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Local Source Protection Committee Taking Shape

Applications are now being accepted for the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee (SPC). The Mississippi-Rideau SPC will be made up of 15 members plus a Chair. Regulations stipulate that the 15 members be split equally among three categories of interests – “municipal,” “sectoral” and “other” interests. How seats are assigned within these three categories is a decision Source Protection Authorities (SPAs) must make. SPAs are what the Conservation Authority Boards of Directors are called when they are acting and making decisions under the *Clean Water Act*. The Mississippi-Rideau SPAs are proposing the following SPC composition based on local land use, potential influences on water and demonstrated interest in drinking water source protection.

- Municipal Interests ► municipalities (five seats)
- Sectoral Interests ► agriculture (two seats), industry and commercial (three seats)
- Other Interests ► (five seats)

People are encouraged and very welcome to apply to be an SPC member representing agricultural, commercial, industrial or other interests right up until October 8, 2007. Local municipalities are currently working on selecting municipal SPC nominees. Visit www.mrsourcewater.ca for all your SPC details including member requirements and responsibilities, how to apply, timelines and more (sommer.robertson@mrsourcewater.ca).

City Stream Watch Spring Planting

Earlier this year, the City Stream Watch Program and its hearty group of volunteers did some shoreline planting – now, only two months later, can you see the difference! Graham Creek in Andrew Haydon Park and Mosquito Creek in Riverside South were two City sites with severe erosion due to high flows and lack of riparian vegetation. The erosion causes increased turbidity and sedimentation – both of which have negative impact on water quality, fish habitat and aesthetics. Over 400 shrubs, like red osier dogwood, highbush cranberry and white spruce were planted along the shore to stabilize the bank, reduce sedimentation and promote regeneration of these natural shorelines (grant.nichol@ottawa.ca).



Before – Mosquito Creek in Riverside South



After – Mosquito Creek in Riverside South

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Topographic Surveys for Kemptville Creek and Tay River

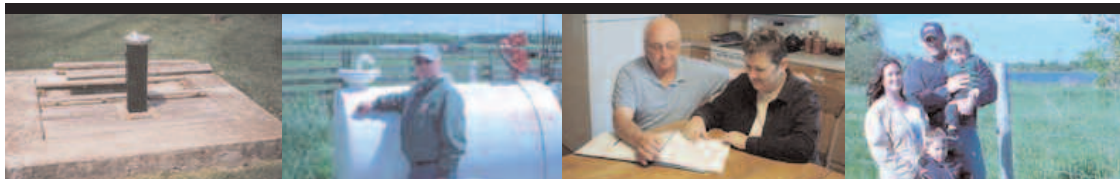
This summer, RVCA technical staff are out surveying the Kemptville Creek and the Tay River. Using portable, hand held survey instruments that use GPS (Global Positioning System) technology, two- or three- person crews are collecting information on stream profiles. This information will improve the accuracy of computer models that estimate water surface elevations during droughts and floods. With more accurate hydraulic models, the RVCA can better understand the effects of man-made structures or beaver dams on our watershed. We will also be able to more accurately delineate flood hazard areas and evaluate how large water takings might affect aquatic habitats in local streams (bruce.reid@rideauvalley.on.ca).

RVCA Supports Ottawa's Stormwater Management Strategy

The City of Ottawa is developing a Stormwater Management Strategy (SWM) to provide a long-term plan to guide the effective management of stormwater runoff from both existing and newly-developing areas while sustaining the health of our local streams and rivers. The SWM Strategy has recently completed Stage Two of the three stage process with the completion of the City's proposed Stormwater Management Policies. RVCA staff have been involved throughout the process as part of the Technical Advisory Committee. The RVCA supports the City policies as many go beyond the management of built infrastructure and into the realm of natural stream corridor management, protection and restoration. The policies are also complementary to the recommendations of the the *Lower Rideau Watershed Strategy*. RVCA staff will continue to identify ways that the Conservation Authority can help the City implement its new Stormwater Management Policies (bruce.reid@rideauvalley.on.ca).

RVCA Headquarters Update

Work on our new headquarters continues with much of the exterior work (roofing, stone work, exterior siding, etc.) wrapping up over the next few weeks. The building is now closed in and interior work is well underway. Staff are planning and preparing for the move that is scheduled for the second week of December (cliff.craig@rideauvalley.on.ca).



Watershed-Wide – Popular Clean Water Programs Get The Jobs Done

The Ottawa Clean Water Program and Rideau Valley Clean Water Program continue to receive many applications from people looking for a little financial help to do the right thing for local water quality. Between the two programs (City of Ottawa and remainder of the Rideau Watershed), 76 projects have been approved this year for a total of \$85,000 of grants being invested into projects valued at over \$506,000. These programs have watershed-wide benefits – landowners get a helping hand with financing for conservation work, program sponsors and suppliers do good environmental work and our children and grandchildren inherit a clean and healthy Rideau River (martha.bradburn@rideauvalley.on.ca).

Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program
(January to July 2007)
25 well projects
15 septic projects
2 buffers
1 residue
1 fuel storage
1 precision cropping

Total projects: 45 (7 farm, 38 non-farm)
Total Grants: \$48,000
Project Value: \$316,000

Rideau Valley Rural Clean Water Program
(January to July 2007)
14 well projects
13 septic projects
2 education projects
1 fuel storage
1 buffer

Total projects: 31 (3 farm, 28 non-farm)
Total Grants: \$37,000
Project Value: \$190,500