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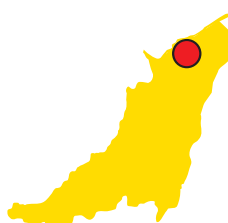
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Environmental Information For Municipalities In The Rideau Valley

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## Flood Forecasting — Long-range Outlook

Based on the snowpack conditions measured March 1, spring flow for 2006 will be about average. Mother nature, however, may have something different to say about this as we move closer into freshet season (mid-March to mid-April). Updates will be issued as required. Municipalities are reminded to review their flood response plans. Property owners should assess their plans for minimizing flood-related property damages. Everyone should remember to be safe around watercourses. Contact PATRICK at ext. 1110 or [patrick.larson@rideauvalley.on.ca](mailto:patrick.larson@rideauvalley.on.ca).



## On Ice

The City of Ottawa is starting its annual ice clearing operations on the Rideau River. These efforts keep water flowing and alleviate potential flooding. Key cutting started

February 13 and blasting started on February 25, 2006. Keep in mind this means more open water so be safe. For more, contact City of Ottawa at 311 or visit [www.ottawa.ca](http://www.ottawa.ca).

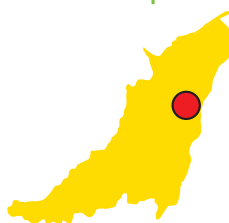
## It's a Date!

The fourth annual Ottawa Children's Water Festival will be held at Baxter Conservation Area on May 17, 18 and 19. This year's focus is on "water conservation." It is a "hands on" event for school groups of grades 3 to 5, with special focus on grade 4. No charge for this program thanks to the City of Ottawa. Call PETER at 489-3592 or [peter.goddard@rideauvalley.on.ca](mailto:peter.goddard@rideauvalley.on.ca).

## 3 Million Trees

The RVCA will plant its 3 millionth tree this spring with 140,000 trees taking root in 2006 alone! The bulk of trees are being planted in rural Ottawa, North Elmsley, Elizabethtown-Kitley and Beckwith, but the benefits of tree planting are felt watershed-wide. Special thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for \$75,000 of support to our partner, the Ferguson Forest Centre, for the Trees for Tomorrow and Butternut Recovery Programs. Also, thanks to Tree Canada Foundation for its gift of \$2,000 for butternut work. Two thousand butternut seedlings will be planted this spring on 150 different sites. Seed source identification work has plotted the locations of 50 healthy, seed-producing butternuts. These sites have been registered in our "butternut geo-database." For details, call RUDY at ext. 1135 or [rudy.dyck@rideauvalley.on.ca](mailto:rudy.dyck@rideauvalley.on.ca).

## Kemptville Creek Watershed Plan Open House



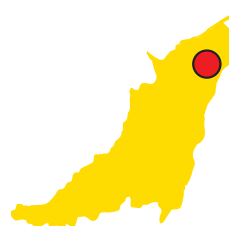
Join us for an open house to view and comment on findings from the *Kemptville Creek Watershed Plan (Draft) Review*. Wednesday March 22, Purvis Hall, KCAT, 830 Prescott Street, Kemptville, 3–5 pm and 7–9 pm. A brief presentation

will be held at 3:30 and again at 7:30 pm. The Review looks at how successful the 1999 plan was and makes suggestions on new ways to deal issues such as water levels, beaver activity, water quality, groundwater supply and much more. This is your chance to contribute to the future of Kemptville Creek — deadline for comments is March 31. More from LYNN at Ext 1171 or [lynn.preston@rideauvalley.on.ca](mailto:lynn.preston@rideauvalley.on.ca).

## Watershed Modeling Update

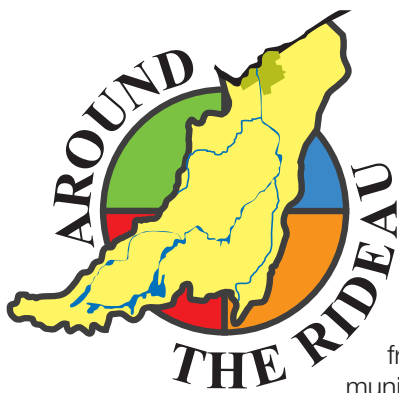
The RVCA has reached a milestone in watershed modeling. Using Mike11 of Danish Hydraulic Institute, the RVCA has built hydraulic models of over 330 km of river (including Rideau, Jock, Kemptville, Tay, Stevens, and Rideau Lakes) and over 100 sub-subwatersheds. These models are expected to provide reliable scientific input to day-to-day decision making and policy development. Several applications are already in progress, including studying the effect of the Oxford Mills Dam on upstream flooding, forecasting 2006 spring flooding, and protecting intake protection zones for source water protection. Contact FERDOUS at ext. 1170 or [ferdous.ahmed@rideauvalley.on.ca](mailto:ferdous.ahmed@rideauvalley.on.ca).

