



2014 Lake Links Workshop - "Lake Communities in Action"

Saturday, October 25th, 2014, 8:30am – 3:15pm
Perth Civitan Hall, 6787 County Road 43, Perth, ON

About the 2014 Lake Links Workshop – What's it all about?

This year's workshop will focus on strategies for getting your lake community into action with a special focus on algae and aquatic plants. **Lake Association** examples and discussions will look at best practices for bringing lake residents together to protect, improve, and celebrate the health of their lakes.

Randy French & Gord Rodgers, French Planning Services – Randy and Gord will present on "How to get your Lake Plan off the Shelf into Action" through an interactive presentation including examples of successes from lakes across Ontario.

Dr. Jesse Vermaire, Carleton University, Algae and Aquatic Vegetation Study – Jesse will present his findings on why algae and aquatic plant growth in Eastern Ontario lakes and rivers appears to have been increasing over the last decade and what people can do about it.

Dr. Andrew Paterson, Inland Lakes Research Scientist, MOECC – Andrew will be talking about the challenges to local lakes and some strategies on how other regions are tackling this issue.

Agenda

8:30-9:00	Registration & Displays	1:40-2:10	Dr. Jesse Vermaire, Carleton University, People, Aquatic Plants and Healthy Lakes – Excess Algae and Aquatic Vegetation Study
9:00-9:15	Introductory Remarks		
9:15-10:15	Randy French & Gord Rodgers, French Planning Services – "How to get your Lake Plan off the Shelf into Action"	2:10-3:00	Panel Discussion – From Science to Action and Q & A – Dr. Jesse Vermaire, Carleton University; Dr. Andrew Paterson, MOECC; Noelle Reeve, Planner at Tay Valley Township; and Mike Yee, Biology and Water Quality Manager at RVCA
10:15-10:30	Health Break		
10:30-12:00	Panel Discussion – Examples of "Lakes in Action" and Q & A		
12:00-1:00	Lunch & Networking Opportunity	3:00-3:15	Closing Remarks
1:00-1:40	Dr. Andrew Paterson, Inland Lakes Research Scientist, MOECC – Looking Back to See the Future: Using Lake Sediments to Track Algae over Decades		

Registration

To register, please contact Karen Ballentine at the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds at ballentine@watersheds.ca or **613-264-1244**. A \$20 registration fee, payable at the door, will include lunch and refreshments.

*Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Perth Food Bank, The Table.

2014 Planning Committee

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, Centre for Sustainable Watersheds, Lanark County Stewardship Council, Fourteen Island and Mink Lake Association, Frontenac Stewardship Council, Lake Networking Group, Mississippi Valley Conservation, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Otty Lake Association, and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

Thank you to our Supporting Partners:

Ontario Trillium Foundation, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, Sustainable Eastern Ontario, Centre for Sustainable Watersheds, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Kemptville District, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority