
RVCA News Release

SECOND READING OF THE *CLEAN WATER ACT*

MANOTICK, April 13, 2006 — The proposed *Clean Water Act* received second reading yesterday in the Ontario legislature. The local Conservation Authorities are pleased with the government's continued support of the *Clean Water Act* (Bill 43) and look forward to participating in the anticipated Legislative Committee review of the legislation.

Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities have been charged with coordinating new watershed-based source water protection work at the local level. Mississippi Valley Conservation and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority will be working together to carry out the science-based research on how much water there is, how it flows through our area, where the danger points are, and how we can collectively protect our water supply against contamination and depletion.

Development of Source Water Protection plans as a result of this legislation could take up to five years depending on the complexity of the watersheds.

For more information on source water protection visit the Ministry of Environment's website at www.ontario.ca/cleanwater or your local conservation authority website at www.mrsourcewater.ca.

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