

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WATERSHED BRIEFS

May 2012

A newsletter for municipal councillors

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Conservation Authorities and Municipalities — Working Together to Support the Currency of Ecology

Our forests, wetlands, water sources, plants and animals provide multiple *goods* and *services* that contribute to a healthy economy, environment and people. Conservation Authorities deliver practical, cost-effective programs for their municipal partners that protect our local ecosystem. Planning, regulations, water science, engineering, conservation lands, stewardship — the RVCA's many programs all contribute to keeping local communities healthy. By investing in Conservation Authorities, municipalities work together and share the costs — allowing them to do and achieve more. Conservation Authority services are your services!



To learn more about the currency of ecology visit www.conservationontario.ca and look under “e-bulletins.” For a snapshot of just some of the RVCA's programs and services, see below:

Our Services are Your Services!

The RVCA is pleased to be at your service! Collectively, watershed municipalities and RVCA combine efforts and resources to provide exceptional environmental services.

Private Land Reforestation Program — offers a full service reforestation program to all landowners in the Rideau Valley Watershed. Our professional tree planting program has planted over 4.4 million trees since 1983 (230,000 trees planting this spring alone) and are looking to plant more. Contact: Dan at dan.cooper@rvca.ca.

Rural Clean Water Program — offers financial and technical assistance to farmers and rural landowners undertaking projects to protect and improve water quality in the Rideau Valley Watershed. Contact: Derek at derek.matheson@rvca.ca.

Shoreline Naturalization Program — offers technical guidance and financial assistance to waterfront property owners interested in naturalizing their shorelines. Contact: Andrea at andrea.klymko@rvca.ca.

Ontario Regulation 174/06 (*Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*) — fair and consistent regulation of development and interference in hazardous and environmentally sensitive areas throughout the watershed. Contact at Shelley at shelley.macpherson@rvca.ca.

Planning Services — technical advice to municipalities for development applications they process under the *Planning Act* as well as general technical and environmental policy assistance and guidance. Contact: Glen at glen.mcdonald@rvca.ca.

**RVCA Board of Directors
Watershed Tour**

Thursday, June 21, 2012
1:00 — 5:30 p.m.

**Source Protection
Authority Meeting**

Thursday, June 21, 2012
Civitan Club of Perth
7:00 p.m.

Contact michelle.paton@rvca.ca
for details.

Call First — Free Review and Helpful Advice!

Planning work around a lake, river, stream or wetland? Municipal residents should contact an RVCA Resource Specialist (1-800-267-3504) before they start a project. Kellie (ext. 1128) and Megan (ext. 1132) can give a quick and free review of plans and advise property owners on permit requirements or restrictions. RVCA Resource Specialists can also connect you to exceptional stewardship programs that offer free technical advice and financial assistance.

Water Levels

Keep informed about local stream flows and water conditions at www.rvca.ca/low_water.
(patrick.larson@rvca.ca)

Solutions for Shoreline Erosion Booklet Available

Great for lakes, rivers, streams, creeks and drains, the *Solutions for Shoreline Erosion* booklet shows landowners different ways to protect their shoreline. Perfect for municipal staff and watershed residents, the guide offers different solutions for different sites based on slope, soil and space — not to mention the advantages and disadvantages of all the different methods. Download your copy at www.rvca.ca under “New Publications” or call us! (jennifer.lamoureux@rvca.ca)

Summer Stream Surveys

This summer, RVCA's aquatic habitat staff will survey tributaries in the Rideau Lakes subwatershed. Using the Maco Stream Assessment Protocol, staff will collect information such as land use patterns, riparian conditions, bank stability, bank vegetation, instream vegetation and structure, fish and wildlife, invasive species presence, garbage and pollution and more. Staff survey 100 metre sections of the stream from the top of the watercourse to the bottom. (jennifer.lamoureux@rvca.ca)

Super Summer Students

The RVCA is extremely fortunate to receive special funding to hire summer students. This year, 25 students were hired to help us do our watershed work. (rosie.maclean@rvca.ca)

Making Shorelines — A Natural Success Story


The Environment Canada EcoAction funded Making Shorelines Natural project has drawn to a close. This highly successful two-year community oriented project targeted shoreline properties along degraded Ottawa tributaries for naturalization. Over 19,000 native trees and shrubs were planted along seven kilometres with the goal of protecting banks from erosion, enhancing fish and wildlife habitat and protecting water quality by providing a filter for contaminants. With support from our many community volunteers, landowners, businesses and sponsors, this project has benefited the citizens of Ottawa by helping to build back some resiliency in our smaller creeks and streams.


Assistance for shoreline naturalization projects continues — **watershed wide** — through **RVCA's Shoreline Naturalization Program**. (andrea.klymko@rvca.ca or meaghan.mcdonald@rvca.ca)


Making Shorelines Natural Highlights:


- 19,000+ shoreline trees and shrubs planted
- 7 kilometres of shorelines planted and “retired” for a minimum five years
- 50+ site visits
- 35 shoreline planting projects completed
- 70+ partnerships created/strengthened
- 550+ volunteers
- 1,700+ volunteer hours
- \$92,100 raised in external fundraising





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