## Dickinson Square — Best Use Study



The RVCA needs your help in deciding the future of Dickinson Square. The "Best Use Study" is being done in anticipation of the RVCA moving its headquarters off the Square to a new office in Beryl Gaffney Park in 2007.

With help from Commonwealth Historic Resource Management Limited, the RVCA is gathering public opinion about the future of its historic buildings in Manotick. Visit [www.rideauvalley.on.ca](http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca) to get your questionnaire regarding the future of the square. An open house is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 from 6:00–8:30 at the Manotick Arena. Call CLIFF at ext. 1134 for more.



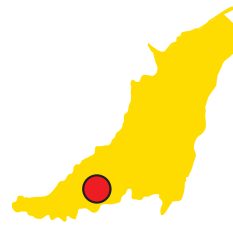
## Watershed Briefs

To celebrate RVCA's 40th Anniversary, the Municipal Update is sporting a whole new look and name. The new *Watershed Briefs* will bring you news from RVCA Board meetings, interesting municipal information, and conservation project news across the watershed. Pass a copy on to colleagues or anyone interested in the Rideau environment. For RVCA meeting agendas, full meeting minutes, and back copies of Watershed Briefs, visit our website at [www.rideauvalley.on.ca/about/meetings.html](http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/about/meetings.html). Call CHARLES ext. 1116 or [charles.billington@rideauvalley.on.ca](mailto:charles.billington@rideauvalley.on.ca).

## Don't Forget — Add Your Event!

The RVCA continues to offer a place where conservation events can be advertised. This free space is quickly becoming a "must-see" for those looking for conservation workshops, courses, events, shows, open houses and much more. Take advantage and advertise your event by visiting our website at [www.rideauvalley.on.ca/welcome](http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/welcome) and click the "add your event" button. To see the events page, go to [www.rideauvalley.on.ca/comm\\_events](http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/comm_events). Call LAURIE at ext. 1139 or [laurie.dool@rideauvalley.on.ca](mailto:laurie.dool@rideauvalley.on.ca).

## Your Lake Needs You!



As you begin to think about opening the cottage this spring, consider how you can become more involved in protecting the health of the lake you love. Contact your local lake association or the Lake Management Planning

Program to find out how you can do good things in the Upper Rideau. Call SHEANNA ext. 1173 or [sheanna.tinlin@rideauvalley.on.ca](mailto:sheanna.tinlin@rideauvalley.on.ca).

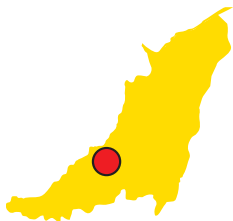
"Our province is rich in natural beauty and resources, and we owe much to the Conservation Authority for preserving, enhancing and protecting this natural heritage for the pleasure of present and future generations in the Rideau Valley."

The Hon. Bob Rae, Premier of Ontario  
March 31, 1991  
Celebrating the RVCA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Look Inside!

You may have noticed a little something included with this edition of *Around the Rideau*. We've enclosed our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bookmark. Look for this attractive marker in mail-outs, at our offices and around town. A round of applause goes to ASAP Print Management of Kanata who generously donated the printing. Call CHARLES at ext. 1116 or [charles.billington@rideauvalley.on.ca](mailto:charles.billington@rideauvalley.on.ca).

## TD & the Tay



TD Friends of the Environment Foundation have granted \$4,680 to the Lake Management Planning Program. Operating in the Tay watershed since last summer, the program will use the grant to support status reports that

look at water quality, water levels and other measurable information used to assess lake conditions. In turn, these reports help in the development of lake management plans to protect the long-term health of the Tay. Call SHEANNA at ext. 1173 or [sheanna.tinlin@rideauvalley.on.ca](mailto:sheanna.tinlin@rideauvalley.on.ca).



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