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# RVCA News Release

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## OTTY LAKE NUMBER ONE

MANOTICK, NOVEMBER 16, 2005 — Otty Lake will be the first lake from the Tay Valley area to produce a lake plan using resources from the new Lake Management Planning (LMP) Program. Lake management plans are action strategies developed by the lake community to protect the health and character of their lake.

The new LMP Program encourages all lake associations in the Tay Valley area (Tay Valley Township and Tay Valley watershed) to do lake management plans and help ensure the long-term health of the entire region. The LMP Program is managed by a Steering Committee and funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Rideau Lakes Environmental Foundation and the Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County. The LMP Program will hold workshops, develop materials to promote lake management planning, and develop three lake plans within three years. The LMP Program Steering Committee will select two other lakes from the region that meet the selection criteria over the next two years.

The Otty Lake Association (OLA) started their planning process in January 2004 because of increasing development pressure around the lake. Since then, the association has worked hard at gathering historical information, building sound relationships with stakeholders and engaging members of the broader Otty Lake community in the common task of taking care of the health of their own lake. The technical and professional expertise provided by the LMP Program will guide volunteer efforts and allow the Otty Lake plan to move along with confidence.

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