

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WATERSHED BRIEFS

March 2013

A newsletter for municipal councillors

2013 Board of Directors

Andy Jozefowicz *Athens*
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Jim Anderton *Merrickville-Wolford*
Vince Carroll *Montague*
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Mark Tinlin *South Frontenac*
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Reminder to Check First! You may Need a Permit!

If work is being planned around a lake, river, stream and wetlands, landowners will want to call the RVCA's LandOwner Resource Centre first! Be sure to forward your municipal residents to Kellie and Megan who will provide a quick, efficient review of plans and give guidance on all applications or permits that may be needed. They may also be able to connect property owners to helpful stewardship programs that provide technical advice and grants!

Call 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504

Kellie — ext. 1128 • kellie.iacovitti@rvca.ca

Megan — ext. 1132 • megan.dunster@rvca.ca

Spring Into Action! Get Involved at a Community Planting Event

The mild weather means thoughts quickly turn to spring planting events. This year, the RVCA is pleased to be involved in several community plantings. Volunteers are invited to help naturalize a stretch of local shoreline. Here's what's planned:



RVCA Tay River Planting Day — hosted in partnership with the Town of Perth and the Upper Canada District School Board

- Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Town of Perth Water Treatment Plant & Operation Facility, Perth
- To volunteer, please contact Andrea Klymko at andrea.klymko@rvca.ca, 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1173



Greening City Shores — City Stream Watch is joining forces with the RVCA's Shoreline Naturalization Program to plant native trees and shrubs along streams in the City of Ottawa

- Stillwater Creek (Site 1), Ottawa — Saturday, April 20, 8:30 a.m. to noon
- Green's Creek — Earth Day Tree Plant, Ottawa — Monday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Stillwater Creek (Site 2) — Friday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- To volunteer, please contact Chelsey Ellis at citystreamwatch@rvca.ca



Trees Ontario 2013 Community Planting Weekend — hosted in partnership with Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and sponsored by CAA North & East Ontario and TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

- Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 10 a.m. to noon
- Richmond Conservation Area, Chanonhouse Park, 30 Chanonhouse Drive, Richmond
- To volunteer, please contact Monica Fuda, mfuda@treesontario.ca or 416-646-1193 ext. 237

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR MUNICIPAL STAFF

Workshop: How to Prepare Effective Erosion and Sediment Control Plans

If you design, inspect, install, or review Erosion and Sediment Control plans, then this course is for you! This one-day, interactive workshop, hosted by the RVCA, will target strategies for developing an effective Erosion and Sediment Control Plan that actually gets implemented on a construction site. It's time to move beyond the cookie cutter approach to a more dynamic and integrated process that addresses erosion control, sediment control and environmental awareness. This course will whet your appetite for our two-day Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control (CISEC) course to be held in the fall. Choose from one of two locations:

BROCKVILLE – Quality Hotel & Conference Centre

Thursday, May 9, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
\$200.00 + HST (includes lunch and course materials)

MANOTICK - Rideau Valley Conservation Centre

Friday, May 10, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
\$200.00 + HST (includes lunch and course materials)

For further information, please contact Michelle Paton at michelle.paton@rvca.ca or 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3507 ext. 1177.

Capital Junk Plants Trees to Offset Carbon Emissions

Capital Junk Inc will be planting 400 young, vigorous, native-Canadian trees in the Ottawa area to capture all of the carbon emissions from their fleet of three vehicles in 2013. Capital Junk worked with the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation (RVCF) to calculate the amount of gasoline consumed and the mileage rolled by their fleet of trucks on company business on an annual basis. The RVCF calculator tells us the amount of carbon emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide) and then converts that to the number of trees needed to offset (or absorb) that same amount of carbon dioxide over their 80-year lifespan. Learn more by contacting Charles at charles.billington@rvca.ca

Capital Junk joins some distinguished local companies such as Chris Simmonds Architect, LiVE88.5 Radio, the Canadian Public Relations Society's Annual Conferences and many community and family events around town in making a huge gift of cleaner air to the people of Ottawa.

Rain Barrels — Order Now!

The RVCF is joining forces with community charities and local neighbours to bring you a timely, convenient and inexpensive chance to finally get your own rain barrel wherever you live in the Rideau Valley. We have truckloads of rain barrels for sale in Manotick, Smiths Falls and Westport and orders are now being taken at the websites listed below. Each barrel comes fully equipped with a leaf and mosquito filter, an overflow adaptor, 1.2 metres of overflow hose and spigot that attaches directly to a garden hose. The price is \$55 per barrel all inclusive. To learn more, contact Michelle at michelle.paton@rvca.ca. Event day volunteers welcome.

- **Manotick** — Saturday April 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in cooperation with the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind; to order your Manotick barrel please go to <http://rainbarrel.ca/guidedogs>
- **Smiths Falls** — Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in cooperation with the Sensational Town of Smiths Falls; to order your Smiths Falls barrel please go to <http://rainbarrel.ca/smithsfallsconservation>
- **Westport** — Saturday June 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in cooperation with the Westport In Bloom Committee; to order your Westport barrel please go to <http://rainbarrel.ca/westportinbloom>

Problem:
50 percent of our household cold water is used outdoors — majority on lawn and garden.

Solution:
Rain Barrels

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