

6th Annual Lake Links Workshop

When: Saturday, October 20th, 2007, 9:00am to 3:30 pm
(Coffee and displays at 9:00)

Where: Perth and District Collegiate Institute
(13 Victoria St., Perth)

Cost: \$10 per person (includes lunch and refreshments)



Centre for Sustainable Watersheds developed **Lake Links** in 2002, and increasingly over the last three years the organization of the event has been shared with a number of regional partner groups. It provides the opportunity for representatives of lake associations and other volunteer stewardship groups in Eastern Ontario to come together with government and non-government agencies to listen to speakers, share information, and address common lake community issues and concerns that matter most to Eastern Ontario lake communities.

This year, the **Lake Links** presentations and panel discussions by local experts will address:

Session 1: Municipal Official Plans and Bylaws – Looking Forward

- Discussion of Official Plan and by-law examples that support sustainable development and protection of lake environments
- What steps are being taken to include lake management plans into Official Plans?
- By-law enforcement techniques/examples

Session 2: Aquatic Vegetation Growth and Algae

- Presentation: What is Algae? Why is it in my lake? Causes and effects of algae blooms on lake environments – Bev Clark, Ministry of the Environment

Bev Clark coordinates the Ministry of the Environment Lake Partner Program which uses volunteers to monitor phosphorus and water clarity in lakes throughout Ontario. Bev has recently been involved in lake water quality projects that examine the link between nutrients and lake productivity, and the impacts of trophic interactions and invading species.

- Aquatic vegetation: Strategies for dealing with aquatic vegetation on lakes and the permitting process

Session 3: Septic Re-inspection Programs

- Presentation/Case Study: 3-Mile Lake Septic Re-inspection Program – Sandy Bos, Township of Muskoka Lakes

Starting in 1981, Sandy Bos inspected sewage systems under Ontario's Cottage Pollution Control Program. In 1998, Sandy Bos began working for the Township of Muskoka Lakes as a Building Inspector (Onsite Sewage Systems). Before joining the Township of Muskoka, Sandy created BOS Environmental Consulting.

- Septic re-inspection programs in Eastern Ontario - Updates and results

Session 4: Updates and Information Sharing from Lake Associations and other organizations

A discussion period will follow each of the topics with lots of time for questions. For more information, please see the attached tentative agenda or contact Andrea Klymko at 613.692.3571 ext.1173 andrea.klymko@rideauvalley.on.ca.

Space is limited so register online with the **Centre for Sustainable Watersheds** by emailing Amelie at amelie@watersheds.ca. Be sure to include the names and contact information of the representatives attending from your organization or association.








6th Annual **Lake Links** Workshop - Tentative Schedule

Displays: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Workshop sessions: 9:35 am to 3:30 pm wrap up

	Registration and Displays	9:00am – 9:30am
	Welcome and Introductions	9:30am – 9:35am
Session 1	Municipal Official Plans and Bylaws – Looking Forward	9:35am – 10:20 am
Discussion Panel	Matt Craig, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority David Hahn, South Frontenac Sheldon Laidman, Township of Rideau Lakes Steve Pentz, Tay Valley Township consultant	
Break	10 min	
Session 2	Aquatic Vegetation Growth/ Algae Issues	10:30am – 11:45am
Presentation	Bev Clark: What is Algae? Why is it in my lake? Causes and effects of algae blooms on lake environments	
Discussion Panel	Anne Bendig, Ministry of Natural Resources Valerie Blezeski, Parks Canada Bev Clark, Ministry of the Environment Mark Ferguson, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Tanya McLaurin, Ministry of Natural Resources	
Lunch	Networking and Displays	11:45am – 12:30pm
Session 3	Septic Re-inspection Programs	12:30pm- 2:00pm
Presentation	Sandy Bos – Case Study: Three Mile Lake - blue green algae outbreak and subsequent re-inspection program	
Discussion Panel	Sandy Bos, Township of Muskoka Lakes Mark Green, Lanark Leeds & Grenville Health Unit Jamie Saunders, Tay Valley Septic Office	
Break	10 min	
Session 4	Updates - Lake Associations and other organizations	2:10pm – 3:20pm
	FOCA – Terry Rees, Executive Director Lake Associations and other organizations and groups	
Wrap up	10 min	3:20pm to 3:30pm

Thanks to our generous sponsors **Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA)** and **French Planning** for supporting the 6th Annual **Lake Links** Workshop. The **Lake Links** Planning Committee and Partners are working hard to bring you a successful event this year. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

-  **Bobs and Crow Lakes Association**
-  **Cataraqui Region Conservation**
-  **Centre for Sustainable Watersheds**
-  **Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County**
-  **Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association**
-  **French Planning**
-  **Friends of the Tay Watershed**

-  **Frontenac County Stewardship Council**
-  **Leeds County Stewardship Council**
-  **Mississippi Valley Conservation**
-  **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources**
-  **Otter Lake Association**
-  **Otty Lake Association**
-  **Parks Canada**
-  **Rideau Valley Conservation Authority**