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DEVELOPING EASTERN ONTARIO LAKES SUSTAINABLY — 10TH ANNUAL LAKE LINKS WORKSHOP

RIDEAU VALLEY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 — Have you ever wondered: how does waterfront development impact lakes? What does the future hold for Eastern Ontario lakes? What is the Lake Capacity Model and what could it mean for my lake? And, how can we balance healthy lakes with healthy development

For the answers to these questions and more, join us for the 10th Annual Lake Links Workshop, *Developing Eastern Ontario Lakes Sustainably* on **Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Perth Civitan Hall (on Hwy 43). For our 10th anniversary we have a special focus on a crucial topic: ensuring sustainable development on our lakes. And we want you to be part of the conversation! To Pre-Register, please call 613-272-5136 or e-mail info@watersheds.ca (Be sure to include your name, organization and contact information). Cost is \$12 per participant which will include refreshments and a light lunch.

The goal of this year's event is to provide attendees with relevant waterfront planning tools that you can take home and apply on your lake. You'll have a chance to: hear expert speakers discuss real examples of sustainable development projects/programs in lake rich watersheds; gain in depth information at panel Q & A sessions; and connect with key individuals and groups. Whether you're a lake dweller, lake steward, municipal staff member, planner, or interested in lake planning, this workshop is for you!

Topics this year will include:

- **The Lake Capacity Model** — Dr Neil Hutchinson – developing and implementing a Phosphorus-based capacity model in the Muskokas
 - **Watershed Planning Tools** — Judi Brouse – Director of Watershed Programs - implementing a holistic planning approach in the Muskokas
 - **Successful Lake Development Case Studies** — 3 Eastern Ontario success stories
- This workshop is always a great networking opportunity. There are typically dozens of lake associations and other volunteer stewardship groups from Eastern Ontario as well as numerous government and non-government agencies in attendance. The workshop has fostered excellent partnerships, communication and collaboration with all levels of government and non-government organizations. In addition, there will be many displays and exhibits that provide participants with valuable lake steward information.

The Planning Committee is grateful to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations and to French Planning Inc. for their continued generous support of this important event.

Organization of this event has been shared with a number of regional partner groups over the past years including the Bobs and Crow Lakes Association, Cataraqui Region Conservation, Centre for Sustainable Watersheds, Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County, Christie Lake Association, Friends of the Salmon River, Friends of the Tay Watershed, Frontenac County Stewardship Council, Fourteen Island and Mink Lake Association, Lake Networking Group, Leeds County Stewardship Council, Mississippi Valley Conservation, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (Kemptville District), Otter Lake Association, Otty Lake Association, Parks Canada, and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

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