

News Release

\$418,000 UNDER CLEAN WATER ACT FOR LOCAL LAND STEWARDSHIP IN THE MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU

RIDEAU VALLEY, May 3, 2010 — The Ministry of the Environment just gave \$418,000 to help local farmers, businesses and landowners around municipal wells and intakes in the Mississippi and Rideau valleys.

“We’re thrilled the Ministry is helping people make positive changes on their properties that will help protect local drinking water” said Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Co-Project Manager of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region.

Grants will be administered by the Mississippi Valley and Rideau Valley Conservation Authorities. Farmers can apply directly through the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association and could be eligible for 100% funding with a completed Environmental Farm Plan.

All the details are on the Stewardship page of our website www.mrsourcewater.ca including maps of eligible areas, lists of eligible projects, grant rates and how to apply.

Is Your Property Eligible?

- There are 10 small eligible areas within Almonte, Carleton Place, Carp, Kemptville, Merrickville, Munster, Perth, Richmond, Smiths Falls and Westport

Grants Cover:

- Wells and Septic Systems
- Pollution Prevention Reviews for Businesses (free and confidential)
- Erosion and Runoff Prevention
- Agricultural Best Management Practices

Timing – Apply Now!

- Projects and final paperwork must be completed by December 31, 2010.
- Already completed your project? No problem. Projects completed after September 19, 2006 are still eligible.

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