



## LOCAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP ENCOURAGED BY SECOND READING OF BILL 43, THE *CLEAN WATER ACT*

**April 13, 2006**

The provincial government continued its support of Bill 43, the proposed *Clean Water Act*, with the second reading in the Ontario Legislature yesterday (April 13). Saugeen Conservation, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula look forward to the anticipated Legislative Committee review of the legislation.

“We are pleased to see the government move forward on source water protection,” said Doug Freiburger, Chair of Saugeen Conservation, the lead agency in the local source water protection partnership. “The proposed *Clean Water Act* would provide an important framework for local planning on how best to protect sources of drinking water.”

Since the tragedy at Walkerton in May 2000, Conservation Ontario and its member Authorities have worked with the province and other stakeholders, including municipalities and the farming community, to provide expertise in developing the best approach to source water protection.

Source water protection builds on past science and studies and links directly to the water management programs Conservation Authorities and their partner Municipalities have been doing for years.

Conservation Authorities are local, community-based environmental organizations that manage natural resources with a particular emphasis on water.

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