

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

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Source Protection Committee
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- Embedded in the *Clean Water Act* 2006
- 2007-2008 provincial budget reported \$28 million in funding for stewardship program over 4 years (2007-2011)
- TCC funding received
 - \$203,906 for education and outreach
 - For awareness, education and administration of the early actions component (i.e. site visits)
 - \$332,948 for early actions
 - For projects within 100 metres of a municipal well and 200 metres of a surface water intake
 - \$ 39,200 special projects funding
 - For administration & delivery of early actions

Education & Outreach 2007-2008

- Partnerships formed to deliver outreach and education components:
 - Municipalities, Health Units, Utilities, Community Groups
- 10 + press releases on source protection topics from Nov 2007 to March 2008
- 20 seminars from January to March 2008 with over 400 people in attendance
- Follow up media coverage
- Water bill insert and newsletters distributed in GRCA
- Over 2500 landowners contacted by letter or door to door

Early Actions Eligible Activities and Grant Rates

Topic	
Well decommissioning and upgrades	80% up to \$4,000
Septic upgrades	80% up to \$7,000
Runoff and Erosion Protection	25% to 70% (from \$1,000 to \$20,000)
Pollution Prevention Reviews	100% up to \$12,000

Eligible Areas

- Within 100m of a municipal well or WHPA B (if council resolution is in place accepting the boundary for the purpose of the program)
- Within 200m of a municipal surface water intake or IPZ 1 (if council resolution is in place accepting the boundary for the purpose of the program)

Early Actions Completed Projects

CA	Projects	ODWSP Funding
Crowe Valley	septic system upgrade	\$7,000
Ganaraska	2 well upgrades 1 septic inspections & repairs	\$5082
Kawartha	1 pollution prevention review 2 septic inspections & repairs 1 runoff & erosion	\$6,500 \$839.75 \$12,600
Lower Trent	15 well decommissioning & upgrade 3 septic upgrades & decommissioning	\$9,897.77 \$16,940
Otonabee	1 runoff & erosion 1 sewer connection 3 septic inspections & repairs	\$9,320 \$4800 \$355.20

Early Actions Projects In Progress

- 3 septic system inspection & upgrades
- 3 well decommissioning & upgrades
- 1 runoff & erosion protection
- 9 pollution prevention reviews

Total of \$112,008

2009-2010 Applications

- \$100,800 for Early Actions
- \$41,922 for Education & Outreach
- \$188,910 special project application – Quinte Conservation lead – LTC & BQRAP partners for an Algae Watch Program on the Bay of Quinte (waiting for MOE response)

ODWSP – The Future

- Current program to be replaced with Early Response program (details not yet released by MOE)
- Early Response program will be a targeted program for significant threats only

Questions??