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Clean Water –Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program Municipality of Clarington

2011 Annual Report

Municipal and Conservation Authority Partnership

2011 marked the five year anniversary of the Clean Water - Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program within the Municipality of Clarington. This initiative is supported by the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Municipality of Clarington, and administered by the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority.

Landowners, residents, community groups, schools and businesses within the Municipality of Claring-

ton and the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority can apply for financial assistance to complete stewardship projects that will benefit their community. Such projects include tree planting, erosion control, water well upgrades and decommissions, habitat creation or enhancement, stream fencing, alternate water supplies and many other projects that improve or conserve local watersheds.

The goal of the Clean Water -Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program is, “through stewardship, improve overall watershed health”.



A successful year

As a result of the Clean Water-Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program, stewardship projects were implemented in the watersheds of Wilmot Creek, Graham Creek and the Ganaraska River. Functions were attended to promote the program such as the Durham Central Fair in Orono. Many landowners were actively engaged in the program with either a stewardship project occurring on their land or having received technical advice from qualified staff.

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Environmental change

The following projects were approved in 2011 under the Clean Water - Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program. As a result, many benefits will occur to conserve, restore and enhance the watersheds of Wilmot Creek, Graham Creek, Ganaraska River, and the small tributaries of Lake Ontario.

- Six private water well upgrade and two private water well decommission projects to protect groundwater and improve drinking water for homeowners.
- Five livestock restriction/stream fencing projects.
- Two agricultural projects (runoff control and no-till drill purchase).
- Three tree planting project for a total of 1,750 trees planted.
- Two education projects (shade shelter and interpretive signs).



Monetary value of stewardship projects



Funding Breakdown

Clean Water-Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program paid out: \$23,254.63

Clean Water-Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program approved in 2011 but not yet completed: \$8,355.00

Landowner contribution for completed projects: \$50,141.24

Total Monetary Value of Projects: \$100,347.94

Funding was leveraged from the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program and the Environmental Farm Plan.

