

News Release

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS UPDATED REGULATION LIMITS MAPPING

RIDEAU VALLEY WATERSHED, September 11, 2009 — Three information sessions are scheduled for the public to review and comment on new and revised regulation limit mapping for:

- Barnes Creek, Kemptville Creek, Kemptville Creek (North Branch) in the Municipality of North Grenville and in Augusta Township — these maps are the final product following a Public Information session held in Oxford Mills last November.
- the outlet of the Blueberry Creek to the Tay River just west of Perth — minor revisions have been completed in preparation of regulatory limits maps.
- the Rideau River within and above the Separated Town of Smiths Falls (west / upstream of Beckwith St.) — these are modifications to the existing regulatory limits.
- Wetland boundaries, watershed-wide, are being adjusted to reflect a recent review of wetland features completed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. In the City of Ottawa, these boundary adjustments are consistent with recent changes approved by Council associated with the Official Plan update.

Everyone is welcome to review the mapping and provide documented or anecdotal information on the hazards and the associated regulatory limits. Please join us at one of three sessions:

Tuesday, September 29, 2009
3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Smiths Falls Legion — Branch 95
7 Main Street East, Smiths Falls

Wednesday, September 30, 2009
3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Maplewood Community Centre
92 Maplewood Ave, Oxford Mills

Monday, October 5, 2009
3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
RVCA Conservation Centre
3889 Rideau Valley Drive, Manotick

You can also book an appointment to view the draft maps from October 6 – 9 at the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre in Manotick by calling 613-692-3571 ext. 1128 or 1132.

Once approved, these maps will show up-to-date regulation limits related to building and filling in hazard or environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, shorelines and along waterways as provided for in Ontario Regulation 174/06 <http://www.rvca.ca/plan-reg/regulations.html> — the *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses* Regulation in effect for the Rideau Valley watershed.

These maps, like their counterparts on river systems across Ontario, are the corner stone for keeping people and property safe. Controlling development on a watershed basis has long been recognized as the most cost-effective and environmentally-acceptable way to manage the risk associated with floods and other natural hazards area.

The RVCA is a partnership of municipalities created under the *Conservation Authorities Act* to deliver a range of programs in natural resource conservation within the Rideau Valley Watershed — including hazard land management. For general information on the Conservation Authority's regulatory programs please visit www.rvca.ca.

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