

NEWS RELEASE

INPUT WELCOME ON PERTH WILDLIFE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

RIDEAU VALLEY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 — The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) is looking for public input into the Perth Wildlife Reserve Management Plan. The RVCA is updating the site's master plan and reviewing changes to current management objectives.

"We welcome public input especially from those who frequently visit and enjoy our Perth Wildlife Reserve," said Kristy Giles, RVCA Manager, Conservation Lands. "This is our chance to consult with the public and learn about their current use and interest in the site's natural resources."

Located on the Tay Marsh, the reserve nurtures a variety of diverse plant and wildlife species and promotes regional biodiversity. Deer, ducks, Canada geese, rabbits, bluebirds, turtles, wild turkeys and bluebirds are some of the wildlife that is found on this large 257-hectare site. This conservation area is specifically geared to wildlife management, but offers over three kilometres of trails for public use.

The Perth Wildlife Reserve Management Plan will provide clear goals and objectives for the long-term management of the site. By collecting public input and reviewing the site's natural features and infrastructure, strategies and recommendations will be made to protect these features and enhance the site for public use and enjoyment.

Surveys can be completed online. Visit www.rvca.ca and look for the survey link under "What's New." For a paper copy, please contact the RVCA office at 613-692-3571 extension 1100.

A public open house is being planned for November 2 at the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley Municipal Office from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Participants will be able to review management details and provide additional feedback.

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