

1. Source Protection Committee Proposed Assessment Report

The Ministry of the Environment is currently reviewing the three Proposed Assessment Reports for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble and Northern Bruce Peninsula Regions. These reports were submitted to the Ministry of the Environment on September 17, 2010.

Within the Proposed Assessment Reports in Chapter 7, information limitations are identified and will be addressed in future reports. These limitations are divided into two categories: data received too late for inclusion into the Proposed Assessment Reports and data gaps which identify data that has not been received or created yet.

Updated Assessment Reports are to be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment in June 2011. Limitations outlined in Chapter 7 of the three Proposed Assessment Reports will be addressed in these updated versions.

Electronic copies of the reports can be viewed at www.waterprotection.ca



Source Protection Committee meeting at the Walkerton Clean Water Centre, November 2010.

Training & Meetings

The local Source Protection Committee has been involved in Ministry of the Environment Source Protection Plan training. During the training, Committee members reviewed and discussed various potential policy options to address significant drinking water threats identified in each Region.

Monthly Source Protection Committee meetings are currently focusing on background information respecting specific significant drinking water threats identified within the Proposed Assessment Reports. The Committee will begin identifying goals and setting criteria for the

identified threats, followed by assessing policy options and drafting policies.



Source Protection Committee meeting November 2010 included a tour of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre.

Working Groups

The local Source Protection Region is fortunate to have an active Agricultural and Rural Working Group and a Planning Officials Working Group to assist in the Source Protection Plan process. These groups will be reviewing and commenting on draft policies and possible recommendations made by the Source Protection Committee. These groups are extensions of the Committee and contribute further local knowledge to the process.

There are many provincial working groups and a Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee made up of local representatives assisting in creating guidelines for the development of Source Protection Plans. This local involvement is critical in ensuring final Plans reflect the individual Regions across Ontario.

Upcoming SPC meetings:

Friday, January 28, 2011 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Grey County Council Chambers
595 9th Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON

Friday, February 25, 2011 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Grey County Council Chambers
595 9th Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON

Friday, March 25, 2011 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

P & H Centre
269 7th Avenue, Hanover, ON

Agendas and minutes are available on our website.

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Events

Drinking Water Source Protection was part of the Bayshore Broadcasting Environmental Awards Evening on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at the P&H Centre in Hanover. Chair of the Source Protection Committee, Mike Traynor addressed the attendees. The 2010 Malcolm Kirk Environmental Award was presented to two individuals, Bruce Davidson, a member of the Source Protection Committee nominated by Brockton Councillor Chris Peabody, and Merle Gunby, nominated by Grey Sauble Conservation.

2. Communication & Stewardship

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

A major endeavour in November for Saugeen Conservation, Grey Sauble Conservation and Drinking Water Source Protection was exhibiting a portion of the 2008 International Plowing Match display "Watershed Adventure" at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. There were other Conservation Authorities and partners involved and, without them, this major water promotion opportunity could not have been possible. The display was interactive and fun for all ages.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Early Response Program

The new Ministry of the Environment program called Early Reponse will replace the current Early Actions Program. This program will focus on potential significant drinking water threats and give landowners the opportunity to apply for grants on projects that will help deal with the identified threats.

An application has been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for Early Response funding. The program is anticipated to commence early in 2011. More information will be available in the coming months.



The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair display, November 2010.



Grey Bruce Farmers' Week, 2011 – the Honourable Carol Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, center, Elly Ward, left and Steacy den Haan, right.

Grey Bruce Farmers' Week

Drinking Water Source Protection was pleased to be a part of the 45th annual Grey Bruce Farmers' Week. The six-day agricultural conference from January 5th to 10th was well attended, included great speakers and a variety of tradeshow booths.

3. Source Protection Staff

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