

Bad Weather Causes Damage to Shorelines

RIDEAU VALLEY WATERSHED, May 17, 2011 — Recent windstorms have caused erosion damage and damage to shoreline structures, particularly in the upper reaches (cottage country) of the Rideau Valley Watershed.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) recognizes that some of the remedies for damage may need more than just a minor “tweak”.

This is a reminder to all landowners to check with your local Conservation Authority to see if a permit is required prior to doing any “clean-up” work along your shoreline (e.g., shoreline stabilization or repair to shore works, erosion control, dock construction, etc.). There are also restrictions to when you can undertake in-water work, such as crib repair.

Timing restrictions prohibiting near or in-water work:

- Warm water fish communities (most of the Rideau Valley watershed): from March 15 to June 30
- Mixed fish communities (e.g., Big Rideau Lake): from October 1 to June 30
- Ottawa River only: from March 15 to July 15.

Work proposed on the bed of the Rideau system (Upper, Big and Lower Rideau and Adams Lake as well as the Rideau River) may also need approval from the Rideau Canal Office of Parks Canada. On waters off the Canal approval from Ministry of Natural Resources may be required.

The best thing to do is contact your local Conservation Authority to see if there are any restrictions or approval requirements. In the Rideau Watershed, call the RVCA’s Resource Specialists at 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1128 and 1132. They may also be able to guide you towards funding for shoreline stewardship activities.

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