand into the lake. Without dunes, our beautiful sandy beaches would erode away.

Dunes are important to protect for many reasons, but one of which is that they provide a range of beneficial services that provide enormous value to the coastal community. Ecosystem services provided by dunes have been found to average \$3,000 per meter!



Some of these free services include the following:

Shore protection – Dunes are known throughout the world as being the most effective protection device, greatly outperforming engineered structures. Their dynamic ability to give and take is what makes them so efficient at coastal protection.

Water purification – As with any stream, river or watercourse, the establishment of vegetated buffers is universally acknowledged as an effective measure for filtering pollutants out of the water before it reaches the river or lake. Dune vegetation also performs this function, and their deep roots provide a good filter.

Biological diversity – Coastal dunes have an impressive diversity of plants and animals within them. Some of these species are globally or provincially rare, and others are regarded as Species at Risk and need our help to survive. As habitat, dunes are unlike any other ecological feature in Ontario, and so they are special places to plants, animals and people. The higher diversity of species gives them greater resiliency to changing conditions.

Erosion control – Without the dunes, sand would continue to blow inland, drifting over whatever was in its path. Dune vegetation is extremely efficient at capturing and holding sand, preventing it from being lost from the beach system.

Beach quality – Dunes are a reservoir of sand that gets exchanged from time to time with the lake. Without the dunes, sand would be washed away by waves, and carried by wind beyond the active shore system. Fine sands, in particular, would be lost, and the quantity of sand at the beach would be reduced. This all leads to a degraded beach over time.

Social benefits – Beaches are wonderful places to relax, rejuvenate our souls and connect with nature. Dune vegetation is essential to all of this. Without this vegetation, there would be no dunes, and without the dunes, we're left with degraded beaches. Dunes have been found to hold a reservoir of sand worth \$75 000/ha in recreation and aesthetics.

What can you do to protect the value of Lake Huron dunes?

- Avoid damaging dune vegetation. It holds the dune in place and helps prevent sand erosion.
- Cross dunes where there are established pathways, boardwalks or other structural cross-overs.
- Motorized vehicles can instantly destroy dunes that took years to evolve and develop. Keep your ATV's on designated pathways!
- Become familiar with invasive coastal plants and remove them on your own property.
- Look out for ways to get involved with the Lake Huron Coastal Centre. If you're a shoreline property owner you can join our free beach dune restoration program.
- Keep an eye on our newsletter and social media for opportunities to participate in a future workshop or planting event.

[Learn about GRC - our beach dune restoration program](#)

Donations directly support Lake Huron Coastal Centre's conservation programs. These programs help provide shoreline communities with unique ways to connect with nature while working to protect the health of Lake Huron.

To support our work, click the button below.

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