

News Release

OTTY LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPLETED

RIDEAU VALLEY, March 4, 2008 — The Otty Lake community has reached another milestone in their lake planning process with the release of the Otty Lake Management Plan (OLMP). A lake management plan is an action plan that reflects community consensus about what is needed to protect the natural, physical, cultural and economical features of a lake and its watershed. The OLMP provides a roadmap of specific, measurable and achievable actions to address each of the concerns identified by the Otty Lake community gathered from a comprehensive consultation process with partner agencies and residents.

In 2004, the Otty Lake Association and its members began the process of developing a lake management plan to ensure the long-term health of their lake, situated in the Tay Valley about 10 km south of Perth. By May 2007, the Report on the State of Otty Lake and its Watershed provided a summary of what was currently known about the Otty Lake watershed and included information about the eleven concerns identified by the lake community. This report was used as the basis for developing the Otty Lake Management Plan.

The Otty Lake Management Plan was completed with the assistance and guidance of the Lake Management Planning Program and the generous financial support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Rideau Lakes Environmental Foundation and the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

The Otty Lake Association would like to recognize the significant contributions of the Otty Lake community and all our community partners for their ongoing commitment to this important undertaking.

It is hoped, through the continued support of our volunteers and partners in the implementation of the Otty Lake Management Plan, the health of Otty Lake will be protected for years to come.

Please visit http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs/LMP_Program/otty_lake.html to view the OLMP. Further information about the Otty Lake Management planning process can be viewed at www.ottylake.org.

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