

HAT Habitat Stewardship & Mapping Workshop - Press Release

What's in your backyard? Learn about the natural world around you with habitat mapping

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Langford, BC - Learning about nature starts at home, whether that's in your backyard, a neighbourhood park, a school playground, or a community garden. But how do you know what natural features are in your backyard or neighbourhood? Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) is offering an online workshop for residents who want to use mapping to learn about the natural features (read: habitats) in the region.

As part of the HAT Good Neighbours Program, HAT is partnering with the Capital Regional District (CRD), BC Wildlife Federation, and the Bilston Creek Watershed Society to launch an online stewardship & mapping workshop for landowners, land managers, and anyone interested in nature and mapping across the CRD. From locating yourself in a watershed, to understanding wildlife corridors, this workshop will provide an excellent introduction to the concept of habitat mapping.

This free online workshop is taking place on February 10th, 2021 from 9:30am - 12:30pm.

The mapping tools and exercises presented in this workshop will aim to support landowners, land managers, and others interested in land use mapping, to visualize land use change in a virtual map and understand changes over time, while considering the impacts these land use changes may have on wildlife habitat corridors. This workshop will focus on using the basic mapping tools available in Google MyMaps and CRD Atlas.

HAT's Conservation Technician, Sara Lax, says "I believe this mapping workshop will help people understand the impacts that we have on wildlife as well as their habitats, and how we can make a real difference with habitat stewardship."

Participants in this workshop will have the opportunity to gather and network online via Zoom, learn from regional mapping experts, and watershed conservation groups, and discuss avenues for stewardship, conservation, and habitat enhancement of watersheds across the CRD.

This workshop is free of charge, however, donations to HAT or purchase of HAT products to support programs like these, are always greatly appreciated!

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If you would like to register for this free online habitat stewardship mapping workshop, please RSVP to sara@hat.bc.ca or call the HAT office at 250.995.2428.